

**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 11, 2022 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 - absent
Joshua Leach, Secretary
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee - absent
Patrick Henne, Trustee

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

Community Members – 12

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye

5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – none

Presentations –

Recognition of Bowling State Qualifier-

Athletic Director, Al Margrif, introduced Junior, Traver Montgomery and shared his accomplishments from the bowling team. Traver finished All-State in 5th place at D2 states - best finish for a boy at the state level in school history. He is the school record holder for high game (perfect 300) and high series (two game total - 547). Traver is also a Scholar Athlete - EdTech Public Safety Program.

Recognition of Spelling Bee Winners-

Mr. Terauds introduced our two top finishers from the Lapeer County Spelling Bee. Sixth grade Owen Smielewski finished in 3rd Place and Eighth grade Luke LaValley finished in first place. He will be going to Washington DC to compete on June 1st and 2nd.

Centegix (Crisis Alert) – Matt Young –

Mr. Young from Centegix- Crisis Alert shared a sample of the badge, the details of his company and then entertained questions from the board.

Board Committee Reports –

Curriculum Committee Meeting (3/15/2022 @ 4pm) – Jason Cullin reviewed the highlights that were discussed at the curriculum meeting.

Policy Committee (3/16/2022 @ 6pm) – Josh Leach reviewed the highlights that were discussed at the policy committee meeting.

Comments from the Public – none

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the March 14, 2022 regular meeting minutes, review of the March accounts payables in the amount of \$1,096,578.23, review of the March Food Service Bills in the amount of \$65,104.64, review of the March financial report and acknowledge the resignation of High School teacher, Curt June with regrets and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education acknowledges the acceptance of the 11t ESSER III Equalization funds that will be spent directly to impact students within the subgroups outlined in the legislation, and will reserve percentages of the equalization funds to address LEARNING LOSS within these subgroups as follows:

- at least 51.4% for activities to address learning loss by supporting the implementation of evidence-based interventions;
- at least 10.3% for the implementation of evidence-based summer enrichment programs;
- at least 10.3% for the implementation of evidence-based comprehensive after-school programs; and 28% learning loss.

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Leach aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the debt retirement principal & interest payment for the 2015 principal and interest payment \$1,874,875, 2016 principal and interest payment \$3,309,151 and the 2020 interest payment \$81,205 as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Leach, supported by Henne the Board of Education entertain the 1st reading of NB Board Policies:

1616, 3216, 4216 – Staff Dress and Grooming

5511 – Student Dress and Grooming

6110 – Grant Funds

6114 - Cost Principles-Spending Federal Funds

6325 – Procurement – Federal Grants/Funds

Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

Mark Hiltunen, High School Principal informed the board of the following:

- Spring Drama Production of Bedlam & Breakfast – April 14 – 16
- Prom will be held at Lapeer County Club – April 23
- State Testing dates - April 13 & 14
- Robotics team
 - Competed at Kettering University & Walled Lake HS
- Model UN Team competed in Ann Arbor April 8 – 10
- Senior traditions return
 - Senior Trip – Cedar Point
 - Project Graduation
- Counselor’s Corner
 - NB Early College
 - Dual Enrollment
 - Career & College Visits
 - FAFSA Deadline Extended for the Class of 2022
 - Up and Coming Scholarship Deadlines
 - BPA Club attends annual leadership conference
 - NBHS Seniors sign letters of intent to play athletics at the collegiate level
 - Important Dates
 - Commencement – Wednesday, June 1 at 8pm
 - Seniors Last Day – Friday, May 20
 - Baccalaureate – Sunday, May 22 at 7pm
 - Graduation Practice – Wednesday, May 25 at 3pm
 - Swing Out – Wednesday, May 25 at 5pm
 - Senior Class Night – Thursday, May 26 at 7pm

Mark Hiltunen, Quest High School Principal informed the board of the following:

- Quest would like to congratulate Mark Hiltunen on the article in the newspaper and thank him for his support for the last 18 years
- Enrollment is up
- The 2 winners of the Carolyn Bower Memorial Quest Merit scholarship are planning on attending Delta college
- Faithful Truck and Auto Repair scholarship winners have chosen a career in photography and healthcare
- Girls’ Bowling team won the TASL for the 3rd time
- Boys’ Bowling team won the TASL for the 1st time
- Students traveled to the Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills
- Michigan Works speaker presented opportunities after graduation for seniors

- Thanks to Ashley Fanson for all the support through the JMG program
- Thanks to a grant from L & L products of Romeo for the CO2 dragster cars for Mr. Scalf's Physics class
- Quest students volunteer at the Thrift Shop
- Thanks to Kayla Kraus for the work to improve school culture with Kayla's Kindness Challenge

Dane Terauds, Ruth Fox Principal informed the board of the following:

- 8th grade PSAT
- M-Step testing and Smarter Balance
- Spelling Bee Top Finishers
- Washington DC Trip – Parent Meeting
- Challenger Learning Center Opportunity
- Ruth Fox Wellness Event
- April Core Value– Hope
- Classroom Spotlight
 - 5th grade – trip to Chatfield
 - Ms. Fish's MTSS
 - 8th Grade Career Event
- Several students have their artwork on display at Gallery 194
- Important Dates
 - 4/13 – PSAT Testing – 8th
 - 4/15 – No School – Good Friday
 - 4/22 – 7th grade Trip
 - 4/27-4/29 – 8th DC trip
- Looking for Teacher and Support Staff Subs

Theresa Rae, Elementary Principal, informed the board of the following:

- Parent Survey
- NBE had 16 pieces of student artwork shown at Gallery 194
- Fine Arts Family Festival is coming soon
- Paw Prints for Paradise
- April's Core Essential Value – Hope
- Popcorn Days – 4/22 & 5/20
- BK/K Parent Orientation
 - Thursday, April 21st 6:30 pm
 - Tuesday, April 12 @ 6:30 – virtual

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

- Congratulations to Lapeer County Spelling bee winners
- NBAS 2022 Summer Enrichment & 2022-23 after school support opportunities
- Seeking input on Design to Update District Website
- Chromebook Update
- Real-Life Science Connections
- Assessment Update
- 2022-2023 School Specialty Order
- Mathematical Book Awards
- Read by Grade 3 Survey for BK-3 Teachers & Instructional Coaches
- 2021-22 Evaluation

- Tutor.com 24/7 Support through NB Library
- Michigan's only challenger learner center
- Upcoming paraprofessional ETS testing dates
- Books, Podcasts & More

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

- Shared during the Superintendent Update

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

**Closed Session –
Student Discipline**

Moved by Henne, supported by Leach the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:41 pm. for the purpose of student discipline.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 9:27 pm

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Henne aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

**Closed Session –
Superintendent Informal Update**

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education enter into closed session at 9:45 pm. for the purpose of superintendent informal update.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

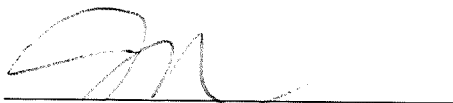
Return to Open Session at 10:57 pm

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Mabery aye Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Leach, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 10:57 pm

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried



Joshua Leach, Secretary