

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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The special meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

Vice President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

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

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Cindy Howe	Ruth Fox & Middle School Principal
	Greg Matheson	Elementary Principal
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

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Moved by Howell, support by Schank the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent - Motion Carried

Student Report – Michael Bartold shared the following with the board:

- The student council raised \$510 to donate the Leukemia and Lymphoma Foundation by selling broomball tickets
- Student Council plans to use the proceeds from both dances to purchase water bottle filling stations in other areas of the high school
- Congratulations to Frank Newsome and Hannah Hodgkinson who were crowned 2017 Snow coming's King & Queen.
- Student Council's next activity is Teacher Appreciation Week starting May 1.
- National Honor Society is hosting a blood drive tomorrow
- NBHS's Quiz Bowl team travels to Sandusky for individual state qualification on Thursday.
- The Drama Department is performing their spring play, "Crumpled Classics" March 26, 27 and 28.

Presentations:

Gifted & Talented – Mrs. Nowak introduced 9 students of the 16 students involved in her gifted and talented group. This group met for 8 weeks every Friday at 7:15am. She explained them how they built a roller coaster with k-nex and all of the lessons that were taught during the process.

Distinguished Service Award – Mr. Fish introduced Cheryl and Mary Bartel and shared a letter that Mrs. Bartel had sent to him regarding Mr. Forester and the events that happened during a basketball game. She and Mary both thanked Mr. Forester for always being there and Mr. Fish presented Mr. Forester with a Distinguished Service Award.

The board took a 5 minute recess at 7:29 pm

Back in session at 7:35 pm

2017 – 2018 Gifted & Talented Program – Mr. Matheson presented an update on a potential gifted and talented program and then entertained questions from the board.

2017 – 2018 Teacher Evaluation Protocol – Mr. Hiltunen gave a brief update on the Danielson teacher evaluation program. Mr. Matheson added that the Danielson has many templates to accommodate all of the unique positions and classrooms.

Communications

Principal Reports –

Mr. Matheson shared his NBE newsletter and briefly reviewed:

- March is reading month events underway
- Shared concerns for the front parking lot
- The Valentines parent math meeting went over well
- Core essentials lunch crew
- Information is still being shared with the public for Kindergarten Round up.

Cindy Howe regarding the Middle school:

- Mrs. Parsons is taking her class to the Holocaust Memorial
- Mr. White is taking the MS Band to the Detroit Symphony Orchestra
- MS Band received straight 1s at regionals and are now going on to states
- Spelling bee Winners are 1st place Chloe Caringi, 2nd place Johnny Altomare, 3rd place Gabe Smith and 4th place is Emily Ludescher
- Families against narcotics will be speaking to the students on March 27
- MS Robotics club will be showcasing their machines to the middle schoolers this week.

Cindy Howe regarding the Ruth Fox:

- Books and Breakfast Workshop was attending by 22 students with their parent or guardian next one is 3/24
- Spelling bee winners are Seth Buckner and Alana Deshetsy they will participate in the Lapeer County Wide Spelling bee on March 21
- Hosted an Art, Music and Talent Festival on Feb 16
- Kicked off March is reading month
- Mentor program is doing great and growing
- Ruth Fox Choir is off to a strong start.

- The trip to Hartley is this week.
- Delta Math competition is 3/18 with the following students going; Mason Haken, Noah McDonald, Maverick Ludwig, Nadia Clark, Jacob Clark, Sawyer Hayma, Sarah Ramey, Nick Pung, Seth Buckner and Kyah Taylor.
- Space Campers were selected Eli and Ian Liebler, Allyson Gipson, Laurili Campbell, Rachel Youngert, Nick Pung, Karlie Schlaud and McKenzie Nowak.
- Jill Verburg is presenting at the 4T Virtual Conference.
- Girls STEM conference is at the LISD - 5- 6 graders and 5-7th graders will be going.

Mark Hiltunen regarding the HS:

- Already working on scheduling for next year.
- Parent teacher conferences are 3/23.
- STEM academy is growing.
- Update on the counselors new grants part of that is taking juniors to national college fair in Novi.
- Broncos recognition program.
- Working on getting more opportunities to get more dual enrollment on NB campus.
- Kudos to Mrs. Nellenbach and the cooks for all her help with tropical paradise lunch that she created.

Mr. Rosser regarding Quest – In continuing with promoting what we do through social media this year he shared a promo video for Quest Alternative Schools created by Doug Weeden.

Curriculum Report –

Amber White reported–

- literacy grant reimbursement was submitted yesterday
- state testing window – thanked all that are working behind the scenes
- shared education reports
- school systems review due March 17
- district committee meeting – technology meeting again presented

Superintendent Report –

Mr. Fish, Superintendent – Informed the board of the following

- Lapeer Community Foundation Letter
- Delaporte Law PLLC Proposal – Thrun Law Comparison
- MASB Make-Up Board Training – March 24 – 9am – 12pm at LCISD
- North Branch Schools in the News
- \$500.00 Donation to Robotics from Delta Faucet
- School Equity Caucus
- Legislative Update
- Special Education Update
- Summer Food Service program
- FREE Teen Heart Health Checks at Marlette hospital
- E-rate & LED lights update – J. Drayton
- Safety Report – J. Drayton
- Wellness Policy Update – J. Drayton
- Set up Curriculum Meeting – to discuss 5 year technology plan

- Athletic Update
 - Kaleb Bickel – signing with Huntington University in Indiana
 - Sam Fifield – signing with Indiana Tech in Fort Wayne
 - Varsity Girls Basketball District Finalist
 - Special Olympics – March 16 – 10 – Noon in the Elementary
 - Wrestling Room Options
 - One Way Bussing
 - Hosting a regional basketball program next Monday

Board Committee Reports – Mr. Deshetsky shared that the finance committee met and discussed the gifted and talented, the purchase of a bus for NB Schools and started talks of 2017-2018 budget

Public Comment: none

Consent Agenda

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the Approval of Minutes from the February 13, 2017 regular meeting, Approval of the Minutes from the February 20, 2017 special meeting February Accounts Payable Bills in the amount of \$617,153.89, February Food Service Bills in the amount of \$55,032.83, February Financial Report and acknowledge the resignation of Tina Drake with regret and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent - Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Miller the Board of Education approve the employment of Chris Schlaud as a 3 hour cashier at Ruth Fox Elementary.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Lane the Board of Education approve the 2018-2019 School Calendar.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank the Board of Education purchase one bus from Capital City Bus for \$82,859.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Lane aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Lane the Board of Education approve cancelling the March 13 regular Board of Education Meeting due to events being hosted at the school.

Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Miller aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Future Discussion/Action

- a. 5 year plan – Technology, Facilities, Curriculum & Textbooks
- b. Extension of Custodial Services

Other Business – None

Comments from the Public - None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education, in pursuant to Section 8A of the open meetings act go into closed session at 9:37 pm to discuss a personnel issue. Authorization has been received from the employees.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Schank aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Mr. Fish informed the board of the personnel issue.

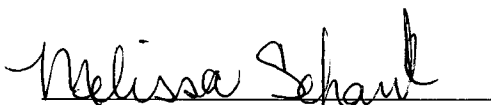
The Board returned to open session on 10:16 pm

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

Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Howell aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Schlaud, support by Miller that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Miller aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay 2 absent - Motion Carried


Melissa Schank, Secretary