

**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, October 10, 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  
Joshua Leach, Secretary – absent  
Jason Cullin, Trustee  
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee  
Patrick Henne, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Facilities & Operations
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Dane Terauds	Middle School Principal
	Jennifer Lowe	Middle School Assistant Principal
	Theresa Rae	Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	Elementary Assistant Principal

**Community Members – 4**

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

**Student Report –**

Ethan Davis, the district's high school Board of Education Student Representative, gave an update to the BOE which included the following: Homecoming was a huge success with over 600 attending the dance, Fall Play will be "Little Shop of Horrors", National Honor Society applications now available, 3 college visits are happening this week, Parent Teacher conferences are next Tuesday and Thursday. Ethan also gave a quick update on the success of the football team and volleyball team as well.

**Presentations –**

Schneider Electric HVAC Update -- Scott Russell from Schneider Electric gave a brief update of the HVAC updates at the High School.

National Principal's Month – On behalf of the board, Daniel Deshetsky read the “State of Michigan Certificate of Proclamation” from Governor Whitmer honoring the phenomenal work that all of our principals do.

Smart Lab – John Spicko from Smart Labs gave a presentation regarding the Elementary and Ruth Fox Smart Lab and Studio.

### **Board Committee Reports**

Daniel Deshetsky gave a brief report on the October 5, 2022 finance committee meeting.

**Comments from the Public** – No Comments

### **Consent Agenda -**

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the September 26, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Review of the September Account Payables in the amount of \$472,252.10, Review of the September Food Service Bills in the amount of \$39,451.59, and Review of the September Financial Report.

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

### **Items for Discussion/Action –**

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve adding a Dean of Students position at North Branch Elementary.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Heather Fantin as a Dean of Students at North Branch Elementary.

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

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the second reading & adoption of North Branch Policies September 2022 Volume 37 Number 1.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the Smart Labs HQ proposal & the Smart Lab Studio Proposal for NB Elementary and Ruth Fox Middle School.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve 2015 Debt Retirement Interest Payment in the amount of \$475,750.00.

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

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve 2016 Debt Retirement Interest Payment in the amount of \$80,938.70.

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve 2020 Debt Retirement Interest Payment in the amount of \$81,204.92

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

**Communications -**

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

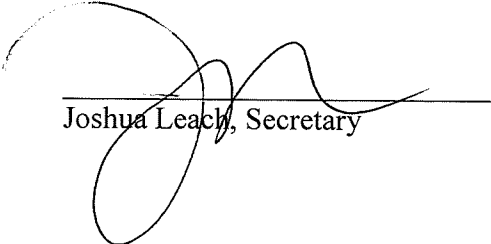
- Shared the full page add
- Post Cards
- JAM sessions at each building

**Comments from the Public – No Comment**

**Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.**

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education adjourn at 9:00 pm.

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



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Joshua Leach, Secretary

