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, April 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 – arrived at 7:04 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 Brown	Director of Technology
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Facilities
	Mark Hiltunen	North Branch High School Principal

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

Student Report – none

Presentations –

- **PATS Award – Keighan Alexander**
- **Schneider Electric HVAC Savings Update**
- **Dean Transportation Update**

Board Committee Reports –

- Curriculum Committee (April 2, 2024)
- Finance Committee (April 4, 2024)

Comments from the Public – none

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the March 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the March Account Payables in the amount of $1,097,575.40, review of the March Food Service Bills in the amount of $96,619.10, and review of the March Financial Report, acknowledge the resignation for retirement of

North Branch High School Principal, Mark Hiltunen, with regrets and best wishes and acknowledge the resignation of Ruth Fox Middle School Teacher, Anthony Lechota, as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2015 debt retirement principal & interest payment in the amount of $1,846,000, the 2016 debt retirement principal & interest in the amount of $3,487,890.25 and the 2020 debt retirement interest payment in the amount of $81,204.93.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

The board reviewed and discussed the 5 year Plan Updates for Athletics, Curriculum, Facilities and Technology.

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the purchase of 40 BenQ Boards not to exceed $147,660 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 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.

The Superintendent provided an Informal Update to the Board of Education.

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education adjourn at 8:51 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