BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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The special meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held at 7:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18, 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 a.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

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

Community Members – 0

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

Student Report – none

Presentations – none

Board Committee Reports -- none

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

Consent Agenda - none

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Michelle Orzel as a teacher at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the employment of Arianna Toth as a teacher at North Branch Elementary contingent upon completing required teacher certification.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristen Cagle as a teacher North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the bid from Pyramid Paving & Contracting for the NBAS 2026 Asphalt Improvement Project as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The North Branch High School Principal provided updates about end of year activities and the Superintendent provided district updates to the board

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 7:28 a.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary