BOARD OF EDUCATION
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The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, March 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 7:00 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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Lori Wierbicki	Special Education Supervisor

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

Student Report – Nicholas Caldwell, senior at North Branch High School, updated the Board on high school activities.

Presentations
Recognition of Varsity Wrestling Team and State Qualifiers
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery, the Board of Education approve the resolution as presented
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

AI Presentation – Amber White and Cindy Lewis presented to the Board of Education

Board Committee Reports
Finance Committee Meeting held on March 6, 2025 -- Daniel Deshetsky updated the Board of Education on the High School Fire Alarm bid.

Policy Committee meeting held on March 10, 2025 – Pat Henne reviewed the Neola Update

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the February 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the February Accounts Payables in the amount of $898,830.40, review of the February Food Service bills in the amount of $69,032.87, review of the February Financial update, and acknowledge the resignation for retirement of Cheryl Barrows, North Branch Elementary teacher 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 Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Olivia Simmonds as an Early Childhood Special Education Teacher at North Branch Elementary contingent upon obtaining the required teaching certification.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

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

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education entertain the 1st reading of the NB Board Policies – Volume 3, No. 2 – February 2025, as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye,
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the bid from Sonitrol for the High School Fire Alarm replacement in the amount of $146,935.30 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne 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 and shared a listing of other North Branch High School finalists from past years. In addition, the Superintendent, Director of Finance and Human Resources, and the 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 8:55 p.m.

Back in session at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education enter into closed session at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of NBEA negotiations discussion.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

The board returned to open session at 9:25 p.m.

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

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education adjourn at 9:27 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary