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, February 9, 2026 in the boardroom located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary -- absent
	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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal

Community Members – 1

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

Student Report – Josie Greschaw, President of the National Honor's Society, updated the Board on High School activities and club events.

Presentations – none

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the January 26, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the January Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,427,598.80, review of the January Food Service bills in the amount of $70,969.78, review of the January Financial update, and acknowledge the resignation for retirement purposes of Lori Wierbicki, Special Education Supervisor and Dawn Teichow, paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary with regrets and best wishes.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Stacey Friend as a 7 hour special education paraprofessional at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education nominate Lou Adams as the 2026 Friend of Youth.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The high school principal gave updates on student activities and events. In addition, the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction gave district updates.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education adjourn at 7:57 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary