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, April 14, 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
	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
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology

Community Members – 9

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell 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 -- none

Board Committee Reports
Finance Committee Meeting held on March 24, 2025 -- Daniel Deshetsky provided update
Long Range Facility Planning Committee Meeting held on April 9, 2025 – Cory Mabery provided update
Curriculum Committee Meeting held on April 14, 2025 – Cheryl Howell provided update

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the March 10, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the March Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,047,307.01, review of the March Food Service bills in the amount of $132,268.67, review of the March Financial update, and acknowledge the resignations of Daniel Chisholm, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher and Amy Running, high school secretary, and acknowledge the resignations for retirement purposes of Rosanna Jolicoeur and Debra Franks, high school paraprofessionals 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 Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristen Rinehart as a Ruth Fox Middle School ELA teacher effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
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 Henne the Board of Education approve the employment of Brianne McGrath, as a North Branch High School Spanish teacher effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
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 Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the commemoration and naming of the North Branch High School Varsity baseball field as the Chuck Jacobson Baseball Field.
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 Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2015 debt retirement principal and interest payment in the amount of $1,465,750.00, and the 2020 debt retirement principal and interest payment in the amount of $731,204.93.
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 Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education adopt the NB Board Policies Volume 39, No. 2 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 Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the ratification of the 2025-2027 NBEA Master Agreement as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 NBAS School Calendar as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The high school principal gave updates on student activities and events. 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.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 9:16 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