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, April 12, 2021 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
	Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Joshua Leach, Secretary - absent
	Brenden Miller, Trustee - absent
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:04 a.m.

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Curriculum
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 4

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – None

Maria Hoebeke – arrived at 7:04 pm

Presentation –
Distinguished Service Award – Jill Laur – Mr. Fish shared the letter recommending Jill for a DSA and Mr. Hiltunen shared many of the wonderful thing that she does to support North Branch Area Schools

Athletics – Gym Floor – Mr. Margrif discussed the plans for the refinishing of the Ruth Fox Middle School and the North Branch High School gym floors beginning in June. He also shared information on the floor covering to protect the high school floor.

Board Committee Reports – None

Comments from the Public - None

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of March 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes, review the March Accounts Payable in the amount of $1,150,656.52, review the March Food Service Bills in the amount of $46,264.26, and review the March Financial Report.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve employment of Kierstyn Cooper as Food Service Supervisor.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve employment of Lori Wierbicki as Special Education Supervisor.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education entertain the 2nd reading and adoption of the NB Board Policies – February Release.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the AFSCME Contract for 2021-22 through 2022-23 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve 2013 Debt Payment in the amount of $680,050, 2015 Debt Payment in the amount of $1,816,750, 2016 Debt Payment in the amount of $2,616,706 and 2020 Debt Payment in the amount of $81,205 as presented
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education acknowledge the Extended Continuity of Learning Plan for April and the 2-way interaction for the Month of March.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2021-22 8th grade Washington DC Trip as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve T & N Outdoor for the Lawn Maintenance contract as lowest responsible bidder that met all bid requirements.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

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

- Health & Safety Reminders
- Counselors Corner
    - Scholarships
    - Dual Enrollment
    - Women STEM
    - Early College
    - FAFSA Deadline
- State Testing – M-Step
- Winter Sports update
- Class of 2021 News

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

- 8th Grade PSAT
- Beacon & M-STEP Testing
- Youth Sport Opportunities
- When a student should stay home

Mrs. Rae, Elementary Principal, informed the board of the following:

- Math Newsletter
- BK/K Orientation for 2021-2022
- NB Highlights looking for pictures with siblings or pets
- NBE Cereal Drive
- Summer School
- Arithmetic in April
- Paws for Paradise

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

- Summer Programming
- Michigan Assessments
- Chromebook
- First Grade Community Project
- Arithmetic in April

Mr. Fish, Superintendent, informed the board of the following:

- Antigen Testing for Spring Athletes
- Farm Bureau Video – Highlighting NBE Cereal Drive
- Tootsie Roll Drive
- High School Senior Events
- Bronco Design Mark Trademark
- Covid Updates
    - Dashboard
    - Close Contact Information return to 14 days
    - Vaccine for 16-17 yr. old
- Covid Funding Update
    - ESSER Funding Information
        - Document attached for ESSER's 1,2 & 3 allocations
        - Melissa Montgomery update regarding NBAS
    - Schneider Electric & HVAC Update

        - 4 weeks to complete preliminary plan
        - Mid May for study results
- Dean Transportation – Shortage of Drivers
- 5 year plans to be approved on April 26
    - Facilities & Technology
    - Curriculum Meeting – Thursday, April 22 at 5pm
- Potential Teacher Shortages
- Fall 2020 Pupil Count Audit
- Student Accomplishment – National Cutting Horse Association
- Hi-Tec Cleaning Schedule through Spring Break
- 4/12/2021- Thrun Law Firm Update

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:22 pm for the purpose of Superintendent Informal Update.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Returned to open session – 9:16 pm

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell by the Board of Education adjourn at 9:17 pm
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Joshua Leach, Secretary