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, December 11, 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 -- absent
Cheryl Howell, Secretary
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:06 p.m.
Andrew Hebberd, 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
	Brooke Polcik	High School Assistant Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Jennifer Lowe	Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal
	Theresa Rae	Elementary School Principal
	Nik Hopp	Elementary School Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Facilities
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology

Community Members – 96

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – None

Presentations

- **PATS Award – Isabella Blais**
- **MAEO Award to Masonic Lodge & Masonic Lodge Donation to Quest**
- **Kids Helping Kids – 2nd grade holiday food drive for NB Food Bank**
- **HOBY Youth Leadership Conference – Nicholas Caldwell**

Board Committee Report – None

Comments from the Public – None

Consent Agenda –

Moved by Howell, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the November 27, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the November Account Payables in the amount of $ 1,187,497.26, review of the November Food Service Bills in the amount of $124,624.39, review of the November Financial Update and acknowledge the resignation of High School Teacher, Alison Reed, with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 NBAS School Calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the recommendation for Probation and Tenure as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Break – 8:07 p.m.
Back in Session – 8:13 p.m.

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:07 pm for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 8:51 p.m.

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

President Deshetsky read the consensus summary with the overall rating of 94% which is Highly Effective

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky that North Branch Area Schools Board of Education adopt the year-end evaluation for James Fish, NBAS Superintendent, as highly effective
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 9:15 pm
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary