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, August 10, 2026 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson Road, North Branch, Michigan.

Vice-President Mabery called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer -- absent
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee –arrived at 7:04 p.m.
	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
	Shaun Brewer	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal

Community Members – 4

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

Student Report – none

Presentations – none

Board Committee Reports – Cory Mabery updated the board on items discussed at the Long Range Facility Planning meetings that occurred August 5, 2026 and August 10, 2026.

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the July 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the July Accounts Payable disbursements in the amount of $1,452,227.95, review of the July Food Service disbursements in the amount of $171.15, and acknowledge the resignation of Austin James, Ruth Fox Middle School teacher and acknowledge the resignation of Paul Skinner, High School ELA teacher.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Mabery, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Joe McDowell as a Special Education Teacher at Ruth Fox Middle School contingent upon his pursuit of special education teacher coursework and certification.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Mindy McDowell as a 5 hour Special Education Paraprofessional at Ruth Fox Middle School,
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Candice Narrin as a 5.5 hour Special Education Paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Lukas Fortune as a 2.5 hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Kaylee Rives as a 2.5 hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – Doug Lindsay, High School Principal, provided updates to the board. Shaun Brewer, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal, provided updates to the Board. Amber White, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, provided updates to the board. Jim Fish, Superintendent, provided district updates to the board.

Comments from the Public – There was a public comment.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 7:58 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary