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, October 12, 2026 in the boardroom located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

Vice President Mabery called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present:	Daniel Deshetsky, President--absent
	Cory Mabery, Vice President
	Patrick Henne, Treasurer--absent
	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
	Doug Lindsay	North Branch High School Principal
	Shaun Brewer	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal

Community Members – 2

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

Student Report – Alysse Deshetsky, North Branch High School Student Council Vice President, informed the Board of the student activities happening at North Branch High School.

Presentations – none

Board Committee Reports – none

Comments from the Public relating to agenda items -- none

Consent Agenda -

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Hoebeke the North Branch Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of September 28, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes, review of the September Accounts Payables in the amount of $1,901,094.35, review of the September Food Service disbursements in the amount of $113,453.22, review of the September Financial Update and acknowledge the postponement of retirement of Melanie Pasek, teacher at North Branch High School.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Hebberd aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the employment of Karissa Davidson-Iannamico as a 2.75-hour lunch/recess Aide at North Branch Elementary.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Cullin, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the employment of Aiden Liebler as a 7-hour Special Education Paraprofessional at North Branch Elementary contingent upon completing the required ETS Testing.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the overnight trip to Huntsville, Alabama Space Camp – Summer of 2027 as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Mabery aye, Hoebeke aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2026-27 North Branch Elementary School Virtual Catalog as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Hebberd, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve to relinquish funds in the amount of $268 of Title III, Part A – English Learners as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Hebberd the Board of Education approve the 2020 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $73,325.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2025 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of $256,300.
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye, Hebberd aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Communications – NBHS Principal, RFMS Principal, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, and the Superintendent gave updates to the board.

Comments from the Public – The public made comments.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Other Business - none

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin, the Board of Education adjourned at 7:51 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Hebberd aye, Cullin aye, Hoebeke aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Cheryl Howell

Cheryl Howell, Secretary