

**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 14, 2019 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 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President
Cory Mabery, Vice President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Lori Lane, Trustee
Joshua Leach, Trustee
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Absent: Brenden Miller, Secretary

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operation & Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal

Community Members – 7

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Lane aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

Student Report: Cheyanne Utey, HS student representative Informed the board of the following:

- The Quizbowl team represented North Branch well at the televised competition at CMU
- Drama is gearing up for Elf the music in November
- BPA attended their leadership conference last week
- The yearbook is collecting Senior photos and the deadline is November first
- The band performed wonderfully in the homecoming parade and their lights out show. They are now preparing for the seniors last four steps which is always bitter sweet.
- NHS held their first blood drive and helped set up the hall of fame dinner. They looking forward to more volunteer activities and a conference in November.
- Student Council just wrapped up homecoming with a highly successful first “under the lights” Powder Puff game. Mr. Sorenson was gladly given a mullet during the pep assembly as a fundraiser for the Adrianna Hope scholarship. The weather held off for the parade and the half time show, and over 500 students attended the Saturday dance.
- Student Council is looking forward to a conference in November.

Presentations

Knights of Columbus – Grand Knight, Drew Edwards presented \$1,190 for the NB Special Education Department from the Tootsie Roll Drive that is split 3 ways between the NB Special Education, Brown City Special Education and the Special Olympics.

Board Committee Reports:

Facility Committee – Mr. Deshetsky spoke regarding the October 2nd facility updates

Policy Committee – Mrs. Lane spoke regarding the October 8th policy updates.

Facility Committee – Mr. Deshetsky spoke regarding the October 14th facility updates.

Comments from the Public: None

Consent Agenda

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from September 23, 2019 regular board meeting, reviewed the September Accounts payable bills in the amount of \$535,058.00, reviewed the September food service bills in the amount of \$42,267.61, reviewed the September Financial Report and acknowledged the resignation of Diane Dzuris, paraprofessional as of January 17, 2020 with regret and best wishes.

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

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the 2013 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of \$20,550, 2015 Debt Retirement interest payment in the amount of \$573,625 and the 2016 Debt Retirement interest payment of \$156,067.

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

Communications –

Mr. Drayton, Director of Operations & Technology

- Attended a conference with Mark Brown and received good information on computer issues
- ESports – becoming a big thing, College Scholarships are being offered

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

- Family Fun Fair Update
- All Star Reading Night
- NBAS Text Alerts
- Box Top App
- Upcoming Book Fair
- PTC Facebook Page
- Spirit Week
- Kindergarten teachers are very thankful for the additional teacher

Mr. Terauds, Ruth Fox Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- Yellow Ribbon Cutting

- Fan Favorite Artist
- Spirit Week
- Making the most of Skyward
- Space Camp Crew #16
- Make Every Day Count! Attendance-Effort-Behavior
- Global Read Aloud – Mrs Anderson partnered with a school in N. Carolina
- Middle School Clubs
- Great American Fundraiser Kickoff
- Kudos to Mrs. McNulty running the school store

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

- Homework Lab
- Homecoming 2019 – Kids were great – Over 500 attended the dance
- Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony
- Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences
- NBHS Counselor’s Corner
 - FASFA Assistance available
 - College and Career Fair
 - Applying to Colleges
 - College Representative Visits
 - Campus Tours
 - Connecting with Counselors and Advisors
- October is Bullying Prevention Month
- MiCareer Quest
- Equestrian Team
- “Be a Bronco” Rewards
- Making Good Choices Assembly
- YAC – Youth Advisory Committee
- Elf the Musical – Coming to NBHS in November

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

- 3rd All-Star Reading Night at NBE
- District-wide Communication Meeting
- High School First Robotics Grant
- Books4Kids Project
- District Curriculum News
- 3rd District Provided Professional Development Day
- RFMS Offers FREE Birding Club
- Career and Technical Education Update
- Michigan Merit Curriculum/CTE Flexibility Accounting to MDE

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

- Communication – Family Literacy
- Teacher Shortage Survey Results
- MASB Superintendent Evaluation Training Course

Items for Future Discussion/Action

- a. Final Audit Review (November 11)
- b. BoardBook – Training is Scheduled

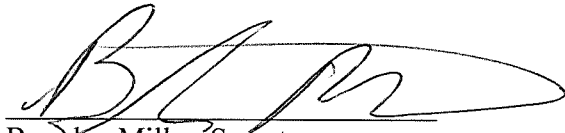
c. NB Board Policy – 1st Reading (October 28)

Comments from the Public – The board entertained comments from the public.

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Lane, supported by Leach the meeting adjourns at 7:54 p.m.

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



Brenden Miller, Secretary