

NORTHPORT SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 23, 2019 Edna Drinkwater School

6:00 pm Regular School Committee Meeting

In attendance: Mark Lynch, Deb Riley, Sandy Wallace, Peg Long, Luci Milewski, Todd Martin, Nick Smith, Julie Smith, Tim Galvin, Wendy Galvin, Joel Bandy, Kristina Bandy, Anita Alley, Tammy Landry

1. Call to Order and Declaration of a Quorum - Mark made the motion to start the meeting at 6:00 p.m.
2. Changes to the Agenda
 - We have two resignations to add to the agenda, add after finance.
3. Citizen Comments
 - One community member asked about whether our sports program was going to be done completely at RSU #71. She hoped that this would not happen as basketball would be a cut sport in Belfast. She mentioned how sports increased the self-esteem of her grandchild. She mentioned that there were no cuts in softball in RSU #71 this year but was worried about future years. Does it have to be an all or nothing? Can we offer the sports that we have enough students to play?
 - It was mentioned that there were other solutions to the issue regarding sports. If we worked to try to build programs from elementary school they would be more prepared for sports.
 - One community member mentioned that her children went to Troy Howard last year and didn't make the basketball or the baseball team last year. She's concerned that coaches at Troy Howard would not play our students, they would play their own.
 - It was mentioned that his child talked about losing school spirit and not wanting to play for other schools. At the middle school, it's about sportsmanship, learning the skills, and learning how to be a player.
 - One parent was concerned about the students that wouldn't be comfortable enough to even walk into the gym at Troy Howard. If kids don't have playing time in middle school sports they will not be able to make the high school teams.
 - One board member said that the district would be able to offer a broader variety of sports to the middle school students and that students would be able to develop relationships with students from RSU #71 as they move to the high school.

- One parent asked if we had a school of record for elementary special needs students not just high school students. The Board responded that we are not required to have a school of record for elementary as we are a K-8 school.

4. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes of Regular School Committee meeting - Deb made the motion to approve the consent agenda and Sandy seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

5. Reports

A. Superintendent

- Superintendent Long was very pleased with the presentation made last night to the town Selectmen regarding the budget.

B. Principal

- Mr. Martin shared the activities that were planned for the end of the year.
- The quotes for the heat pumps for the Central Office area were given to the Board chair. Deb made a motion to allocate \$9400 to SolarLogix to install the heat pumps. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
- MEA Testing is finished. However, 5th and 8th grade science testing begins this week.

C. School Committee

D. Finance

- Luci presented an update on budget and reviewed the remaining allocations in this year's budget.
- Deb made a motion to begin a reserve account for fuel with an amount of \$3000. Sandy seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

E. Resignations

- Deb made the motion to accept the resignations of Kim Gatz, K-8 art teacher, and Veronica Stubbs, After school coordinator with gratitude of their service to the Drinkwater School. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
6. 2019-2020 Budget approval
 - Deb made a motion to approve the 2019-2020 budget of \$3,621,544. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
 7. Approval of the grade 7 Tanglewood trip
 - Deb made a motion to approve the 7th grade overnight trip to Tanglewood. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
 8. 2019-2020 school calendar
 - A draft of the calendar was given to the board. It will go to the school staff at the next faculty meeting for any last recommendations before being approved at the May meeting.
 9. Policy 2nd Reading: NEPN/NSBA Code: JJIF - management of Concussions and Other Head Injuries
 - Deb made the motion to approve Policy JJIF in second reading. Sandy seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.
 10. Executive Session: personnel
 - Deb made the motion to go into executive session at 8:37 p.m. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0. Executive session ended at 9:25. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.
 11. Adjourn - Deb made a motion to adjourn at 9:26 p.m. Sandy seconded. The motion carried 3-0.

Next School Committee meeting: May 14, 2019