

**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, October 24, 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 7:04 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  
Absent:  
                            Larry Mabery, Trustee  
                            Doug Meiburg, Treasurer

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| Others Present: | James D. Fish | Superintendent                      |
|                 | Cheryl Bruff  | Business Manager                    |
|                 | Jeff Drayton  | Director of Operations & Technology |
|                 | Mark Hiltunen | High School Principal               |
|                 | Cindy Howe    | Middle School/Ruth Fox Principal    |
|                 | Greg Matheson | Elementary Principal                |
|                 | Dane Terauds  | Elementary Vice Principal           |
|                 | Amber White   | Director of Curriculum              |
|                 | Rhoda Lucia   | Recording Secretary                 |

Community Members - 40

Moved by Howell, support by Schank the Board of Education approve the agenda as amended to add State Representative Howell as the first presentation.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, C. Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Howell aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent - Motion Carried

**Presentations:**

State Representative Gary Howell gave a brief legislative report on educational issues in Lansing. He stated that he was particularly proud of North Branch Area Schools and their fine reputation. Rep. Howell commended the teaching staff and the administration, as well as the supportive community, for their hard work on behalf of the students. He took the opportunity to introduce his Legislative Director – former State Senator Mike Goschka. Representative Howell noted that Mike Goschka will be frequently in the district working on legislative issues involving the schools and other matters.

Legislative Director Mike Goschka expressed his enthusiasm for working with the residents of Lapeer County. He noted that his wife is a long time elementary teacher and that he enjoys working with the public schools.

**Student Representative:** High School Senior, Michael Bartold reported for the High School Student Council that participation & attendance is up at the first dance and spirit week. He also shared that this week is “Make a Difference Week” so they will be raking leaves for some of our elderly community members. They are also planning on purchasing the 3<sup>rd</sup> updated drinking fountain for the Math & Science hallway.

**Boys Soccer** – Mr. Fish read the resolution for the Boys Varsity Soccer Team. Coach Skelton gave a brief synopsis of the season and about his awesome team.

Moved by C. Mabery, support by Deshetsy the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented and attached.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye, Schank aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

**Disc Golf Update** – Corey Rosser gave the Board of Education an update on the Disc Golf Course. The course is complete and players are starting to enjoy it. They are still working on donations for the signage. Mr. Rosser thanked the Board, Mr. Fish and Mr. Hiltunen for all of their support.

Mr. Fish shared a letter from a Quest graduate regarding her appreciation for Mr. Rosser and the Quest program and how it has impacted her life.

**Social Media Presentation** – Dawn Deshetsy presented the new social media initiative for North Branch Schools. She reviewed the links on the school web page and shared how she is highlighting great things that our district is doing. Michelle Lyons presented the new NB Bronco Athletic E-Magazine that is published weekly on Wednesdays. She shared how people can view it and that the first edition of NB Bronco Academic E-Magazine will be published on November 1st.

**Val Hartel from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernardt, Dorante** – Reviewed the highlights of the 2015-2016 Audit then entertained questions from the Board.

**Amber White, Curriculum Director** – The Director of Curriculum & Instruction provided the Board of Education an update on:

- implications of the new Grade 3 Reading Retention law (PA 306) was highlighted;
- the development of a district-wide vision for the 2016-17 school year for curriculum, instruction and assessment;
- North Branch Elementary receiving the Michigan Department of Education Additional Instructional Time grant for \$21,945 (will be used to target literacy);
- District-wide Curriculum Committees are taking shape and will meet several times during the 2016-17 school year; and
- Professional learning that will take place across the district on Nov 11, 2016 was highlighted.

## Communications

**Principal Reports** – The board was informed that the principal reports would now be part of the e-magazine instead of their packet. The principals shared highlights.

**Teresa Upleger, Director of Special Education** – Reported to the Board of Education that in the year 2014-2015 we had 2 late IEP's. She is providing trainings to eliminate this in the future.

### Superintendent Report

Mr. Fish shared a letter of resignation from Douglas Meiburg, Board of Education treasurer.

Moved by C. Mabery, support by Schank the Board of Education officially accept the resignation of Douglas Meiburg from the North Branch Board of Education effective October 24, 2016 with regret and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, C. Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

President Mabery opened the floor for nominations for Treasurer.

Howell nominated Deshetsky for Treasurer.

Mr. Deshetsky accepted.

Moved by Howell, support by C. Mabery to close the nominations for the office of Treasurer with a unanimous vote for Daniel Deshetsky.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Mr. Fish reviewed the unaudited student count, the plan for getting into each building to review the budget, had discussion on a part time secretary at the elementary.

Mr. Drayton reviewed the final Dean Contract and the option of a possible under carriage bus wash for our bus garage.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the purchase of an undercarriage bus wash for the maintenance of our buses.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, C. Mabery aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

Mr. Fish shared athletic updates.

**Public Comment:** None

Amber White reminded the board of the spaghetti dinner for Erin Hebbard on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at Deerfield Township Hall from 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM

### Consent Agenda

Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the October 17 MASB training workshop, October 3 workshop meeting, September 26, 2016 regular meeting minutes, September accounts payable

in the amount of \$411,034.18, September Food Service Bills in the amount of \$48,033.90 and acknowledge the resignation of Michelle Vroegindewey, Elementary aide with regret and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, aye, Nellenbach aye, C. Mabery aye, Schank aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

**Items for Discussion**

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Schank the Board of Education employ Shanon Sylvester as a 3 hour aide at the Elementary building.

Roll Call Vote: C. Mabery aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

Moved by Schank, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the payment of 2013, 2015, and 2016 debt retirement payment due November 1, 2016.

Roll Call Vote: Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, C. Mabery aye, Howell aye, Schank aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent

**Items for Future Discussion/Action**

- a. 2016-2017 Budget Amendment
- b. 5 year plan – Technology, Facilities, Curriculum, Textbooks


**Other Business – None**

**Comments from the Public - None**

**Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.**

Moved by Howell, support by Schank that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Schank aye, C. Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent - Motion Carried

  
Melissa Schank, Secretary