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, September 23, 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 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President
	Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
	Brenden Miller, Secretary
	Lori Lane, Trustee
	Joshua Leach, Trustee
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Absent: Cory Mabery, Vice President

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operation & Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 23

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

Student Report: none

Presentations
Art Presentation regarding Artsonia – Becky Baksa, Ruth Fox Middle School Art Teacher, shared information regarding the web page, Artsonia, and explained how she and her students are able to use it for digital portfolio. She then introduced Rylee Rodriguez the winner of the Artsonia Contest.

Space Camp – Cindy Mitchell shared the history of Space Camp and Old Fashioned Family Christmas fundraiser and thanked the Board for their continued support.

JAG Program for Quest High School – Jennie Richie, Next Steps Coordinator from the Family Literacy Center shared information regarding the new program she will be starting at Quest High School – Jobs And Graduates (JAG). This program is designed to help remove barriers to help students succeed.

Advise MI, Samantha Geiser – Amy Hyrman & Natalee Haver, counselors at the High School introduced the new Advise MI counselor Samantha Geiser and shared some of the upcoming events they have planned.

Board Committee Reports: none

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

Consent Agenda
Moved by Howell, supported by Leach the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from September 9, 2019 regular board meeting and acknowledged the resignation of Michelle Ruhlman, Elementary Teacher as of June 30, 2020 with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action
Moved by Miller, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Kayla Ratajczak as a Ruth Fox Middle School teacher pending successful completion of graduation requirements and submission of state certification.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Lane aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications –
Mr. Drayton, Director of Operations & Technology

- E-Rate Update
- Fitness Center Update
- Tennis Courts – should be done this week

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

- NBE Enriching & Extending – M-W-F -Before School Program at the Elementary
- Narcan Training for all administrators
- MASB Governance Opportunity
- NBHS Recognition for 100% of Tuition Incentive Program Application completion for seniors
- Athletics
  - Hall of Fame Induction and Banquet – Friday, 10/11/19 at 3pm in HS Cafeteria
  - Bronco Wall of Pride at High School

Items for Future Discussion/Action

a. Knights of Columbus- Donations awarded to NBAS Special
b. 2018-2019 Audit (November 11)
c. Superintendent Informal Update (September 23)
d. BoardBook – In the process of scheduling training
e. Facility Meeting (October 2 at 7:00 pm)

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

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Break – 8:23 p.m.
Back in Session – 8:27 p.m.

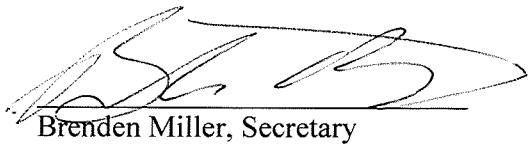
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Lane the Board of Education approve the purchase ofnetwork equipment through E-rate at a district cost not to exceed $36,000.
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Lane aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Howell, supported by Leach the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:31 p.m. for the purpose of an informal update.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Miller aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Returned to open session – 9:33 p.m.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Lane aye
6 aye, 0 nay 1 absent

Moved by Miller, supported by Cullin the meeting adjourns at 9:35 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried



Brenden Miller, Secretary