BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION **February 23, 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**
7. **Board Committee Reports**
   a. **Finance Committee Meeting (02/20/2026)**
8. **Comments from the Public - relating to agenda items**
9. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approval of the February 9, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
10. **Items for Discussion/Action**
    a. **Approval of employment of a part-time Speech Pathologist**
    b. **Approval of the Dean Transportation Contract for 2026-2031**
    c. **Acknowledge the Review of Michigan Health Education Standards Guidelines & continuation of district's current approved curriculum**
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. **Long Range Facility Planning Committee Meeting (suggested March 18 or 19 @ 7 a.m.)**
    b. **Policy Committee Meeting (April 13, 6 p.m.)**
    c. **First Reading of Neola Vol. 40, No. 2 (April 13)**
    d. **Superintendent Informal Update (April 13)**
    e. **Review 5 year Plans - Curriculum, Technology & Facilities (April 13)**
    f. **Approve 5 year Plans - Curriculum, Technology & Facilities (April 27)**
    g. **2nd Reading and Adoption of Neola Vol. 40, No. 2 (April 27)**
    h. **Literacy Coaches Presentation (May 11)**
    i. **Esports Presentation at HS Esports lab (May 11)**
13. **Comments from the Public**
14. **Comments from Board Members**
15. **Closed Session**
16. **Other Business**

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17. Adjournment

Next Meeting – March 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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