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, March 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 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President -- absent	
	Cory Mabery, Vice President	
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer	
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary	
	Jason Cullin, Trustee	
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee	
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee -- absent	
Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal

Community Members – 5

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke 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 Howell, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the February 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the February Accounts Payables in the amount of $582,709.96, review of the February Food Service bills in the amount of $115,632.32, and review of the February Financial update.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Alyssa Welling as the district's Special Education Supervisor.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The high school principal gave updates on student activities and events to the board. The Director of Technology gave technology updates to the board. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction gave district updates to the board. The Superintendent gave district updates to the board.

Comments from the Public – The Public made comments.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education enter into a closed session for the purpose of AFSCME Negotiations at 7:55 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Return to Open Session at 8:11 p.m.

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education adjourn at 8:31 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary