BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION **January 12, 2026**
Board Room ***Please remember to silence your cell phones during the meeting*** **7:00 p.m.**

Our Vision: Preparing every learner for success.

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
   a. **Election of Officers**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Student Report**
6. **Presentation**
   a. **High School Band Recognition**
   b. **College & Career Readiness – Kristina LaBarge**
7. **Board Committee Reports**
8. **Comments from the Public - relating to agenda items**
9. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approval of the December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes**
   b. **Review of the December Accounts Payables - $1,395,916.97**
   c. **Review of the December Food Service Bills - $95,018.67**
   d. **December Financial Update**
   e. **Acknowledge the resignation of Melissa Swoish, Student Services Coordinator**
   f. **Acknowledge the resignation for retirement purposes of Elizabeth Grzecki, RFMS Special Education teacher**
10. **Items for Discussion/Action**
    a. **Approval of the employment of an ELA teacher at North Branch High School**
    b. **Approval of the employment of a 2.5 hour lunch aide at North Branch Elementary**
    c. **Approval of the Regular Meeting Dates for 2026**
    d. **Discussion and Adoption of the 2026 District/Superintendent shared goals**
    e. **Appoint 2026 Board Committees**
    f. **Designation of Legal Counsel**
    g. **Approval of the 2026 E-Rate bid**
11. **Communications**
    a. **Principals**
    b. **Special Education Supervisor**
    c. **Director of Finance & Human Resources**
    d. **Director of Facilities & Operations**
    e. **Director of Technology**
    f. **Director of Curriculum & Instruction**
    g. **Superintendent**
12. **Items for Future Discussion/Action**
    a. **Finance Committee Meeting (suggested 1/23 or 1/26 at 7:10 a.m.)**
    b. **2025-2026 Budget Revision #1 (January 26)**
    c. **Health Advisory Committee**

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d. Esports Presentation at HS Esports lab (May 11, 2026)

13. Comments from the Public

14. Comments from Board Members

15. Closed Session

16. Other Business

17. Adjournment

Next Meeting – January 26, 2026

2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

1. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will teach, measure, and continuously improve instruction aligned with state standards for increased student achievement and College and Career readiness.
2. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students by adopting and executing a budget that prioritizes teaching and learning in a safe environment while improving the district's financial stability.
3. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will validate the importance of every staff member as critical to the success of the district and will maintain partnerships of integrity and trust within the North Branch Community.
4. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will support professional learning, teaching and integration of generative Artificial Intelligence as a way to ensure BK-12 students acquire the AI literacy skills and dispositions needed for College and Career readiness.

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