

**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, January 14, 2019 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President
Cory Mabery, Vice President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Melissa Schank, Secretary
Lori Lane, Trustee
Joshua Leach, Trustee
Brenden Miller, Trustee - absent

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

Community Members – 12

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

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

Student Report- none

Presentations:

PATS – Mr. Vipperman introduced Robert Vipperman and Jacob Knudsen and thanked them for their countless hours of volunteering for the Robotics program and presented them with PATS award.

Board Committee Reports: Lori Lane shared notes from the curriculum committee meeting and entertained questions from the board.

Comments from the Public: none

Consent Agenda

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from December 10, 2018 board meeting, reviewed the December Accounts Payables in the amount of \$400,577.90, reviewed the December Food Service Bills in the amount of \$35,741.00, reviewed the December Financial Report and acknowledged the resignation for retirement of Tammy Siegler, Elementary Teacher, and acknowledged the resignation of Jamie Soit, Elementary Secretary with regrets and best wishes.

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

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Mabery, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the employment of Anna Foster as high school secretary.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye, 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 Sarah Thomas as a 4.5 hour Elementary Paraprofessional.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell that the Board of Education adopt the resolution establishing the 2019 Board of Education meeting schedule as presented and attached.

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

Moved by Lane, supported by Mabery that the Board of Education approve the designation of Thrun Law Firm for the district's legal counsel, the firm of Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill, & Garner of Lapeer for all real estate transactions and other local matters.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell that the Board of Education approve the adoption of the 2019 district/superintendent goals.

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: Deshetsy aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Schank aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

Mr. Matheson, Elementary Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- Mrs. Sieradzki's Class Adopted a family
- Scigel/Hubbell team helped Paradise Animal Rescue
- Holiday Celebration Sing-a-long
- Kids helping kids Update

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

- Old Fashioned Family Christmas
- Gamers Club off to a great start
- Focus Kids Breakfast
- 6th grade Holiday Movie Trip
- Christmas Luncheon
- Staff Secret Santa
- Ugly Sweater Day
- 5th grade Holiday Movie Trip
- 7 & 8 grade Talent Show
- Ruth Fox Middle School Robotics Team advances to State
- Mentor Program growing
- Lesson Study's with teachers

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

- Snowcoming Spirit Week (Jan 21 – 26)
- Second Semester Schedules
- Next year's schedules – Counselors will be visiting classrooms the week of Feb 11
- MCAP & DEEP Information Meeting at Ed-Tech
- New Student Teacher – Garrett Schaller with Mrs. Stevens
- Information on Vaping
- BPA competes in the Regional Leadership Conference
- Christmas Concert by the NBHS Band, Orchestra & Jazz Band
- NBHS Boys Varsity Basketball team won the Tri-County Bank Holiday Tournament
- December Athletic Signings
 - Jordan Slater, Faith Kotur, & Sydney Gormley – Oakland CC to play Volleyball
 - Autumn Deshetsy – Grace College to play Volleyball
 - Maeson Schlaud – Madonna University to play Softball
 - Reese Ruhlman – University of Detroit-Mercy to play Softball
- Mr. Stevens Health Class- learning CPR & AED
- Update on Baker College Changes
- One Act Plays

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- Masons donated \$3005 this year and have donated \$22,620 in the last 14 years
- Traveled to Cros-Lex for the 3rd annual TASL Volleyball tournament
- Perfect Attendance Pizza
- New GED program experiencing success

Mrs. Upleger, Special Education Supervisor

- New Student
- Lisa Grzecki's – Kids Learn to Bake/Share Program

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

- Ruth Fox Middle School/MSU Lesson Study Project Update
- Administrative Instructional Rounds
- District Title 1 Audit
- Recognized Jodi Myers for presenting in Genesee County

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

- Facilities Update – Jeff Drayton
- Staff Appreciation Breakfast
- January School Board Recognition Month
- VIP Program email
- Paradise Animal Rescue email
- Staff Updates


Items for Future Discussion/Action -

- a. Elementary Parking Lot Expansion (winter 2019)
- b. 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Jan 28, 2019)

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

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Schank, supported by Howell that the Board adjourn the meeting at 8:33 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried


Melissa Schank, Secretary