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, December 13, 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 7:03 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
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee
	Patrick Henne, Trustee - absent

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum and Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Nik Hopp	Elementary Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 26

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

Student Report –
Ethan Davis, Student Representative, informed the board of the following:

- Thanked the board for Safety Training for Staff
- Drama Department has started working on One Act Plays
- Band – Christmas Concert – Tuesday, 12/14 at 7pm
- High School is having a Christmas Spirit Week
- National Honor Society Induction Ceremony went well
- Basketball, Wrestling and Power Lifting are going strong

Presentation –
Masonic Lodge- Corey Rosser, Quest Program Coordinator introduced Dave Athey, Master of Lodge and Mike Walker, Senior Warden from North Branch Masonic Lodge #312 and thanked them for 16 years of supporting Quest by hosting the annual spaghetti dinner. This year a total of $2256 was donated and over the last 16 years over $26,500 has been donated.

Volleyball – Athletic Director, Al Margrif introduced the North Branch Varsity Volleyball team and Coach, Jim Fish spoke about their season.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adopt the 2021 Volleyball Resolution as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Board Committee Reports
Finance Committee Meeting (12/7/2021) – Cheryl Howell reviewed the notes from the finance committee meeting and entertained questions from the board.

Comments from the Public - none

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Leach, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the November 22, 2021 regular meeting minutes, review of the November accounts payables in the amount of $924,329.49, review of the November Food Service Bills in the amount of $40,662.77, review of the November financial report and acknowledge the resignation of the NB Elementary teacher, Anna Marchese with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Sarah Nies as an Elementary teacher beginning Jan 3, 2022.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve administrative and non-administrative contracts as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 Employee Draft School Calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the Board of Education reviewed the performance of all probationary/tenure teachers and approves the Superintendent's written recommendation with regard to each teacher.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve Schneider Electric energy services contract as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

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

- Counselor's Corner Update
  - On Track to pass your classes?
  - Scholarship Reminder
  - Stay Connected to the Counseling Office
- Early Middle College
- Exchange Programs
- Freshmen T-Shirts available
- December Events

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

- Spirit Week
- Old Fashioned Family Christmas
- #Oxford Strong – Friday is Blue & Gold Day
- Esser Survey
- Skyward Alerts / Inclement Weather Notices
- Make Every Day Count – PBIS Celebration
- Sock it to Teachers
- $5^{th}/6^{th}$ Grade Recess – Winter Weather reminder to dress warm
- Washington DC Update
- 7th & 8th Grade Yearbook – Order yours now!
- Classroom Spotlights
- Middle School Performers – NBHS Wizard of Oz
- First Performance Band Concert for 5th & 6th graders
- Student Pick-up and Drop-off
- Upcoming Dates
- Looking for Teacher & Support Staff Subs

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

- Esser Survey
- Community Ornament Making Event
- STEAM – Art, Music, Creative Movement, PE
- Welcome our new school counselor – Miss Sarah
- Bus Updates
- December Core Value – Service
- Popcorn Days
- Old Fashioned Family Christmas
- Upcoming important dates
- Kids Helping Kids Collection
- Festive Dress Days
- Safety update
- Classroom Holiday Events

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

- Support Oxford Schools
  - Write Letters of Support
  - Winter Wonderland Decorations
  - Wear Oxford Colors

- NBAS District-wide Safety Review
- American Rescue Plan ESSER III Monies
- Financial Literacy Bills in Legislature
- Spanish Department Fundraiser
- New Year, New Goals – reopening of the All Staff Wellness/Fitness Center
- K – 8 Benchmark Assessments
- Tech Bytes
- Old-Fashioned Family Christmas
- 2021-22 Evaluation
- Books, Podcasts & More
- NBAS Teacher Virtual Book Club

Mr. Drayton, Director of Operations & Technology, informed the board of the following:

- School Safety
- Tree Planting at Central Office
- High School Dishwasher
- Furniture Auction
- HS HVAC
- HS Cafeteria HVAC
- HS Fire Pump
- Elem/RF Classroom Modifications & Partitions
- Custodial Machines Grant (FEMA)
- DTE Retro-Commissioning Project (Elementary)
- Kappan Tree Service

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

- Lapeer County Covid Update
- FEMA Grant
- Safety Training update (12/3/2021)
    - Staff Input
    - Principal's Update for each building
- District Wide Safety Update
    - Formation of School Safety Committee
        - Board Committee or remain as School Committee
    - Community Safety Forum
    - Community Input
        - Survey Results
    - Lapeer County Prosecutor John Miller
        - Speaking with grades 7 – 12 including Quest Students on Wednesday, 12/15/2021
        - Board Members are invited to attend
- Recommendation to move the January 10th BOE meeting start time to 6pm

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

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Break – 8:46

Back in Session – 8:51

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:52 pm. for the purpose of superintendent evaluation.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Returned to Open Session – 9:29 pm

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education adjourn at 9:50 pm
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Joshua Leach, Secretary