

**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 9, 2017 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President called the meeting to order at 7:02 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
Brenden Miller, Trustee
Lori Lane, Trustee - absent

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Cheryl Bruff	Business Manager
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Curriculum Director
	Teresa Upleger	Special Education Director
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Cindy Howe	MS/RF Principal
	Greg Matheson	Middle School Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Buildings & Grounds
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members - 24

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

Student Report – Senior Hannah Robinette reported the following:

- NHS blood drive – collected 35 pints and made their goal September 13
- NHS volunteered at both the Alumni Dinner and the Hall of Fame dinner
- Quiz bowl – has 2 varsity teams
- Student Council – Homecoming week was a huge success

Presentations

Mock Disaster Safety Drill – Mary Piorunek, Lapeer County Emergency Management spoke about what her job is and discussed how the Mock Disaster Safety Drill on October 20th will be run. She also thanked the district for taking on this big project and discussed how much is learned at many levels through not only our staff but for a local police, fire, EMS and first responders.

Senior College and Career Event - John Amboy discussed the College and Career event that is happening on October 17, 2017 from 7:45-10:00 am. This event should provide many different pathways including but not limited to community colleges, universities, military, MI brick layers, Lapeer Community Foundation, Kevin Daley for agriculture grants, FAFSA adviser from U of M. They currently have college campus trips planned to Central Michigan University, Saginaw Valley State University, and Oakland University and have over 25 college/universities visiting our high school during the month of October and November. Amy Hyrman spoke of many other events that they have set up for our HS seniors.

3rd Grade Reading Updates – Kerry Rose, Literacy Coach Reviewed the new reading law, explained the retention of 3rd grade students in the year 2019-2020, districts responsibilities moving forward. She discussed the differentiated literacy instruction, reading assessment system, core instruction and the individual reading improvement plan. She spoke about professional development for the teachers, literacy coaching and how things may be implemented and some possible future needs at North Branch Elementary. The board asked questions of both Mrs. Rose and Mrs. White.

Break - 8:05 pm

Back in Session – 8:11 pm

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Cheryl Howell reported that the finance committee met on October 2nd and discussed the MESSA plan changes, E Rates. Mrs. Bruff explained more details regarding the MESSA plan changes and Mr. Drayton explained the details of the E Rate funding.

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 September 25, 2017 regular meeting, review of the September Accounts Payables in the amount of \$1,861,499.11, review of the September Food Service Bills in the amount of \$59,852.09 and review of September Financial Report.

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

Moved by Schank, supported by Miller the Board of Education approve the employment of Sara Hoell as a 2.5 hour cashier aide at the Elementary.

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the 2013 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of \$42,825, the 2015 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of \$636,500 and the 2016 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of \$171,799.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the Health Insurance Cap to align with the new MESSA plan year.

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

Communications

Mr. Matheson: Shared information regarding

- Family Fun Fair
- All Star Reading Night
- Goals meeting with teachers
- Kudos to Kerry Rose & Kim Gormley – All Star Reading Night, Holly Berridge – NBE Running Club

Mrs. Howe: Shared information regarding

- Focus Kids
- Mentor Program
- Youth Band – attending Band-O-Rama
- Attendance
- Veteran's day Celebration – Nov 22
- Veteran's Esteem Team
- Red Ribbon Awareness
- Middle School Health Occupations
- Middle Level Quiz Bowl
- Vietnam Moving Wall
- Michigan State/University of Michigan Penny Wars

Mr. Hiltunen – Shared information regarding

- Homecoming Events
- Counselor's Corner
- FAFSA
- ASVAB Testing
- College Assess Month
- Applying to colleges, universities and other Post-secondary institutions
- College Representative Visits
- Virtual College Fair
- Campus Tours
- Connecting with the counselors and advisors
- October is bullying prevention month

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

- 31a State Grant Allocations Update
- Prysm-MSU-North Branch-Two articles are already in the works with this education research.
- All Star Reading Community Event
 - This event was a huge success.
- District-wide English Language Arts Committee - Update
- District-wide Math Committee - Update
- North Branch Area Schools submitted grants

Superintendent Report –

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

- Reviewed the Special Education Report
- UPDATE - 2017 Mock Disaster Exercise #2
 - Information out to the community
 - Clergy meeting 10/5 – sent information to share with congregation
 - Edulink on Thursday, 10/19
 - School Web Site
 - Media Coverage
 - Building Newsletter
- UPDATE - Vietnam Michigan Moving Wall – North Branch Wesleyan Church -10/19-21
- Update on Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- School of Choice Information
- Student Enrollment Update
- Michigan School District Enrollment Information
- BPA – State Leadership Conference in Lansing
- Thrun Communication
- Young Marines – Red Ribbon Week
- Oct 8 – County Press “Thank You to our Community”

Items for Future Discussion/Action

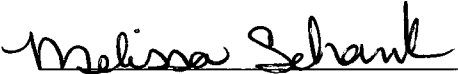
- a. Presentation of 2016-2017 Audit

Comments from the Public – The board entertained comments from the public.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Schank, support by Howell that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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


Melissa Schank, Secretary