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, July 13, 2026 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson Road, 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 -- absent
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:08 p.m.
	Andrew Hebberd, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations and Facilities
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Shaun Brewer	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal

Community Members – 8

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

Student Report – none

Presentations – Schneider Electric Heating and Cooling Savings Presentation

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the June 22, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review the June Account payables in the amount of $663,346.39, review the June Food Service Bills in the amount of $35,294.79, and acknowledge the resignations of Kari Hall, North Branch Elementary School Teacher, Madelyn Kidder, North Branch Elementary School Teacher, Alan Margrif, Athletic Director and High School Teacher, and Aubrey McClain, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Dawn Devereaux as an ELA teacher at Ruth Fox Middle School.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the School District depositories to be Independent Bank East Michigan – North Branch, Choice One Bank, Tri-County Bank, Michigan Liquid Asset Fund Plus and PNC Bank as their 2026-2027 Depositories.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the designation of Melissa Montgomery as school election assistant and recording secretary for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 proposed fees and rental charges for the district facilities and grounds as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education acknowledge the contract with the Firm of Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the 2026 Tax Rate Request form as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education approve the renewal of the Centegix Crisis Alert/Safety Blueprint for 2027-2032 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve an increase to the district defined Capital Assets from $5,000 to $10,000 effective July 1, 2025 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve and adopt the School Bond Loan Annual Loan/Repayment Activity Application Resolution as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the 2026-27 Parent/Student Handbooks for the North Branch High School, Quest High School, Ruth Fox Middle School, North Branch Elementary School, and the North Branch Area Schools Athletic Handbook as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 North Branch Area Schools Employee Handbook as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hebberd aye Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – The High School Principal provided updates about high school activities to the Board. The Director of Curriculum and Instruction 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 Hoebeke, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 8:15 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary