

**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, March 14, 2016 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 ~~6~~⁷:02 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Cory Mabery, President
 Cheryl Howell, Vice-President
 Melissa Schank, Secretary
 Daniel Deshetsky, Trustee
 Tom Nellenbach, Trustee – arrived at ~~6~~⁷:07
 Larry Mabery, Trustee
Absent - Doug Meiburg, Treasurer

Others Present: Thomas A. English Superintendent
 Jeff Drayton Director of Operations & Technology
 Shelly Campbell Business Manager
 Mark Hiltunen High School Principal
 Jim Fish Athletic Director
 Cindy Howe Middle School Principal
 Greg Matheson Elementary School Principal
 Dane Terauds Elementary School Assistant Principal
 Rhoda Lucia Recording Secretary

Community Members -

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call vote: L. Mabery aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications:

Mr. Fish recognized the following athletics for their accomplishments:

Hunter Hohman: Wrestling District and Regional Champ and placed 4th in State Finals earning Div. II All-State status.

Alliance Hockey Team: which consists North Branch students Jacob Bader, Tim Ratliff, Hunter Gajda, Max Hubbell & Trevor Turton for their 24-2 for season then advanced to Regional Finals. They our scored their opponents 174-69.

Varsity Cheer team: Coach Jenn Watkins, Dawn Beall, Taylor Kile, Anna Stone, Shawna Trombley, Marina Robbins, Ellyn Howland, Shelby Schlopert, Kaili Batchelor, Lily Davis, Jordan Gregory, Ally Marshall, Cora McLean, Valerie Sutter, Carlie Walker, Brooklyn Watkins finished second in TVC. Then went on to districts finishing 4th in Districts to qualify for Regionals for first time in school history.

Presentations:

Drama Department: Mr. Sorenson introduced a small group which then entertained the board with a glimpse of their upcoming play, "The Fearsome Pirate Frank".

DSA: Mr. Jansen and Mr. English presented a distinguished service award for Becky Kleinknecht for her willingness to help in many fundraising projects and book fairs throughout many years.

Student Representative: Samantha Schlaud gave a report for the high school building.

MLA – Michigan Leadership Institute Superintendent Search Services: Charlie Andrews explained MLA and all of the services they provide to help school districts when they are doing a superintendent search.

Board Committee Reports:

Mr. Mabery, Mr. Deshestky, Mr. English & Mr. Drayton met in the bus garage to review the busses. It was reported there were many busses that needed to be replaced and the suggestion of installing floor sprayers to wash the underbody of the busses to help lengthen the bus life.

Mr. Deshetsy gave an update on the middle school roof situation. This is an ongoing item that Mr. Drayton and Mr. Woodworth have been working with Tremco.

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda:

Moved by Howell, supported by L. Mabery the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the February 22, 2016 regular and special meeting minutes, the February Accounts Payable bills in the amount of \$871,505.59, the February Food Service bills in the amount of \$34,652.87, acknowledgement, with regret and best wishes, the resignation of aide Julie Morefield, and resignation for retirement purposes of teachers Patty McCormack and Tim Harbaugh.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye, Schank aye, L. Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for action/discussion:

Moved by Schank, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Amy Jackson as a 3 hour cashier at the Elementary.

Roll call vote: Schank aye, L. Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye.

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by L. Mabery, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the employment of Hilary Hampton as a 3.5 hour paraprofessional at the Middle School.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky, aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, L. Mabery aye, C. Mabery aye, Schank aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

The board entertained the first reading of Bylaws/Policies: 1240, 1420, 2623, 3131, 3220, & EDGAR related Bylaws & Policies: 0144.3, 1130, 3110, 4110, 6110, 6111, 6112, 6114, 6116, 6325 (new), 6550, 7300, 7310, 7450, 8500

Moved by C. Mabery, supported by L. Mabery the Board of Education approve the purchase of six regular busses at a cost not to exceed 82,859 per bus.

Roll Call Vote: L. Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Shank aye, Nellenbach aye, C. Mabery aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Future Action:

2016-2017 Teacher Evaluation Protocol – Mr. Hiltunen shared the findings of the committee and stated that he would have something at the next board meeting to present.

Telecommunication Improvements – Mr. Drayton shared information regarding upgrading the school phone system. The board had discussion.

Computer Upgrades – Mr. Drayton informed the board of some needed computer upgrades. The board had discussion.

Other Business: none

Public Comment: The Board entertained public comment.

Board Member Comment: The board members made comments.

Recess: 9:35

Returned: 9:42

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank that the Board of Education enter into closed session at 9:44 p.m. for NBEA & AFSCME negotiations strategy.

Roll call vote: Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenback aye, L Mabery aye, C Mabery aye, Howell aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion carried

The Board of Education returned from closed session at 10:12 p.m.

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank that the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session.


Roll call vote: Nellenbach aye, C Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, L Mabery aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion carried

Moved by L. Mabery, supported by Howell that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 10:13 p.m.

Roll call vote: Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, C Mabery aye, L Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion carried


Melissa Schank, Secretary