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, August 11, 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 7:03 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 – absent
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Lori Wierbicki	Special Education Supervisor
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Brooke Martin	North Branch High School Assistant Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Jennifer Lowe	Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal
	Theresa Rae	North Branch Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal

Community Members – 0

Moved by Mabery, 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, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – none

Presentations – The Knights of Columbus presented a donation check to North Branch Area Schools from their annual Tootsie Roll drive. The Board of Education expressed their gratitude.

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -
Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the July 28, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the July Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,429,792.07, review of the July Food Service Bills in the amount of $334.64, acknowledge the resignations of Andrea Murphy, North Branch Elementary aide, Kristin Johnson, Ruth Fox Middle School paraprofessional, Lindsay Travis, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher, and Michele Alexander, North Branch Elementary teacher as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –
Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Rachel Bennett as a 5th grade ELA and Social Studies teacher at Ruth Fox Middle School.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Katherine Allen as a Social Worker at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Brenda Butterfield as a 6.25 hour Cook at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Heather Johnson as a 2.50 hour aide/cashier at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Brionna Cline as a 2.50 hour lunch/recess aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Crystal Nagayda as a 2.50 hour lunch/ recess aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Dawn Hazelwood as a 2.50 hour lunch/recess aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the North Branch Early Learning Center Staff and Parent Handbook, and the 2025-2026 GSRP Handbooks as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the North Branch High School Class of 2027 senior trip to Orlando, Florida as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetskey the North Branch Board of Education approve and adopt the 2025-2026 District Continuous Improvement Plan as Presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd 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 student accomplishments, summer activities at their building and also beginning of the new school year activities that will be occurring at their buildings. In addition, the Superintendent and gave district updates.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 8:00 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary