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, March 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 – arrived at 7:06 pm
Patrick Henne, Treasurer
Cheryl Howell, Secretary – arrived at 7:16 pm
Joshua Leach, Trustee - absent
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:10 pm

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

Community Members – 10

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

Student Report – Ethan Davis, Student Representative, informed the board of the following:

- Introduced Nick Caldwell that may be next year's Student Representative
- Spring Break – March 24-31
- Testing at the High School – 4/12 & 13
- Drama's next production – 4/13-15
- The Brew – open Monday & Friday
    - Money raised helped pay for State Competition
    - Jaycleen Thrasher placed 1st in payroll Accounting & Fundamentals of Accounting and will not go on to compete at the national level.
- Student Council is preparing for Teacher's Appreciation Week
- North Branch hosted MSBOA Band & Orchestra District Festival
    - The band took home straight ones & will go on to play at the state level
- Parent/Teacher Conferences – 3/16 from 4 – 8pm
- Prom – April 22 at Solitude Links
- Baccalaureate – May 21
- Swing Out – May 24

- Graduation & Project Graduation – May 31
- Spring Sports tryouts & Practices starting

Presentations –
North Branch Athletics Memorabilia Presentation -
On behalf of the Griffin family, Charles Griffin donated a shadow box frame with memorabilia from Dick Griffin's baseball career and shared the history behind it.

HS Robotics –
The Robotics team with Coach David Kittell demonstrated the abilities of this year's robot. They also shared information on competitions and building processes. The team then entertained questions from the board.

Instructional Coaches Update-
Kirstin Fish, Kerry Rose, Cindy Lewis and Allison Brown shared the many events that are currently happening and future plans with literacy and math.

Board Committee Report
Mrs. Howell reviewed the minutes from the Curriculum Committee Meeting on March 7, 2023. The committee reviewed the following:

- 5 Year Curriculum Plan
- Smart Lab Update
- Lou Adams donation for Educational Programs
- Early Literacy
- Possible Ag Science Program

Comments from the Public – None

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the February 27, 2023 regular meeting minutes, Review of the February Account Payables in the amount of $ 699,458.93, Review of the February Food Service Bills in the amount of $ 94,708.89, Reviewed the February Financial Report and Acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Elementary Teacher, Diane Smielewski and Acknowledge the resignation of Ruth Fox Teacher, Olivia Bosch with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the employment of Michele Alexander as a Special Education Teacher at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education adopt the resolution to consider designation of electoral representative for June 5, 2023 biennial election as presented and attached.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

The board had a consensus to start an exploratory committee for an Ag Science Program.

Communications -

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

- Semester One Honor Roll
- Bailey Gormley signed with St. Clair Community College to play basketball & study Early Education
- Dylan Schmidt signed with Adrian College to play football
- Natasha Bickel signed with Spring Arbor University to play Volleyball & study business
- Girls Basketball – 2022-23 BWAC League Champions
- 5 Wrestlers qualify to MHSAA Individual Regionals- Kaden Brokaw, Cruz Rodriguez, Logan Pung, Martin & Mason Knight
- NB Athletic Department unveils the NEW Billy the Bronco Mascot
- 2022 MHSAA Division II State Championship Title Banner for Volleyball was installed
- Snow coming King Trey Hebberd & Queen Courtney Ludescher
- Senior News
    - Scholarships
    - Senior Trip
    - Class Shirts available
- NBHS hosted – MSBOA Band & Orchestra District Festival
- The Brew – open Mondays & Fridays
- Parent-Teacher Conferences – Thursday, March 16
- Counseling Department
    - Working on 2023-2024 schedules
    - Early College Parent Informational Meeting- 3/16
    - Support Groups with the Social Worker, Mrs. Clouse
- Drama Performances – April 13, 14 & 15

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

- Thursday, March 9th – 5 – 7pm – Ruth Fox Student Spotlight
- March is Reading Month
- Spelling Bee Winners
- Veterans Celebration
- 7/8 Grade Parent Teacher Conferences – March 16
- 8th Grade Parent Informational Meeting – March 16
- 8th Grade Career Event Trip – 3/15
- Classroom Spotlights
    - Mrs. Sherrieb's 7th Grade science class – The wonders of digestion
    - Mrs. McNulty's advisory students – Be the "I" in Kind
- March Core Value – Forgiveness

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

- March Important Dates
    - 3/2 – Core Essentials Assembly for grades 3 & 4
    - 3/3 – Make-up Popcorn Day
    - 3/9 – PTC Meeting
    - 3/16 – Parent Teacher Conferences
    - 3/13-21 – Cereal Drive
    - 3/20-21 – Hearing and Vision Screening of BK students
    - 3/23 – Popcorn Day
    - 3/24 – 4/2 – Spring Break
- American Heart Association – Kick off the Kid's Heart Challenge

- Embryology in the Classroom – Jodi Conley & Sarah Sieradzki
- Bow-ties & Bling – Mother & Son Dance – 3/10
- March is Reading Month
- 100th Day Smarter Celebrated
- Broncos: 5 by 5 – What does your future Bronco need to know? 2/28 & 3/16
- National Children's Dental Health Month
- LEAF Savings Program
- KCBY Students – learning about the connection between sound and vibration
- Sovita Credit Union "Yes to People" grant winners
    - Ms Knox - $100
    - Mrs Hyde - $100
- March Core Value – Forgiveness

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

- E-Rate will be on the 4/10/23 Board Agenda

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

- Class Room Partitions - Reposting bid
- Update on Propane Bus Repair
- Practice Fields

Mrs. Montgomery, Director of Finance & Human Resources, informed the board of the following:

- 98c Update

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

- Smart Labs update
    - Delivery of equipment soon

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

- Mr. Drayton checking into a grant for free water testing
- Additional bus route will be added after spring break
- Eight Ruth Fox students were chosen as Space Camp Winners
- Lapeer Optimist Club committed to donating $10,000 for RFMS playground updates
- Elm Creek Paving Update
- HS Band received straight 1's and now heading to States
- Pathways to Potential update
- Special Olympics

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.
Break – 8:51 pm
Back in Session – 9:00 pm

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education enter into closed session at 9:01 pm. for the purpose of NBEA Negotiations.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 9:18 pm

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 9:38 pm
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Henne aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary