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, October 13, 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--absent
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary--absent
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal

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

Student Report – None

Presentations – 2025 Space Camp Presentation
Instructional Coaches Presentation

Board Committee Reports – Policy Committee Meeting (October 13, 2025) – Patrick Henne informed the board of the Neola board policy updates.

Comments from the Public relating to agenda items -- none

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Henne the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of September 22, 2025 regular meeting minutes, review of the September Accounts Payables in the amount of $597,949.29, review of the September Food Service Bills in the amount of $131,115.06, review of the September Financial Update and acknowledge the resignation of Brionna Cline, Elementary Aide, and acknowledge the resignations for retirement purposes of Carrie Knox, North Branch Elementary Media Paraprofessional and Deborah Vallie, Ruth Fox Middle School Literacy Paraprofessional with regrets and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Sarah Pyzik as a 2.5 hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Karen Chapman as a 2.5 hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye,
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Huntsville, Alabama Space Camp – Summer of 2026 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2025-26 Quest High School Virtual Catalog as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education entertain and approve the 1st Reading of Neola Vol. 40, No. 1 and Special Release August 2025.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye Henne aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2020 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $77,932.18.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2025 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $373,258.32.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the purchase of a 77 passenger School Bus as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – NBHS Principal, Director of Finance & Human Resources, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and the Superintendent gave updates to the board.

Comments from the Public – The public made comments.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Closed Session - none

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke, the Board of Education adjourned at 8:56 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, 5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary