

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held 7:00 p.m. on Monday, January 26, 2015 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Mabery called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Cory Mabery, President
 Cheryl Howell, Vice-President
 Doug Meiburg, Treasurer
 Mike Snoblen, Secretary
 Daniel Deshetsky, Trustee
 Melissa Schank, Trustee
 Tom Nellenbach, Trustee

Others Present:	Thomas A. English	Superintendent
	Shelly Campbell	Business Manager
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Jim Fish (arrived at 7:15)	Athletic Director
	Dane Terauds	Elementary Assistant Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

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Moved by Howell, supported by Nellenbach, the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Mabery aye, Meiburg aye, Schank aye,
Snoblen aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Communications – Mr. English presented the athletic report in Mr. Fish’s absence. Then gave an update on visiting the buildings regarding balanced calendar, Ruth Fox principal & Thumb meet of Champions.

Presentations: Mr. Terauds presented information on gifted and talented program.

Board Committee Reports: Mr. Meiburg reported the results from the community meeting.

Public Comment: The board entertained public comment.

Robert Adamic – Requested his letter be added to the minutes. A copy was given to all board members. See attached

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Meiburg, supported by Snoblen, the Board of Education approves the consent agenda including the January 12, 2015 special meeting, the minutes of the January 15, 2015 special meeting and acknowledges the resignation of Kelly Chamblin with regret and best wishes.

Roll call vote: Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Snoblen aye, Mabery aye, Meiburg aye

7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank, the Board of Education approve the minutes from the January 12, 2015 organizational/regular meeting with the following changes.

*Page 1 – Mr. ~~Snoblen~~ nominated Cory Mabery for President
should read Mr. Deshetsky nominated Cory Mabery for President*

*Page 2 – Under presentations 3 paragraph – Tom English announced that January has been recognized ~~at~~ Board Appreciation Month.
Should read – Tom English announced that January has been recognized as Board Appreciation Month.*

*There ~~is~~ a motion on the floor for President.
Should read – There was a motion on the floor for President.*

*Mr. ~~Mabery~~ nominated Daniel Deshetsky for Vice President.
Should read – Mr. Snoblen nominated Daniel Deshetsky for Vice President.*

*Page 3 – Mr. ~~Deshtetsky~~ nominated Doug Meiburg for Treasurer.
Should read – Mr. Mabery nominated Doug Meiburg for Treasurer.*

*By show of hands Doug Meiburg will be the new Treasurer ~~4 to 3~~.
Should read – By show of hands Doug Meiburg will be the new Treasurer 5 to 2.*

*December 8, 2014 meeting – at the roll call for adjournment Cathy Severance voted
nay to adjourn but had been recorded as aye. Vote should be 6 aye, 1 nay*

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Mabery aye, Meiburg aye, Snoblen aye, Schank aye

7 aye, 0 nay Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Howell, supported by Snoblen, the Board of Education employ Glenda Hipes as a 4 hour per day Secretary at the Middle School.

Roll Call vote: Meiburg aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Snoblen aye, Schank aye

7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Nellenbach, the Board of Education employ Anna Foster as a 4 hour per day secretary at the Ruth Fox Elementary School.

Roll call vote: Snoblen aye, Schank aye, Meiburg aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

President Mabery called for a 5 minute recess at 8:37 pm.

Closed Session:

Moved by Howell, supported by Meiburg, the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:48 pm for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining strategy with the North Branch Education Association.

Roll call vote: Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Meiburg aye, Schank aye, Mabery aye, Snoblen aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

The Board returned to open session at 9:42 pm

Moved by Meiburg, supported by Mabery, the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session.

Roll call vote: Meiburg aye, Schank aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Snoblen aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Meiburg the Board of Education approve the proposal as described in the closed session.

Roll call vote: Mabery aye, Meiburg aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Snoblen aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

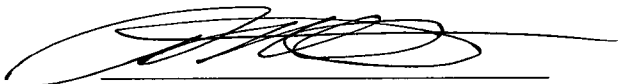
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell, the Board of Education's bargaining team has the authority from the Board of Education to make all decisions relative to negotiations including but not limited to negotiating a contract, mediation, fact finding, communication with employees and the public, declaring impasse, implementing the Board's position, and retro-activity. However, any contract settlement reached is subject to approval by a majority of the Board of Education.

Roll call vote: Meiburg aye, Deshetsky aye, Snoblen aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Snoblen, Support by Meiburg, that the meeting be adjourned at 10:03 pm

Roll Call: Meiburg aye, Schank aye, Snoblen aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 10:03 pm



Mike Snoblen, Secretary

Subject of refunding and barrowing : If I was to go to a bank for a business loan, I would be asked for a balance sheet showing I was financially capable of repayment in a timely manner. I would be asked to provide an asset sheet showing that my total assets were worth more than I was asking to barrow. I would be required to provide a working plan on paper explaining how the loan is to be repaid, as well as where and how I would generate the capital to repay the loan . I would like to ask if the board has done any of this work before extending additional debt or refinancing? If this work was done what kind of numbers have they come up with? What is the written plan for making the payments on the new loan? What cuts are going to be made, to come up with the extra capital that will be required to actually repay the loan? There must be a backup plan in place, If plan A don't seem to be working. What is plan B ? And what is plan C ? Without answers to each of these questions, a financial institution would not grant a business loan of this size. If there is not a plan in place with an answer for each of these questions on paper, the school board is not ready to create more public debt for the citizens of this school district by extending the loan, or barrowing more money without a solid financial plan. I also request this paper to be included as permanent record in the minuets of this Jan. 26 th. meeting of 2015.

Respectfully,

Robert Adamic