

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER  
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The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held virtually at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, 2021 *in person*

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  
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer  
Cory Mabery, Vice President  
Joshua Leach, Secretary  
Brenden Miller, Trustee - Absent  
Jason Cullin, Trustee  
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	High School Assistant Principal
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Bill Barkowska	Ruth Fox Assistant Principal
	Theresa Rae	Elementary Principal
	Nik Hopp	Elementary Assistant Principal
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Mark Brown	Tech Support Coordinator
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 0

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

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

**Student Report:** None

**Presentation –**

- NBE
  - Record High Penny war raising almost \$2000 – Mr. Hopp was slimed
  - Popcorn Friday
  - March is Reading Month Kick off – Character theme every day
    - Can watch together as a family on you tube
    - Teachers are recording read aloud
  - LEAF – 2<sup>nd</sup> deposit day – almost \$1000 – LCCF & ELGA Credit Union
  - Planning BK/K Round Up
  - Planning at home fitness event as the weather improves
  - Reading Week

- Orientations – 2 in person, 1 virtual
- Ruth Fox
  - Responsiveness @ RF
    - Student returning from virtual (42)
    - Scheduling creatively & staffing
    - Trying to provide normalcy
  - Special Education Needs
    - Teachers working together to help make transitions smooth
    - Working with students that are struggling
  - Summer School – Making a plan for teacher led summer learning
- High School
  - Snow Coming
    - Looked different this year but had spirit days and games during lunch
    - Planning an outdoor event as the weather improves
  - FAFSA Night
  - Virtual Learners – helping them succeed

**Board Committee Reports – None**

**Comments from the Public - None**

#### **Consent Agenda -**

Moved by Howell, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of February 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes.

Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Howell aye, Deshetsy aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye, Mabery 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 Dean Transportation Contract for 2021-2026 as presented.

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

#### **Communications -**

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

- Spoke of Board Goal #1

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

- Antigen testing – 53 people testing with no positive
- LCCF – Supporting Project Graduation
- Summer Rec
- Special Education Director Interviews
- Summer School
- Covid Vaccine Update
  - 24 will have the vaccine at ICHS on Friday
  - 87 will have the vaccine at the LCHD on Saturday
- County Truancy Program

**Comments from the Public – None**

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

Break 8:17

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education enter into closed session at 8:22 p.m. for the purpose of NBEA negotiations update.

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

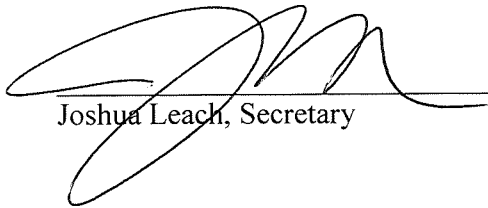
Returned At – 8:47 pm

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

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

Moved by Leach, supported Howell by the Board of Education adjourn at 8:49 pm

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



Joshua Leach, Secretary