

**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 25, 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 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President
Cory Mabery, Vice President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Joshua Leach, Secretary
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 8:05 pm
Patrick Henne, Trustee - absent

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

Community Members – 9

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

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

Student Report –

High School Student, Ethan Davis shared the following with the board:

- Junior class hosted a Mystery Masquerade themed prom – 4/23/2022
- Drama Department – preparing for the Dessert Theater – all proceeds go to the Adrianna Hope Scholarship Fund
- NB Band hosted Solo & Ensemble – 4/23/2022
- Bronco Band will be performing at 2 Memorial Day Parades
- Student Council is traveling to Northville on 4/27 for a Leadership Conference
- Student Council and NHS will be helping with career day that the ISD is hosting for our 2nd graders on 5/11/2022
- Senior Events:
 - Cedar Point Trip – 5/18/2022
 - Senior Walk Out – 5/20/2022

- Baccalaureate – 5/22/2022
- Swingout – 5/24
- Senior Class Night – 5/26/2022
- Graduation – 6/1/2022
- Underclassman awards – 6/7/2022

Presentations –

State Representative, Gary Howell presented Curriculum Director, Amber White with a plaque in honor of her being the recipient of the “Michigan Lottery Excellence in Education” award. Amber has been dedicated to North Branch Schools, students and community since 1995 when she was hired as a teacher.

Representative Howell then gave a legislative update. He discussed the state funding and shared that they are in negotiations now. He also briefly discussed the School Safety Task Force that will be focusing on the mental health needs of all students.

Board Committee Reports –

Finance Committee Meeting – 4/20/2022 @ 7:00 am

Cheryl Howell shared that at the meeting the following was discussed:

- Real Estate Purchase
- Five Year Plans (Curriculum, Technology & Facilities)
- Insurance Hard Cap Limits
- Personnel Update

Comments from the Public – none

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of April 11, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Acknowledge the resignation of High School teacher, Jenni Jackson, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher James Hall, Elementary teacher Elaine Aldrich and acknowledge the resignation of Retirement of High School Principal, Mark Hiltunen with regrets and best wishes.

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

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Haley Higgins as a Behavior Interventionist beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Moved by Cullin, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Madelyn Kidder as an Elementary School Teacher beginning in the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the North Branch Board of Education acknowledge the NBAS updated Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan as presented.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education entertain the 2nd reading and adoption of NB Board Policies – Vol. 35, NO.2 – February 2022:

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

As presented.

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

5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the submittal of an offer for the purchase of 20.31 Acres as presented and attached.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

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

- At the May 9th board meeting, Summer School opportunities will be shared

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

- Schneider Electric High School HVAC Update
 - Project status update
 - HVAC Construction Documents
 - Health & Safety Plan
- 2022-2023 K-12 Proposed Senate Budget
- Legislative Update – 4/15/2022
 - House School Safety Task Force
 - Supreme Court Case: Kennedy vs. Bremerton (School Prayer)
- Elementary Art Scholarship
- November Election – 3 board seats expiring – Deadline to apply July 26, 2022
 - Daniel Deshetsky
 - Cory Mabery
 - Patrick Henne
- Facilities Update – Jeff Drayton

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Closed Session –

Personnel Issue

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:40 pm for the purpose of a personnel issue.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

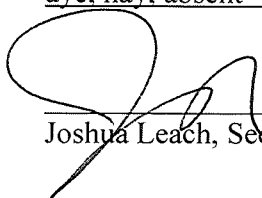
Return to Open Session – 9:00 pm

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

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Mabery aye Howell aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Leach, supported Mabery by the Board of Education adjourn at 9:05 pm

Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye
aye, nay, absent – Motion Carried



Joshua Leach, Secretary