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 9, 2017 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 7:15 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Cory Mabery, President
	Daniel Deshetsky, Vice President
	Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
	Melissa Schank, Secretary
	Tom Nellenbach, Trustee
	Lori Lane, Trustee
	Brenden Miller, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Cheryl Bruff	Business Manager
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Cindy Howe	Middle School/Ruth Fox Principal
	Greg Matheson	Elementary Principal
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum
	Mark Brown	Technology Coordinator
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members - 10

Moved by Howell, support by Schank the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Miller aye, Nellenbach aye
7 aye, 0 nay - Motion Carried

Presentations:
Isabella Bucholtz – Mr. White introduced Isabella Bucholtz, 8th grade student who auditioned and was chosen for the Michigan State Band and Orchestra. Out of 250 students auditioning for a trumpet position she was awarded 16th chair. She will be preforming in the DeVos Center in Grand Rapids on Saturday, Jan 21st.

Board Appreciation Month – Mr. Matheson read a letter that had been written for the board members and presented them with their gift and thanked them for all the countless hours that they put in supporting North Branch Area School district.

Student Representative Report – Michael Bartold reported the following:

- The Collegiate breakfast had 18 graduates that attended and approximately 340 students & staff.
- Snow Coming – Game is Feb 10, 2017 and Dance is Feb 11, 2017.
- Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive – This drive the collected 196 jars in total to donate to our local food bank
- Blood Drive – On Wednesday, Jan. 11, there will be another blood drive at the high school.

Communications

Principal Reports –

The principals reviewed their reports. Their full reports will be in the academic e-magazine that will be published within the next few days.

Curriculum Update –

Amber White gave a detailed curriculum update for the Board of Education and entertained questions.

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the Approval of Minutes from the December 12, 2016 regular board meeting, December 7, 2016 special board meeting, December Accounts Payable Bills in the amount of $837,713.68, December Food Service Bills in the amount of $28,783.22, and December Financial Report.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Lane aye

7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the employment of Shanon Sylvester as a 4 hour secretary at the Elementary building.

Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye

7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education conducted two readings and adopts Bylaws 0200, 7540, 7540.01v1, 7540.02.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye

7 aye, 0 nay, absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank the Board of Education adopt the 2017 Board of Education meeting resolution as presented and attached.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Nellenbach aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye

7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky Supported by Schank the Board of Education approve designating Thrun Law Firm for the district's legal counsel, the firm of Taylor, Butterfield, ~~Riseman~~, Howell, Churchill, & Garner P.C. of Lapeer for all real estate transactions and other local matters.
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, Nellenbach nay.
6 aye, 1 nay – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell Supported by Miller the Board of Education adopt the following goals for 2017:
1) North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will teach, measure, and continuously improve instruction aligned with state standards for increased student achievement and College and Career readiness.
2) North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students by adopting and executing a budget that prioritizes teaching and learning while improving the district's financial stability.
3) North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will validate the importance of every staff member as critical to the success of the district and will maintain partnerships of integrity and trust within the North Branch Community.
Roll Call Vote: Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye Howell aye, Miller aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

Superintendent Report – Mr. Fish reported on the following

- Discussed and set a date for a Finance Committee Meeting on Jan 18 at 7am
- Boys Basketball winning the H. C. Moore Classic
- Shared a letter from the Lapeer Community Foundation
- Gave a brief update on the Bronco Brew
- Spoke briefly regarding a media inquiry
- Reviewed updated that needed to be made to Update Policy #5517

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education resolves to update our compliance officers in NEOLA policy #5517 to reflect Jim Fish, Superintendent and Teresa Upleger, Special Education Director which will replace Thomas A. English, Superintendent and Angela Martin, Special Education Director as approved and attached.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Lane aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay – Motion Carried

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 Schank, support by Lane that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Miller aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Mabery aye
7 aye, 0 nay - Motion Carried

Melissa Schank

Melissa Schank, Secretary

NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS

A RESOLUTION TO UPDATE
NEOLA POLICY 5517

Moved By: Deshetsky, Supported By: Howell

Be it resolved, that this resolution shall approve the updated compliance officers in NEOLA policy 5517 to reflect Jim Fish, Superintendent and Teresa Upleger, Special Education Director which will replace Thomas A. English, Superintendent and Angela Martin, Special Education Director.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Cory Mabery, Lori Lane, Melissa Schank, Tom Nellenbach, Daniel Deshetsky, Cheryl Howell

Nays: none

Resolution Adopted

Melissa Schank

Melissa Schank, Secretary
Board of Education

January 9, 2017