

**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, August 28, 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 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Cory Mabery, President
 Daniel Deshetsky, Vice President – arrived at 7:02 p.m.
 Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
 Melissa Schank, Secretary
 Lori Lane, Trustee
 Brenden Miller, Trustee
Absent: Tom Nellenbach, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Cheryl Bruff	Business Manager
	Greg Matheson	Elementary Principal
	Dane Matheson	Elementary Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations and Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members - 22

Moved by Miller, support by Schank the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

Presentations

Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation – AED

Mary Smith from the Thomas Smith Memorial Foundation shared her story of how her family started this foundation in memory of their 17 year old son that passed away from sudden cardiac arrest in 2011. Since the foundation was established 3.5 million students have been tested and 23 heart ailments were found. Sara Redmond and Katrina Morehead from Marlette regional hospital informed the board of the support of Marlette Hospital and the willingness of local cardiologist to read the tests free of charge.

Doug Hartman – Prysm

Doug Hartman from Michigan State University thanked North Branch Schools for the 10 year partnership and shared with the board information pertaining to the new opportunity with the Prysm Monitor.

Comments from the Public – none

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Schank, supported by Miller the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from the August 14, 2017 regular meeting, approval of minutes from the August 21, 2017 special meeting, acknowledge the resignation of Chris Schlaud, Ruth Fox/Middle School Aide and acknowledge the resignation of Jacqueline Luea, speech teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the employment of Jennifer Younge for the 4 hour aide/cashier position at the High School.

Roll Call Vote: Miller, Mabery aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Kathy Herrick for the 2.5 hour cook position at the High School.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Mabery aye, Miller, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Schank, supported by Lane the Board of Education approve the employment of Trisha Sierakowski for the 4.25 hour cook position at Quest High School.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Schank aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Miller supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Crystle Barringer as a 3 hour lunch/recess aide at the Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Lane aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent– Motion Carried

Moved by Lane, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Sarah Nickerson as a 3 hour lunch/recess aide at the Elementary School.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Lane aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Schank aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent– Motion Carried

Communications

Operations & Technology Report -

Mr. Drayton - Informed the board of the following:

- Update on the water leaks due to the rain
- Update on Ruth Fox roof
- Update on Fencing (Stadium & Elementary)
- Update on lighting upgrades
- Thanked Dan Pasternak for volunteering to help with the lighting at the High School
- Reported all buildings were clean and ready for the 1st day
- Update on the newly purchased used buses

Curriculum & Instruction Report -

Mrs. White, Director of Curriculum and Instruction – Informed the board of the following:

Thanked Mark Brown for all of his extra work preparing the technology.

- **Orientations:** North Branch Elementary, Ruth Fox, and the Middle School hosted well attended orientations for students and their families last week
- **District Professional Learning:** North Branch Area Schools must offer instructional staff 5 days of District Provided Professional Development.
 - **Aug. 22, 2017 PD**
 - **Aug. 24, 2017-**
- **3rd Grade Reading Updates**
 - **All-Star Reading Event-September 26, 2017 [5:45-8pm]** on the football field.
 - MDE just released an application for the early literacy “*Additional Instructional Time*” grant.
 - On Aug. 24, 2017 MDE released the approved list of K-3 initial and extensive literacy assessments.
- **State Assessment Data**
 - M-STEP, PSAT & SAT data is still under embargo
 - Spring 2018-new Science Assessment Pilot will take place; more information coming
- **District-wide Committee Work**
 - K-12 Evaluation Committee met and updated Professional Learning Forms
 - Dr. Paul Morsink & Kerry Rose have set the 1st meeting of the new year for October 2 [K-6] & October 9 [7-12].
- **Prysm**
 - Brandon Fischer and Doug Hartman came to North Branch Elementary on Aug. 21st to provide support/training with the display
- **Other**
 - Mary Sherman, High School Spanish Teacher, will be presenting at the October World Language Conference
 - Michigan’s ESSA plan
 - Educator Effectiveness Label Data Appeals

Business Manager –

Mrs. Cheryl Bruff – Informed the board:

- Update on State Aide Note – Received a bid from LakeStone Bank for 1%
- Discussed the progress on question regarding utilities bill
- Update on projected enrollment

Superintendent Report –

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

- All Star Reading Night
- Annual Leadership Conference
- MHSAA
- Update on e-magazine
- Update on Special Education
- Update on safety drills

- Update on students in attendance

Items for Future Discussion/Action


- a. Chrome Books for School Board Members
- b. Workshop Goals

Comments from the Public - none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments

Moved by Howell, support by Deshetsky that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, Miller aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried



Melissa Schank, Secretary