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, February 13, 2023 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 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Joshua Leach, Trustee – arrived at 7:04 p.m.
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Theresa Rae	Elementary Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Facilities
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 25

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

Student Report – None

Presentations –
Attorney, Tim Denney from Rickard, Denney, Garno, Leichliter & Childers Law Firm shared that through Lou Adams estate he has blessed the school with 1 million dollars. $500,000 is specifically for educational programs and equipment and $500,000 is specifically for student scholarships

Business Professionals of America (BPA) –
11 BPA students shared a recap of all of the activities and accomplishments and entertained questions from the board. Mrs. Anderson shared that 25 members are in the BPA club, 20 students attended regionals and brought home 13 medals.

Board Committee Reports –
Mr. Henne reviewed the minutes from the Finance Committee on January 31, 2023. The committee reviewed the following:

- Facility Updates – HVAC
- Generator Options
- Police Liaison
- Renewal Leases on copy Machines
- Possible paving of Elm Creek Road between Jefferson and Lake Pleasant

Finance Committee (2/9/2023 at 7:10 am)
Mr. Henne reviewed the minutes from the Finance Committee on February 9, 2023. The committee reviewed the following:

- Facility Updates – HVAC
- Update on Generator Options
- Update on Police Liaison
- RFMS Playground Proposal
- Reviewed District Grants
- Reviewed Revised Budget

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 January 23, 2023 regular meeting minutes, review the January Accounts Payables in the amount of $ 1,298,934.53, review the January Food Service Bills in the amount of $62,059.31 and review the January Financial Report.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Trisha Colgan as a 7-hour Paraprofessional at the Elementary School.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Jody Hebberd as a 7-hour Paraprofessional at the High School.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the Class of 2024 Senior Trip to New York.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the purchase of Playground equipment for Ruth Fox Middle School including $10,000 for site prep and mulch for a total not to exceed $113,141.70.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the Board of Education acknowledge the Feb. 2023 ELA & Math Goals & Benchmark Assessment Progress Report for grades 3-8 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Leach the Board of Education approves the 2022-2023 Budget Amendment.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

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

- Spirit Week – February 6-10
- Penny Wars – February 6-16
- Count day & Popsicle Party – February 8
- LEAF Deposit Day – February 9
- Daddy/Daughter Dance – February 10
- NO School – February 17 & 20
- Popcorn Day – February 24
- Broncos 5x5: Future Broncos Literacy Workshop – February 28
- Spring Break – March 24 – April 2
- March is Reading Month
- February Core Value Respect
- BK/K Parent Orientation – April 13 @ 6:30

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

- 2nd Quarter Report Cards
- RFMS Spirit Week – 2/6-2/10
- 5/6 Activity Night – February 8
- 7/8 Valentines Dance – February 10
- Count Day – Hat Day/Dress like a Celebrity Day
- 7th Grade Class Trip – Last Call
- South Bend Coding School – February Cohort
- Veterans Celebration
- Space Camp Application available
- Classroom Spotlights
    - Mrs. Sherrieb's Science Class- Dr. Pender from OptiCare Vision Centers in Lapeer volunteered to help the class dissect sheep eyes
    - Mrs. Buchanan's Barbie Bungee Drop – 8th Grade algebra students collected data, created scatter plots, drew lines of fit, wrote equations, and used the information to attempt to give Barbie a safe yet thrilling drop

- Young Author – Kayleigh Sudbury
- February Core Value – Respect
- Valentines Palooza
- Upcoming Dates
    - February 8 – Count Day – Hat Day
    - February 8 – 5/6 Activity Night
    - February 10 – 7/8 Dance
    - February 17 & February 20 – No School
- RFMS Student Spotlight – March 9

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

- NBHS Model United Nations Team – 9th annual Metro Detroit Model UN competition – January 7th at Walled Lake Western High School
- NBHS Performing Arts- Participated in the Mid-Michigan Theater Arts Festival – Jan 27-28 at Essexville-Garber HS
- Four members from our music program preformed in the MSBOS District #3 Honors Band – January 28 at Holly High School
- NBHS 9th Grade Health Class Students received training in the Heimlich Maneuver, CPR & AED use
- NBHS Ed-Tech Students Awarded in the Nursing Careers, Marketing & Entrepreneurship & Digital Media & IT Net
- Counselor's Corner
    - College Athletics/ NCAA & NAIA Eligibility
    - Resources to Assist Student in PSAT and SAT Preparation – available
- Snow coming Spirit Week – Feb 6 – 11
- Seniors – FAFSA help

Mr. Hiltunen, Quest Principal, informed the board of the following:

- Touring Job Corps Campus in Flint – March
- Hosting the 11th Annual TASL Dodgeball Championship – March
- Kayla's Kindness Challenge – Winner this month will receive a free senior photo shoot

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

- HVAC Update
- New Truck Purchase
- Carpet for Quest

Mrs. Wierbicki, Director of Special Education, informed the board of the following:

- Special Olympics Basketball – March 15 @ High School from 10am – 1pm

Mr. Brown, Director of Technology, informed the board of the following:

- E-Rate Update

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

- February JAM Session
- Building Future Broncos: 5 By 5
- Holocaust Survivor, Irene Miller, Speaking at the NBHS Auditorium – May 4
- Ruth Fox Middle School Student Spotlight
- SmartLab HQ & SmartLab Studio Update
- 2023-2024 NBHS Academic Planning

- National School Counseling Week – February 6-10
- ETS Testing Reminder – Feb 28, March 21 & April 25 – this test is a requirement for paraprofessional roles within the district
- District Annual Education Report
- Project Based Learning Grant Opportunity
- 2022-2023 – After School Support Opportunities
- Essential Instructional Practices for Early Mathematics
- NCTM Mathematical Practice – Based modules for Teams
- NBAS new Teacher mentor/mentee professional development series
- Lapeer County ISD's new Teacher professional Development series for 2022-2023
- Environmental Fridays for High School Students
- Tech Bytes
- Mojo Help desk
- Books, Podcasts & More

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

- Smart Labs
- Waste Management Contract
- Police Liaison update
- Elm Creek Paving
- Therapy Dog
- Free Air Purifiers & filters
- Practice field and barn – drawings in tomorrow

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:37 pm. for the purpose of AFSCME Negotiations.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 8:46 pm

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education adjourn at 9:04 pm
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary

NORTH BRANCH AREA SCHOOLS

A RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022-2023

Moved By: Henne, Supported By: Leach

Be it resolved, that this resolution shall approve the general appropriations budget amendment of North Branch Schools for the fiscal year 2022-2023 to make appropriations; to provide for the Area expenditure of the appropriations; and to provide for the disposition of all income received by the North Branch Area Schools.

Be it further resolved, that in accordance with the truth in budgeting act, the Board of Education will levy 18 mills of ad valorem property tax on non-homestead property for the purpose of funding general operations.

Be it further resolved, that no Board of Education member or employee of the school district shall expend any funds or obligate the expenditure of any fund except pursuant to appropriations made by the Board of Education. Any changes in the amount appropriated by the Board shall require approval of the Board.

Be it further resolved, that the Superintendent of Schools is hereby charged with the supervision and execution of the budget adopted by the Board.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: Mabery, Howell, Deshetsky, Leach, Henne, Cullin, Hoebeke

Nays: None

Resolution Adopted

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell
Board of Education Secretary

February 13, 2023