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, January 8, 2024 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
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee -- absent

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

Community Members – 0

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell to close nominations for President and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Daniel Deshetsky.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne to close nominations for Vice-President and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Cory Mabery.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery to close nominations for Treasurer and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Patrick Henne.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin to close nominations for Secretary and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Cheryl Howell.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

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

Student Report – none

Presentation - none

Board Committee Reports –
Facilities Committee Meeting (1/5/24) – Cory Mabery shared the notes from the facilities committee meeting and entertained questions from the board.

Policy Committee Meeting (1/8/24) – Pat Henne shared his notes from the policy committee meeting and entertained questions from the board.

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 December 11, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the December Account Payables in the amount of $939,355.24, review of the December Food Service Bills in the amount of $63,113.29, review of the December Financial Report and acknowledge the resignations of Ruth Fox Middle School Cook, Tammy Clements, Ruth Fox Middle School Teacher, Jordan Morrow, and High School Aide, Kristie Coman with regret and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Lindsay Travis as a Ruth Fox Middle School teacher.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the regular meeting dates for 2024 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the Board of Education adopt the 2024 District/Superintendent shared goals as stated:

1. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will teach, measure, and continuously improve instruction aligned with state standards for increased student achievement and College and Career readiness.
2. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students by adopting and executing a budget that prioritizes teaching and learning in a safe environment while improving the district's financial stability.
3. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will validate the importance of every staff member as critical to the success of the district and will maintain partnerships of integrity and trust within the North Branch Community.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the designation of Thrun Law Firm for the district's legal counsel, the firm of Taylor Butterfield PC of Lapeer for all real estate transactions and other local matters.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education entertain the 1st reading of NB Board Policies – Special Update – November 2023 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the bid from NKJ Building LLC for a storage pole barn building addition not to exceed $98,611 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 7:43 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary