

**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, January 23, 2023 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President  
Cory Mabery, Vice President – arrived at 7:31 pm  
Patrick Henne, Treasurer  
Cheryl Howell, Secretary  
Joshua Leach, Trustee - absent  
Jason Cullin, Trustee - absent  
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Theresa Rae	Elementary Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Facilities
	Mark Brown	Director of Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

**Community Members – 0**

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye

4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

**Student Report** – North Branch High School Senior, Ethan Davis presented gifts to the BOE members in honor of Board Appreciation Month on behalf of, the high school student council and student body.

**Presentations** – none

**Board Committee Reports** – none

**Comments from the Public** – none

**Consent Agenda -**

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the January 09, 2023 regular meeting minutes, acknowledge the resignation of High School Parapro, Laura Stills and acknowledge the resignation for retirement of High School Teacher, Ruth Stover-Lange and Elementary Parapro, Tonya Dhooghe with regret and best wishes .

Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Howell aye

4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

### **Items for Discussion/Action –**

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education supports an agreement with North Branch Township in exploring a financial partnership to complete paving on Elm Creek Road to Lake Pleasant Road as well as options to repair the existing paved road on Elm Creek to Jefferson Road.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye  
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Hoebeke the Board of Education approve the North Branch High School Course Catalog.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye  
4 aye, 0 nay, 3 absent – Motion Carried

### **Communications -**

Mrs. Rae, Elementary Principal, informed the board of the following:

- 600 attended STEAM night – Huge Successful
- BK/K Orientation – Date set in April
- 5 by 5 – Bronco night

Mr. Terauds, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal, informed the board of the following:

- DPPD – Earlier this month
- Space Camp Applications are available soon
- Veterans Celebration
- Upcoming Activity Night on Count Day

Mr. Hiltunen, High School Principal, informed the board of the following:

- New Semester started today
- Working on 2023-2024 Scheduling
- Sophomores visiting Ed Tech
- Sophomores – upcoming meeting for EMC

Mr. Drayton,

- High School HVAC – Cooling Tower/Locker Room Coil Freeze Damage
- School Safety
- Ruth Fox & NB Elementary Classroom Partition Construction
- Smart Labs Electrical (Elementary & RFMS)
- Proposed New Barn & Athletic Restrooms
- Dean Transportation
- Propane Bus Fuel Tank Cage Repairs
- EPA Clean School Bus Grant
- Ruth Fox Middle School Playground
- Garbage Service – Waste Management
- School Building Generators

Mrs. White, Director of Curriculum & Instruction, informed the board of the following:

- Next meeting – Goals for acknowledgement 98c
- Training for STEAM Lab underway

**Mr. Fish, Superintendent, informed the board of the following:**

- Enrollment Trend
- Special Olympics in March
- School Resource Officer
- Air Ventilation Program
- Therapy Dog
- Practice Fields
- Boys Basketball Team doing fundraiser for Nathan Farnsworth
- Communication with Ruth Fox

**Comments from the Public – None**

**Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.**

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Henne the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:18 pm for the purpose of AFSCME Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye  
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

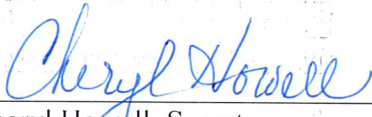
Return to Open Session – 8:27 pm

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approved the minutes of the closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye Howell aye, Deshetsky aye  
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the Board of Education adjourn at 8:32 pm

Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye  
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried



Cheryl Howell, Secretary