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 9, 2024 in the boardroom 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 -- absent
Cory Mabery, Vice President
Patrick Henne, Treasurer
Cheryl Howell, Secretary
Jason Cullin, Trustee – arrived at 7:02 p.m.
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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Theresa Rae	North Branch Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal

Community Members – 129

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Henne the North Branch Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – Nicholas Caldwell and Ashlyn Pasternak, 12th Graders at NBHS, gave report on high school student activities

Presentations –

Kids Helping Kids Presentation - 2nd grade
STEM Class Passion Project Presentations – 4th grade

Board Committee Reports – Finance Committee Meeting – Pat Henne updated the Board of Education on the finance committee meeting that was held on December 9, 2024.

Comments from the Public – relating to agenda items -- none

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the November 25, 2024 regular meeting minutes, review of the November Account Payables in the amount of $973,791.09, review of the November Food Service

bills in the amount of $97,304.45, review of the November Financial Update and acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Patti Martin, North Branch Elementary ECSE teacher with regrets and best wishes, the resignation of Chelsie Armstrong, High School paraprofessional, and Katherine Thomas, high school aide as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Laura Vargo-Caldwell as a 7 hour literacy paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hoebeke, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the tentative 2025-2026 NBAS School Calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the recommendation for probation/tenure as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve to seek bids for the high school alarm system replacement.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the 2024-2025 Budget Revision #1 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – NBE Principal, RFMS Principal, high school principal gave updates on student activities and events. Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction gave district updates.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary