BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 8, 2018 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Cory Mabery, President
	Daniel Deshetsky, Vice President – arrived at 7:03 pm
	Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
	Melissa Schank, Secretary
	Tom Nellenbach, Trustee
	Lori Lane, Trustee
	Absent - Brenden Miller, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Curriculum Director
	Teresa Upleger	Special Education Supervisor
	Cindy Howe	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Bill Barkowska	Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Greg Matheson	Elementary School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Elementary School Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 6

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

Student Report-
Hannah Gipson reported the following:

- The new Business, Media and Promotions class is off to a strong start and had visit from Sheryl Bruman to discuss taking quality photos and designing layouts. BPA (Business Professionals of America) officers will be attended their first leadership training in Lansing on October 5th.
- The Fall musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will be November 15, 16 and 17. Mr. Sorenson and the entire crew and working hard and it's sure to be hit!

- We have lots of college visits coming up. U of M – Ann Arbor, Grand Valley State University, Oakland University, and Siena Heights University are visiting this week. We will also be taking a trip to Oakland University on October 16th.
- Students are in the process of signing-up for the Costa Rica trip in June 2019. Fundraising will begin soon.
- The NHS officers and Student Council are going to their first conference of the year on November 8th in Frankenmuth. The conference is offered through the Leadership training institute.
- The Marching Band is having their Last Four Steps and Lights Out show during halftime at the football game this Friday. This is always a fun tradition that we look forward to. They also will be heading to CMU Band Day on Saturday.
- Seniors are going to the Big Apple. They plan to visit many New York City attractions and see some shows. The first payment of $65.00 by October 15th. There is also an optional trip insurance plan due the same day for the cost of $89.00. They have two fundraising plans you can participate in this month to help cover expenses.

Presentations:
High School Digital Media Class – Mrs. Anderson reviewed all of the North Branch Business Class projects and the new branding of the North Branch Buck Pole for North Branch Area Business Association.

Board Committee Reports: none

Comments from the Public: 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 September 24, 2018 board meeting, review the September Accounts Payables in the amount of $840,522.47, review of September Food Service Bills in the amount of $62,268.84, review of the September Financial Report, acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Lynmarie Rogers, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher effective June 30, 2019 and acknowledge the resignation of Melissa Loveless, Elementary aide with regrets and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Nellenbach aye, Lane aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Lane, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the bid from Michigan Fence in the amount of $49,875 for fencing at the athletic fields.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Schank aye, Lane aye, 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the 2013 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $31,500, the 2015 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $605,500 and the 2016 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $171,799.23. – see financial report in the Consent Agenda
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Lane that the Board of Education approve the employment of Christine Schlaud as a 4.5 hour special education paraprofessional at the Elementary School beginning October 9, 2018
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Schank, supported by Lane that the Board of Education approve the funding for additional books for K-4 classroom libraries not to exceed $50,000.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -
Superintendent Report –
Mr. Matheson, Elementary Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- Family Fun Fair
- All Star Reading Night
- Book Donations
- COMPASS Request & Presentation
- Goal Meetings

Mrs. Howe, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- 5th & 6th graders enjoy skate night
- Ruth Fox Spirit Week
- Homecoming Fun
- Mrs. Stradinger – won $100 worth of supplies for her classroom from Lapeer County Vision Center
- All Star Reading Night

Mr. Hiltunen, High School & Quest Principal – Informed the board of the following:
High School

- Homecoming 2018
- College Access Night
- Promoting your future
- Applying to colleges, Universities & other Post-Secondary Institutions
- College Representative Visit
- Virtual College Fair
- ASVAB Testing
- Campus Tours
- Fee Waivers: Testing and College Application
- October is Bullying Prevention Month
- Anthony Ianni – Relentless Tour – October 25
- FAFSA assistance available to Families during Parent Teacher Conference Nights

Quest

- Annual Spaghetti Dinner is Thursday, October 11
- League of Woman Voters assisted in getting all students registered to vote.
- Career & College Day

Mrs. Upleger, Special Education Supervisor– Informed the board of the following:

- Shared a couple student stories
- Mentors are starting this Thursday
- Shared a few videos from the VIP program

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

- 31A – thanks to those that help
- District Wide Social Studies and Math Meetings next week
- Visited each building for a communication meeting with Jim and Melissa
- 2nd Annual All-Star Reading Night – Special thanks to all that made this a success
- Michigan Kindergarten Readiness Assessment- Lapeer county will be piloting the KRA in the fall of 2019
- Michigan Reading retention law – "Read by Grade 3"
- Update on NBE Grants
- Title 1 Audit Update
- Upcoming District Provided Professional Development

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

- Communication – Using labor-management meetings effectively
- Review of Viral Meningitis
- Building Communication Meeting
- 10/17 – Teacher Communication Meeting
- Athletics
    - Report on MHSAA Meeting
    - Possible addition of E-Sports

Items for Future Discussion/Action -

a. 2017-2018 Audit (November 12)
b. Elementary Parking Lot Expansion (Jan - Feb 2019)

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Schank the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:43 pm for the purpose of an AFSCME negotiations update.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Schank aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Returned to open session – 9:02 p.m.

Moved by Lane, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Nellenbach aye, Lane aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

The board scheduled a finance meeting for October 15.

Moved by Schank, supported by Lane that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:38 pm.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Nellenbach aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Melissa Schank

Melissa Schank, Secretary