BOARD OF EDUCATION
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER
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AGENDA

BOARD OF EDUCATION **October 12, 2026**
Board Room ***Please remember to silence your cell phones during the meeting*** **7:00 p.m.**

Our Vision: Preparing every learner for success.

Regular Meeting

1. **Call to order**
2. **Pledge of Allegiance**
3. **Roll Call**
4. **Approval of Agenda**
5. **Student Report**
6. **Presentation**
7. **Board Committee Reports**
8. **Comments from the Public - relating to agenda items**
9. **Consent Agenda**
   a. **Approval of the September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes**
   b. **Review of the September Account Payables - $1,901,094.35**
   c. **Review of the September Food Service Bills - $113,453.22**
   d. **September Financial Update**
   e. **Acknowledge the postponement of the retirement of Melanie Pasek, North Branch High School Teacher**
10. **Items for Discussion/Action**
    a. **Approval of the employment of a 2.75 hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary**
    b. **Approval of the employment of a 7 hour special education paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary**
    c. **Approval of the overnight trip to Huntsville, Alabama for Space Camp – Summer 2027**
    d. **Approval of the North Branch Elementary Virtual Course Guide**
    e. **Approval to relinquish funds in the amount of $268 of Title III, Part A – English Learners**
    f. **Approval of the Debt Retirement Payments**
       1. **2020 Debt Retirement interest payment -- $73,325**
       2. **2025 Debt Retirement interest payment -- $256,300**
11. **Communications**
    a. **Principals**
    b. **Special Education Supervisor**
    c. **Director of Finance & Human Resources**
    d. **Director of Facilities & Operations**
    e. **Director of Technology**
    f. **Director of Curriculum & Instruction**
    g. **Superintendent**
12. **Items for Future Discussion/Action**
    a. **National Principals Month (October 26)**
    b. **Policy Committee (October 26)**
    c. **Instructional Coaches Presentation (October 26)**
    d. **Entertain the 1st Reading of Neola Vol. 40.1 & Vol. 41.1 (October 26)**
    e. **Finance Committee Meeting (November 5 @ 7:10 a.m.)**
    f. **2nd Reading and Adoption of Neola Vol. 40.1 & Vol. 41.1 (November 6)**

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g. Audit Presentation (November 9)

h. 2027-2028 School Calendar

13. Comments from the Public

14. Comments from Board Members

15. Other Business

16. Adjournment

Next Meeting – October 26, 2026

2026 BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS

1. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will teach, measure, and continuously improve instruction aligned with state standards for increased student achievement and College and Career readiness.
2. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students by adopting and executing a budget that prioritizes teaching and learning in a safe environment while improving the district's financial stability.
3. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will validate the importance of every staff member as critical to the success of the district and will maintain partnerships of integrity and trust within the North Branch Community.
4. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will support professional learning, teaching and integration of generative Artificial Intelligence as a way to ensure BK-12 students acquire the AI literacy skills and dispositions needed for College and Career readiness.

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