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, April 13, 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
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary -- absent
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Facilities
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Theresa Rae	North Branch Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal

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Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – Addison Mitchell, senior at North Branch High School, updated the Board on high school activities.

Presentations – High School Robotics – The High School Robotics presented their journey to making it to the State Competition and thanked the board for their support.

LEAF Presentation – Nancy Boxey from the Lapeer County Community Foundation presented information regarding the LEAF program at North Branch Elementary and the number of students that now have savings accounts for the future education because of it.

Board Committee Reports-- none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the March 23, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the March

Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,636,482.12, review of the March Food Service bills in the amount of $130,895.19, and review of the March Financial update.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Katy Hilgendorf as a 4 hour Special Education Secretary.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

The Board of Education reviewed the 5 year Plans for Curriculum, Technology and Facilities. The board will take action and approve the plans at the April 27, 2026 Board of Education meeting.

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2020 Debt principal and interest payment in the amount of $1,765,900.00 and the 2025 Debt principal and interest payment in the amount of $782,932.18 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The high school principal, middle school principal and elementary principal gave updates on student activities and events in their buildings. The Director of Technology and the Director of Operations & Facilities gave district updates. In addition, the Superintendent provided an Informal Update to the Board of Education.

Comments from the Public – The public made comments.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:34 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary