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 28, 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 – arrived at 7:15 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

Community Members – 1

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, Henne aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report – none

Presentations –

1. Walter Bargen from Choice One Bank presented a "Change for Kids" donation
2. District Spring 2026 Testing Data was presented by Amber White, Director of Curriculum and Instruction

Board Committee Reports – none

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

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the September 14, 2026 Regular Meeting minutes as presented
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the employment of Pat Sharrard as a 7-hour Special Education Paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Henne aye, Cullin aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Brittany Laur as a 2.75-hour lunch/recess aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the employment of Heather Rogers as a 2.75-hour lunch/recess aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Communications— The North Branch High School Principal, Doug Lindsay, gave updates on the Homecoming week activities. In addition, Melissa Montgomery, Director of Finance & Human Resources and the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Amber White, both gave updates. Superintendent, Jim Fish, gave an Informal District Update to the Board of Education.

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education adjourned at 8:41 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary