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, February 10, 2025 in the boardroom located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:01 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
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal

Community Members – 2

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

Student Report – none

Presentations –
AI Presentation

Board Committee Reports – Finance Committee Meeting held on February 5, 2025 -- Daniel Deshetsky updated the Board of Education on the refinance/sale of the 2015 refunding bonds and the savings this created for the district's long-term debt.

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the January Accounts Payables in the amount of $956,991.30, review of the January Food Service bills in the amount of $109,761.96, review of the January Financial update, and acknowledge the resignation of Nancy Welch, North Branch Elementary aide 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 Cullin, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the employment of Nicole Watz as a 7 hour Special Education Paraprofessional at Ruth Fox Middle School.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the employment of Barbara Wildey as a 2.5 hour Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2026 Band trip to New York City as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye,
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education nominate Jack Miles the 2025 Friend of Youth.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye,
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve to seek bids for the replacement of the High School Alarm System.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

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

Communications – The high school principal gave updates on student activities and events including that student, Samantha Wagner is a National Merit finalist. In addition, the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction gave district updates.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Meeting break at 8:31 p.m.

Back in session at 8:35 p.m.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:36 p.m. for the purpose of NBEA negotiations discussion.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

The board returned to open session at 9:13 p.m.

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 9:15 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary