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 23, 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—arrived at 7:14pm	
	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

Community Members – 9

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

Student Report – none

Presentations –
State Solo and Ensemble Band Recognition – Mr.Ehardt introduced the band members and they spoke about their performances and achievements.

Board Committee Reports --
Finance Committee Meeting held on June 18, 2025 -- Daniel Deshetsky provided updates.

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the June 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented, and acknowledge the resignation of Cindy Howe, North Branch High School 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 Cullin, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the employment of Rebecca Schlund as a Mental Health Therapist for North Branch High School and Ruth Fox Middle School effective with the 2025-2026 school year.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Alicia McPherson 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: Cullin aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve Krislene Kemp a one-year unpaid employment leave for educational purposes during the 2025-2026 school year as requested.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Chicago, Illinois on October 3, 2025 for the North Branch Varsity Volleyball team as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve and adopt the General Appropriations Budget Amendment #2 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve and adopt the General Appropriations Budget (without a State of Michigan adopted budget for 7/1/2025) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The High School Principal and Superintendent gave updates.

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The Board Members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education enter into a closed session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of a superintendent contract.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session: 9:07 p.m.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the superintendent contract as present.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 9:09 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary