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, June 9, 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 -- absent
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee-- absent
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Theresa Rae	North Branch Elementary Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology

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Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
5aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – none

Presentations –
Model UN – Mr. Forster introduced the team and they spoke about their season.

Varsity Baseball – Mr. Deshetsky read the 2025 NB Varsity Baseball team resolution and then Coach Mitchell introduced the team and spoke about their season accomplishments.
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education acknowledge and adopt the resolution for the 2025 North Branch Varsity Baseball team as presented and attached.

Varsity Boys Track – Mr. Deshetsky read the 2025 NB Varsity Boys Track team resolution and then Coach Castle introduced the team and spoke about their season accomplishments and journey to winning the State Title.
Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education acknowledge and adopt the resolution for the 2025 North Branch Varsity Boys Track team as presented and attached.

Varsity Boys Golf – Mr. Margrif introduced Jacob Gohsman, a freshman at North Branch High School and spoke about his season accomplishments including being an individual state qualifier.

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Howell, the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the May 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the May Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,011,577.72, review of the May Food Service bills in the amount of $123,606.96, review of the May Financial Report, acknowledged the resignation for retirement purposes of NBAS Early Childhood Coordinator, Leann Gwinn with regrets and best wishes, acknowledge the resignations of High School teacher, Michelle Cobb, acknowledge the resignation of High School teacher, Mariah Studer, acknowledge the resignation of Ruth Fox Middle School aide, Kristi Hare, acknowledge the resignation of Quest High School cook, Anne Evans, acknowledge the resignation of North Branch Elementary aide, Jenna Allen.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the employment of Kelly Brennan as a teacher at North Branch Elementary effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Jennifer Betts as a 5th grade teacher at Ruth Fox Middle School contingent upon obtaining the required teaching certification with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the employment of Lydia Oppenheim as ELA teacher at North Branch High School effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Paul Skinner as an ELA teacher at North Branch High School effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Elizabeth Clements as a 7 hour special education paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Barbara Leonard as a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) teacher at the North Branch Early Learning Center effective with the 2025-2026 school year
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Michelle Wilkie as a Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP) teacher at the North Branch Early Learning Center effective with the 2025-2026 school year
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve and adopts the 2025-2026 MHSAA Membership Resolution as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve that Kristina Hathcock, Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) for North Branch Area Schools, be recommended to the LCISD Board of Education for a 3-year term.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery to the Board of Education approve the 2025-2026 8th grade Washington DC trip as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The High School Principal, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal, and the Elementary Principal each gave updates on the student end of year activities and events that occurred at their buildings. In addition, the Superintendent and the Director of Curriculum and Instruction gave district updates. The Superintendent thanked Principals for a great year.

Comments from the Public – The Board of Education entertained comments from the Public.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:54 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary