

**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, December 10, 2018 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

Vice President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Cory Mabery, President – arrived at 7:20 p.m.
Daniel Deshetsky, Vice President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Melissa Schank, Secretary
Lori Lane, Trustee
Brenden Miller, Trustee
Absent:
Tom Nellenbach, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Curriculum Director
	Greg Matheson	Elementary School Principal
	Bill Barkowska	Ruth Fox Middle School Assistant Principal
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 47

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

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

Student Report-

Hannah Gibson, High School Student, Informed the board of the following:

- The BPA students have a conference at Baker on December 19th. The Business, Media and Promotions class have begun their winter sports writing with The Tri-City Times, they will be published next Monday. The yearbook cover has been designed and yearbooks are currently on sale. The NBA Highlights was just published, you can go to highlights.nbbronzcos.net to subscribe. Bronco brew will have a half off coupon in the next issue.

- The Drama Department is busy again, getting ready for the One Act Plays coming after Christmas Break, as well as for the Talent Show that will be held on December 19th. Everyone is excited to see the acts. It's a great start to Christmas Break.
- Students are fundraising for the Costa Rica trip in June 2019. They will have a Buffalo Wild Wings Night on January 21st to help raise funds for the trip.
- NHS just wrapped up their induction ceremony, as well as a presentation from the PEERS foundation. The foundation brought a simulator that simulated distracted driving. It was a great experience for the young drivers in the district. NHS also has an upcoming Blood Drive January 9th.
- North Branch just hosted Solo and Ensemble which was a great time for everyone that participated. The High School Band is now gearing up for their annual Christmas Concert on December 18th at 7p.m.
- Student Council is hosted alumni for the annual collegiate breakfast on December 19th. Coffee will be ready at 6:30 and breakfast 6:45. All juniors and seniors are invited to come eat and hear our alumni speak about the college endeavors. They are also having a Christmas Spirit Week complete with Red and Green Day, Santa Helper Day (wear your Santa and Elf Hats or Reindeer Gear, and Ugly Sweater Day.

Presentations:

Arleen and Lois from the Lapeer County Conservation presented the awards for the District County Poster Contest. Six Ruth Fox students were awarded honorable mention, 1st – 3rd places with our 1st place winner's poster moving on to the state competition. Mr. Withey has done some research with the history of this poster contest and over the last decade Ruth Fox has taken 1st every year, some years they received both 1st and 2nd place and a couple years' 1st, 2nd and 3rd places. Also, 7 of the years a Ruth Fox Student was awarded 1st in the State.

Old Fashioned Family Christmas – Ruth Fox Middle Teacher, Cindy Mitchell, took an opportunity to thank the board for their many years of support and reported that again the Old Fashioned Family Christmas was a great Success

Peer to Peer – Teresa Upleger, Alyssa Wells and Christian Kopp informed the board of the Peer to Peer program- LINKS and how it was working at each building. This program links a general education student with a special education student.

Board Committee Reports: none

Comments from the Public: none

Consent Agenda

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from November 26, 2018 board meeting, reviewed the November Accounts Payables in the amount of \$777,432.00, reviewed the November Food Service Bills in the amount of \$33,276.10, reviewed the November Financial Report and acknowledged the resignation for retirement of Joan Baker, Elementary Cook with regrets and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Lane aye, Schank aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Lane, supported by Schank the Board of Education has reviewed the performance of all probationary/tenure teachers and approves the Superintendent's written recommendation with regard to each teacher.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Miller aye, Lane aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 NB High School Course Catalog.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Miller aye, Schank aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Schank, supported by Miller the Board of Education entertained the second reading and adoption of Bylaws 0100, 0122, 0131, 0143.01, 0165.6, 0166, 0167.1, 0167.2, 0167.3, 0167.6 and policies 1422, 3122, 4122, 1622, 3362, 4362, 2260, 5517, 5517.02, 2112, 2261, 2261.01, 2261.03, 2700, 2271, 3120, 3120.04, 3130, 4162, 5330, 5460, 5540, 5610, 5610.01, 5611, 5630.01, 6325, 6350, 8210.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Miller aye Lane aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Miller that the Board of Education approve the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 North Branch Area School Calendars as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Miller aye, Schank aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

Mr. Matheson, Elementary Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- Parent/Teacher Conference – over 96% attended
- PTC News – all fundraising is being done through parent/teacher club (Donuts w/Dad, Pajama Day, Popcorn Friday's. They are saving for a laminating machine.
- Kiwanis 3rd Dictionary Give-Away- provided dictionaries for all 169 3rd grade students
- District Security Committee update
- Core Essentials Assembly & Lunch Crew – November was Cooperation

Mrs. Howe, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal, Informed the board of the following:

- Staff Secret Santa
- Val Bader MTSS Power Hour – Seventh grade students are learning to “Make a Difference” in people's lives
- Holiday Dance – December 14
- PBIS Update
- Sock it to Siegler/teachers

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

- Volunteerism/Service Learning Month was a great success
- Bronco Boutique & Trading Company Update
- Counselor's Update
- Drama Department – “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers” play was a success and they are preparing for the One-Act plays

- National Honor Society – 31 students were inducted
- Annual High School Collegiate Breakfast – December 19th
- The Talent Show – December 18th
- Brent Baksa was awarded the 2018 STEAM Grant - \$6000 – in support of the project/program: Project Lead the Way: Human Body Systems at North Branch High School
- PEERS Foundation & Magna Teach Teens presented the Dangers of Distracted Driving with Augment Reality Simulator

Mrs. White, Curriculum Director– Informed the board of the following:

- District Evaluation Committee Update
- Brent Baksa received Grant for \$6000
- Smarter balanced Interim assessments
- Seal of Biliteracy
- School Improvement News

Mr. Fish, Superintendent – Informed the board of the following:

- Staffing Updates
- December School Talk
- 2018 Update on Grants Received
- Bus Transportation Long Range Plans
- Athletic Update

Items for Future Discussion/Action -

- a. Elementary Parking Lot Expansion (winter 2019)
- b. 2018-2019 Budget Amendment (Jan 28, 2019)
- c. Thrun Retainer 2019
- d. Organizational Meeting (Jan 14, 2019)
- e. Discussion and Adoption of 2019 district/superintendent goals (Jan 14, 2019)

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Break – 9:21

Moved by Deshetsky supported by Howell the Board of Education enter into closed session at p.m. for the purpose of Superintendent Evaluation.

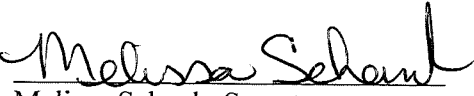
Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Schank aye, Mabery aye, Miller aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Returned to open session – 10:48 p.m.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the minutes of the closed session.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Howell aye, Miller aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Lane aye 6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Schank that the Board adjourn the meeting at 10:50 p.m.
Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Miller aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsy aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried


Melissa Schank, Secretary