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 27, 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 7:01 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 - absent Joshua Leach, Trustee Jason Cullin, Trustee - absent Maria Hoebeke, Trustee - absent

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources

Community Members – 1

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Leach aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – Mr. Fish shared the report for Ethan Davis, Student Representative:

- There are 18 school days before spring break
- Counseling Department
  - College visits
  - After School Support Groups
- Drama Department is working on the new play
- Business Professionals of America
  - Brew Open -Monday – Friday
  - State Convention competition – March 9 – 12 in Grand Rapids
- Student Council – Gearing up for Teacher Appreciation Week after spring break
- National Honor Society – Blood Drive on March 8
- NBHS will host the MSBOA Band & Orchestra District Festival is on March 3
- Prom – April 22
- Winter sports wrapping up
  - Both Wrestling & Bowling teams competed in Regionals
- Spring Sports are right around the corner

Presentations – none

Board Committee Reports –
Mr. Mabery reviewed the minutes from the Facilities Committee on February 22, 2023. The committee reviewed the following:

- Storage Barn Addition
- HVAC Repairs at the High School
- RF/Elem Room Modification – Not moving forward at this time due to only one quote

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

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the February 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education nominates Cindy Mitchell as the 2023 Friend of Youth
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Leach aye, Henne aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the 3-year AFSCME contract (23-24, 24-25, 25-26) as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education come to a consensus nominating Richard E. Hill to be the Region 5 MASB 2023 Board of Directors candidate.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

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

- Facilities Update
  - HVAC at the High School
  - RFMS/NBE Classroom partitions
  - New Truck Purchase
  - Carpeting at Quest & RFMS
  - NBE/RFMS Smart Labs
  - Ruth Fox Playground Purchase
- Special Olympics – March 15
  - Cheryl Bartel is looking for grants to start a NB Unified Special Olympics team which would compete against other schools in Basketball and Volleyball
- School Resource Officer Grant Program
  - NBAS, Lakeville and LCISD received this grant
- Elm Creek Road Paving
  - Waiting on figures from the county to determine if we should move forward
- Therapy Dog at the North Branch Elementary
- Practice Field Restrooms & New Storage Barn Quotes
- Senate Bill 63 passed Senate Education Committee Vote 6-1 and goes to full Senate for approval

- March is Reading Month with activities going on in all buildings
- Called Priority Waste and they no longer service North Branch
- Upcoming Calendar
    - Tuesday, February 28: Broncos 5x5 Parent/Child Workshop at NBE
    - United Methodist Church Charity Dinner – Quest Building 4:30 – 8:00 pm
    - Girls' Basketball District Semi-Finals at Cros-Lex vs. Caro/Almont winner at 5:30 pm on Wednesday, March 1st. District Finals on Friday at 7:30 pm. If NB wins Districts, Regionals on Tuesday, March 7th at Yale High School vs. most likely Lake Fenton (22-0)
    - High School Robotics Competition at Kettering University this week
    - MSBOA District Band & Orchestra Festival at NBHS on Friday with North Branch playing at 8:50 pm
    - North Branch High School will host Boys' District Basketball Tournament
    - Curriculum Meeting on March 7th in Central Office Conference Room at 5:30 pm
    - BPA State Convention in Grand Rapids March 9-12
    - E-Rate Bid Opening on Friday, March 10 at 1 pm
    - Mother/Son Dance at NBE on March 10
    - Special Olympics at NBHS on March 15
    - NBEA Negotiations on March 15 at 4:15 pm
    - Parent/Teacher Conferences on March 15 in all Buildings

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:34 pm. for the purpose of NBEA Negotiations.
Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 7:40 pm

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education adjourn at 8:06 pm
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary