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 23, 2020 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
	Lori Lane, Secretary
	Joshua Leach, Trustee
	Brenden Miller, Trustee
	Jason Cullin, Trustee - absent

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operation & Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 0

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education suspend the North Branch Board of Education by-laws for this meeting due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Miller aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

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

Student Report: None

Presentations: None

Board Committee Reports: None

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 February 24, 2020 regular board meeting, reviewed the February Accounts Payables in the amount of $565,032.68, reviewed the February Food Service Bills in the amount of $37,478.96, reviewed the February Financial Report, Acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Elementary Paraprofessional, Diane Travis, Acknowledge the resignation for retirement of High School teacher, Richard Stevens, Acknowledge the resignation for retirement of High School teacher, Cynthia Stevens, acknowledged the resignation of Quest Cook, Trisha Sierakowski, and acknowledged the resignation for retirement of High School teacher, Ken Wickerham with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action
Moved by Howell, supported by Miller the Board of Education adopt the Hardship Distribution Amendment to the NBAS Tax-Sheltered Annuity Plan resolution as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Miller the Board of Education approve the bid from CESMG in the amount of $140,659 for the High School Auditorium Renovation
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Leach aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications –
Mr. Fish informed the board of the following:

- Grants
  - Summer School Reading
  - DonorChoose - Jane Ehardt
- Student Support Coach - Jeremy Goss
- MCC Student Guadalupe Guerrero honored as Newman Civic Fellow
- Brown City Purchase Consortium
- Curbside Food Service Program & Instructional Packets
  - Dates for Community Pick up changed to Tuesday & Friday - 4 pm - 7 pm in order to provide cooks an extra day of preparation since food is delivered to the district on Monday & Thursday mornings
  - 272 instructional packets distributed from Central Office from 8 am - Noon. Special Thanks to Theresa Rae, Cindy Lewis, Lindsay Young & Roxanne Boyle for providing curbside service.
- Amber spoke regarding long term learning plan moving forward.
- NBABA - Farmers Market
- Digital Bus Radio update

Items for Future Discussion/Action –

a. Reschedule of Finance and Policy Committee Meetings
b. Superintendent Informal Update (April 13, 2020)
c. Update of 5 year plans – Curriculum, Technology and Facilities (April 27, 2020)

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic there was no closed session.

Other Business
Mr. Fish communicated to the board that NB support staff employees appreciate pay continuation during the COVID-19 government mandated school closure for this group through April 5, 2020. He shared a communication of appreciation received from a support staff employee.

There was a consensus of the board to continue to pay Dean Transportation employees during COVID-19 government mandated school closure through April 5, 2020.

There was a consensus of the board to continue employment of Hi-Tec employees during COVID-19 government mandated school closure through April 5, 2020 as essential workers.

Moved by Miller, supported by Howell the meeting adjourns at 9:55 pm
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye,
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Lori Lane, Secretary