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, September 14, 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 – absent
	Cheryl Howell, Secretary
	Jason Cullin, Trustee – absent
	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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Heather Hundt	Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal
	Nik Hopp	North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal

Community Members – 14

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

Student Report – Alysse Deshetsky, 2026-2027 North Branch High School (NBHS) Student Council Vice President, informed the Board of the student activities happening at NBHS.

Presentations - The Knights of Columbus presented a donation check to North Branch Area Schools from their annual Tootsie Roll drive. The Board of Education expressed their gratitude.

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Howell, supported by Hebberd the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the August 24, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes, review of the August Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,701,916.34 and review of the August Food Service disbursements in the amount of $33,157.55, and acknowledge the resignations of Candice Narrin, North Branch Elementary Paraprofessional, and Kaylee Rives, North Branch Elementary Aide.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Morgan Lucas as a part-time Secretary at Ruth Fox Middle School.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Kaylee Rives as a 5.5 hour Special Education Paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary.
Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications—Doug Lindsay, North Branch High School Principal, Heather Hundt, Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal and Nik Hopp, North Branch Elementary Assistant Principal, each gave updates on the school year activities that will be occurring at their buildings. The Director of Finance & Human Resources and Director of Curriculum & Instruction gave updates. In addition, the Superintendent gave district updates.

Comments from the Public – The public made comments.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourned at 8:36 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary