

**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, March 11, 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 7:00 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
Absent - Brenden Miller, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
	Teresa Upleger	Special Education Coordinator
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operation and Technology
	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 School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Elementary School Assistant Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 139

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

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

Presentations:

High School Quiz Bowl – North Branch High School teachers Katie Wagner, Ruth Stover-Lange and seven high school students spoke regarding the high school quiz bowl season including individual and group awards.

Paul Lewis Archery Update – Cindy Howe spoke regarding the history of the North Branch Archery program. She introduced Paul Lewis and Curt June the leaders of the Archery Club. Mr. Lewis explained that he started the Archery Club in 2007 with the help of co-leader, Curt

June, the DNR and the NB Board of Education. This program teaches the safety and technic of shooting a bow. This also has been proven to help with self-esteem and student grades. Mr. Lewis explained, "Anybody can do it". Mrs. Howe then presented Mr. Lewis with a Distinguished Service Award for all of his work with the Archery program.

DSA – Natalie Farnsworth – High School Principal, Mark Hiltunen, shared information regarding the Bronco Bouquet and introduced Natalie Farnsworth as the founder of this program. High School teacher, Alyssa Welling, had nominated Natalie for this award but was unable to attend so Mr. Hiltunen read her letter.

HS ELA – Compose Our World – High School teacher Mr. Mitchell and 12 high school students shared a new pilot program that he has started for the freshman class. This program includes writing, rewriting a paper and then making it into a digital story.

Compass Gifted and Accelerated update – Elementary Assistant Principal, Dane Terauds, gave an update on the COMPASS (Creating Opportunities' to Meet Potential and Stretch Skills) program at the elementary building and entertained questions from the board.

Board Committee Reports:

Facilities Committee (2/13/19) – Daniel Deshetsky reviewed the facilities notes and entertained questions from the board.

Curriculum Meeting (2/24/19) – Lori Lane reviewed the curriculum meeting notes and entertained questions from the board.

Finance Committee Meeting (2/26/19) – Cheryl Howell reviewed the facility meeting notes and entertained questions from the board.

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

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 February 11, 2019 regular board meeting, reviewed the February Accounts Payables in the amount of \$231,914.95, reviewed the February Food Service Bills in the amount of \$21,831.28, and reviewed the February Financial Report.

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

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Deshetsky supported by Mabery the Board of Education approves the employment of Rachel Van Dyk for the Elementary PE Position beginning in the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Moved by Mabery supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Michelle DeHate for the Elementary Secretarial Position.

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

Moved by Lane, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the 2019 overnight Senior Trip to Ohio.

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

Moved by Leach, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the bid for the elementary parking lot expansion from Astec Asphalt Inc of Brown City in the amount of \$74,000.

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

Moved by Lane, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 revised school calendar as presented and attached.

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

Communications -

Mr. Jeff Drayton, Director of Operations & Technology – Informed the board of the following:

- E-Rate
- Security Camera Project
- MSP School Security Grant
- Upcoming School Bus Purchases
- Water Testing Results

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

- Update on District Security Committee
- Core Essentials – February is Service
- Gearing up for 2019-20 BK/K Parent Meeting
- NBE PD Day
- Kindergarten Valentines Project
- Daddy/Daughter Dance – Highest number in attendance
- Animal Assembly by Barn Hill Preserve
- Perfect Attendance – 139 Students during second marking period

Mrs. Cindy Howe, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal

- Peer to Peer program launching
- Kindness Club
- North Branch Blanket
- Spelling Bee Update
- Space Camp
- Quiz Bowl
- Bowling Scholarship
- NAPE testing

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

- Senior Trip
- Graduation practice and Swing out – Date Change
- Semester One Honor Roll Students Announced
- Powerlifting Club Update
- Skills USA Competition update
- STEMM Parent Information Night – 3/21
- SAT – 4/9
- NBHS awarded MCAN impact grant

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

- Mentor Program update
- Special Olympic March Madness Basketball Event – 3/14
- Peer to Peer – t-shirt fund raiser - April is Autism Awareness Month

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

- BK/Kindergarten Parent Orientation
- NB High School recognized for Volunteerism
- 2019 Space Camp
- Michigan Art Education Association Region 10 Show
- 2017-18 MDE Accountability Files Publicly released
- March is National Reading Month

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

- GED Student Correspondence
- Meemic Grants
 - Quest \$500
 - Hollie Mitchell 3D printer
- Lapeer County Community Foundation
 - Communication
 - LEAF program
- NEOLA – Spring Update
 - Suggested Policy Committee Meeting – Monday, 4/8/2019
- Athletics
 - Reverse Raffle Financial Statement
 - Hall of Fame Selection, Tuesday, March 12
 - Coaches' Sport Summit, Monday, March 18
 - Winter Banquet, Tuesday, March 19
 - List of College Athletes

Items for Future Discussion/Action -

- a. Informal Update – April 9
- b. Update of 5 year plans- Curriculum, Technology & Facilities – April 23
- c. Bus Purchases

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank that the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:01 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Melissa Schank, Secretary