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 11, 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 -- absent
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:07 p.m.
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Mark Hiltunen	North Branch High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Theresa Rae	North Branch Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Asst Principal

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

Student Report – none

Presentations –
Recognition of Varsity Wrestling State Qualifiers, Martin Knight and Cruz Rodriguez
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery to adopt the resolution recognizing Martin Knight as an All State Wrestler as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Recognition of Varsity Bowling State Qualifier, Alana Deshetsky

US News & World Report recognition of North Branch Elementary & Ruth Fox Middle School

Food Service Update was provided by Kierstyn Cooper, Food Service Director

Board Committee Reports – none

Comments from the Public – none

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the February 26, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the February Account Payables in the amount of $1,097,065.33, review of the February Food Service Bills in the amount of $65,772.36, and review of the February Financial Report as presented.
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 Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Hunter Robinson as a Special Education Teacher effective with the 2024/2025 school year contingent upon completing the requirements for his Bachelor's degree in teaching and submitting for a Michigan teaching certificate.
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 Cullin, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Chelsie Armstrong as a 7 hour Paraprofessional at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the employment of Jessica Kunz as a 3.5 hour Aide/Cashier at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Patrick Riley as a Counselor at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristina LaBarge as a College & Career Advisor at North Branch High School effective with the 2024/2025 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:16 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary