BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION **January 26, 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**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Student Report**
6. **Presentation**
   a. **School Board Recognition and Appreciation**
7. **Board Committee Reports**
   a. **Finance Committee – January 23, 2026**
8. **Comments from the Public - relating to agenda items**
9. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approval of the January 12, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
   b. **Acknowledge the resignation of Jennifer Lowe, Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal**
   c. **Acknowledge the resignation of Jodi Hebberd, paraprofessional at North Branch High School**
   d. **Acknowledge the resignation for retirement purposes of Sara Hyde, teacher at North Branch Elementary**
   e. **Acknowledge the resignation for retirement purposes of Sheri Cloutier, paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary**
10. **Items for Discussion/Action**
    a. **Approval of the purchase of two 77 passenger School Buses**
    b. **Approval of the purchase of district chromebooks and carts**
    c. **Approval of the 2025-2026 Budget Revision #1**
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. **Friend of Youth (February 9)**
    b. **Review 5 year Plans - Curriculum, Technology & Facilities (April 13)**
    c. **Approve 5 year Plans - Curriculum, Technology & Facilities (April 27)**
    d. **Health Advisory Committee**
    e. **Literacy Coaches Presentation (May 11)**
    f. **Esports Presentation at HS Esports lab (May 11)**
13. **Comments from the Public**
14. **Comments from Board Members**

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15. Closed Session

16. Other Business

17. Adjournment

Next Meeting – February 9, 2026

2026 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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