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 22, 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 -- absent
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Lori Wierbicki	Special Education Supervisor
	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

Community Members – 1

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

Student Report – none

Presentation – Board Appreciation Month – The Leadership Team expressed their appreciation and thanked the Board for serving on the North Branch Area Schools Board of Education.

Board Committee Reports – none

Comments from the Public – none

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the January 8, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and acknowledge the resignations of North Branch Elementary Aide, Rebecca Nerkowski, and Ruth Fox Middle School Teacher, Lauren Kinsey with regrets and best wishes.

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

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Katherine Thomas as an Aide at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the employment of Katie Janes as an Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 North Branch High School Course Catalog as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education entertain the 2nd[t] reading of and adopt the NB Board Policies – Special Update – November 2023 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd 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 Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education enter into closed session at 7:59 pm for the purpose of Superintendent Contract
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 8:16 p.m.

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

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:23 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary