BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held virtually at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 13, 2020.

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:01 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

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

Community Members – 4

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education suspend the North Branch Board of Education by-laws for this meeting due to the Coronavirus pandemic.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Miller aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent 1 member couldn't vote due to technical difficulties – Motion Carried

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

Student Report: None

Presentations: High School art teacher, Tracy Healey shared a video that she created with the assistance of former student Ethan McNulty regarding a contest through an automotive company in Detroit. A total of $1300 in scholarships, 1 that placed in the top 5 and one piece sold for $150. She then entertained questions from the board.

Board Committee Reports:
Policy Committee Meeting – 4/8/2020 – Mrs. Lane shared the notes from the policy committee meeting and entertained questions from the board.

Comments from the Public: None

Consent Agenda
Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from March 23, 2020 Regular board meeting, approval of the March 30, 2020 Special Meeting Minutes, reviewed the March Accounts Payables in the amount of $695,431.41, reviewed the March Food Service Bills in the amount of $41,712.04, reviewed the March Financial Report, Acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Secretary, Janet Dye, with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action
Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the 2013 Debt Retirement payment in the amount of $720,550, 2015 Debt Retirement payment in the amount of $1,848,625, 2016 Debt Retirement payment in the amount of $2,476,066.73.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Miller the Board of Education entertain the first reading of NB Board of Education Policies:

- By Law po 0100- Virtual Voting
- Policy 2210: Curriculum Development – Approved Courses (Revised)
- Policy 2412: Home Bound Instruction (Revised)
- Policy 2414: Reproductive Health and Family Planning (Revised)
- Policy 3362.01: Threatening Behavior Towards Staff Members (Revised)
- Policy 4162: Controlled Substance and Alcohol Policy for Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers and Other Employees who Perform Safety Sensitive Function (revised)
- Policy 5200: Attendance (revised)
- Policy 5335: Care of Students with Chronic Health Conditions (New)
- Policy 6107: Authorization to accept and distribute electronic records and to use electronic signatures (Revised)
- Policy 8210: School Calendar (Revised)
- Policy 8400: School Safety Information (Revised)
- Policy 8462: Student Abuse and Neglect (Revised)
- Policy 8600: Transportation (Revised)

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Leach aye, Miller aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye
7 aye 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education adopt the resolution to grant emergency powers to the superintendent as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the purchase of 7 Bluebird propane buses from Holland Bus Company at a cost of $95,274 per bus for a total of $666,918 and not to exceed $700,000 with the understanding that 40% of the total cost will be reimbursed as part of a the Fuel Transformation Program Volkswagen State Mitigation Trust 2020 grant agreement between the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy and Brown City School Bus Purchase Consortium.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Cullin aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Howell aye 7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Communications –
Mr. Hiltunen, High School Principal informed the board of the following:

- Making a plan for graduates
- Creating a virtual college Decision Day
- Mr. Sorenson- working on a virtual play

Mr. Terauds, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal informed the board of the following:

- Good attendance for classes
- A lot of discussion on feeling about the situation
- 8th Grade Washington DC – 60% in favor of rescheduling early August

Mr. Matheson, Elementary School Principal informed the board of the following:

- Everyone has jumped into the new technology
- Over 600 every day in attendance (2/3rds of the population)

Mrs. White, Curriculum Director informed the board of the following:

- Thanked team members
- Shared where we started and many things everyone is learning along the way
- Continuing learning for all student – virtually and hard copies

Items for Future Discussion/Action –

a. Finance Meeting – 4/27 at 5 pm
b. Update of 5 year plans – Curriculum, Technology and Facilities (4/27/20)
c. Formal Approval to purchase 7 propane buses through the VW grant (4/27/20)

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Lane the meeting adjourns at 8:54 pm
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Lori J Lane (Apr 29, 2020)

Lori Lane, Secretary