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 24, 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	
	Jason Cullin, Trustee	
	Maria Hoebeke, Trustee	
	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 & Facilities
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal

Community Members – 3

Moved by Mabery, 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, Hoebeke aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – none

Presentations – none – Schneider was not present, but Superintendent Fish informed the Board that Schneider is reviewing district lighting replacement needs and will provide information at a later date.

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the August 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye,
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the North Branch Board of Education approve the employment of Bryan Sahr as a Social Studies Teacher at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye. Henne aye, Cullin aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve the North Branch Early Learning Center Staff and Parent Handbook, and the 2026-27 GSRP Handbook as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the 2026-2027 Ruth Fox Middle School Virtual Learning Course Guide, the 2026-27 North Branch High School Virtual Learning Course Catalog, and the 2026-27 Quest High School Virtual Learning Course Catalog as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education approve and adopt the 2027 District Continuous Improvement Plan as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Howell the North Branch Board of Education approve and adopt the North Branch Area Schools Emergency Operations Plan as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

There was discussion of the Southern Bleacher Company, Inc. Quote for District Stadium bleacher replacement. No action taken.

Communications – The High School Principal, Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Superintendent gave updates.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:26 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
7aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary