

**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, February 14, 2022 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  
                             Cheryl Howell, Treasurer  
                             Joshua Leach, Secretary - absent  
                             Jason Cullin, Trustee  
                             Maria Hoebeke, Trustee  
                             Patrick Henne, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum and Instruction
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

**Community Members – 6**

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

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

**Student Report –**

High School Student, Ethan Davis informed the board of the following:

- Snow coming –
  - New week is spirit week
  - Crowning of the queen & king will be at the halftime show on 2/25
  - Dance is 2/26
- The Brew is opening next week for Frappes in February. Money will go towards students attending the National BPA competition
- Junior class is working on Prom. The theme is mystery masquerade and the date will be 4/23.
- Drama department took their One Act Plays to Festival and received awards in acting and tech. They are working on the Spring Play now.
- Sweetheart serenade will be put on by the band on February 19. You can enjoy a catered dinner while listening to our students play beautiful music.
- Solo and Ensemble competition – 4 students received a 1 rating and will represent NB at the state level.
- Winter sports-
  - Bowling team had 5 bowlers bowl their best games last week
  - Powerlifting continues to have impressive placements at their competition

- Nice to have Friday night basketball games

### **Presentation – Board Appreciation Month**

- STEAM Night – Sara Hyde & Cindy Lewis gave an update on the success of STEAM Night sharing that over 400 parents and students enjoyed the evening and thanked the following businesses for their support.
  - L & L Products
  - MI Stem Network
  - 4-H groups
  - Staff
  - NB Robotics Team
  - Star Lab

### **Board Committee Reports - none**

### **Comments from the Public - none**

### **Consent Agenda -**

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of January 24, 2022 regular meeting minutes, review the January Accounts Payables in the amount of \$733,263.73, review of the January Food Service Bills in the amount of \$64,540.93, review of the January Financial Report and acknowledge the resignations of Elementary teacher, Hannah Marshall, Ruth Fox Secretary, Janel Bruman and Ruth Fox Aide/Cashier, Krystal Buckel with Regrets and Best Wishes.

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

### **Items for Discussion/Action –**

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Tony Frias as a High School Spanish Teacher

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education nominates Peter and Sarah Damaska as the 2022 Friend of Youth.

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

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2022-2023 School Resource Officer contract with North Branch Village as presented

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

Moved by Cullin, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the employment of Jamie Pasternak as a 7-hour Ruth Fox Paraprofessional

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the bid from Stafford Smith in the amount of \$50,612.00 for the purchase of a dishwasher for the High School Kitchen  
Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky, Henne aye, Cullin aye  
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education acknowledge the progress report for ELA & Math goals & benchmark assessment scores for grades 3-8 as presented  
Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Deshetsky, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Mabery aye  
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion

### **Communications -**

Mark Hiltunen, High School Principal informed the board of the follow:

- Student Count Day & School Funding Information
- Project Graduation 2022
- Covid Symptoms
- Counselor's Corner
  - Welcome back Mr. Webster
  - Advanced Placement
  - NB Early College
  - National School Counseling Week
  - ELA Projects
  - Sports Update
  - Drama Update
  - Preparing for State Testing
  - Snowcoming Spirit Week 2022
- New Spanish Teacher- Mr. Frias
- Congratulations to the BPA Club
- Yearbooks are available

Dan Terauds, Ruth Fox Principal informed the board of the following:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Grades are Posted
- Recognized Artist – Art Show at Gallery 194 through February 26
- Space Camp Application Available
- Annual Education Report
- Make Every Day Count
- Math & ELA Parent Guides
- 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – Order your yearbook
- February - Compassion
- Classroom Spotlights
- Looking for teacher & support staff subs

Theresa Rae, Elementary Principal, informed the board of the following:

- Let's Get Weird – Friday, February 11 from 6-8pm
- 22 Circles Challenge
- Pattern Block Pictures
- Steam Scavenger Hunts
- STEAM Night a huge success
- Lifechanger of the year nominee – Patty Laur
- School Store is Now Open
- Pick up and drop of reminders
- February Core Essential Value - Compassion

- Popcorn Days – 2/25, 3/18, 4/22, 5/20
- NBE BK/K Parent Orientation
- February Food Service Menus

Jeff Drayton, Director of Operations & Technology, informed the board of the following:

- HVAC Update
- HS Fire Pump
- Custodial Grant
- Bleacher Inspection
- HeadStart Key Fob complete
- Rowley – Online Auction this summer
- Looking at Ruth Fox Classroom Modifications
- Craig's Signs – donating signs to inside doors
- Band Room Updates
- MI State School Safety Grant – Applying in April

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

- Building Communication Meeting (JAM)
- Lindsey Young – recognized on a blogger site
- Mentor/Mentee Meeting – Lori Wierbicki did a great job
- Elementary – BK/K Round Up – one in person and one online

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

- Head Start Transportation
- Facility Update – Jeff Drayton
- Snow Day discussion
- Hi-Tec – Scope of Work during staff shortage
- High School Update
  - Puerto Rico Trip
  - Senior Events – discussion at the meeting
- School Equity Caucus – see #4
- In the News -School Nurse, Patty Laur
- Lapeer County Covid Update
- Labor Day Waiver Application – Approved through MDE
- District Wide Safety Meeting – (2/9/22)
- November Election – 3 board seats expiring
  - Daniel Deshetsky
  - Cory Mabery
  - Patrick Henne
- Schneider Electric – High School Construction Meeting – March 8 – 10am – 1pm (invite board facility committee members to attend if interested)
  - Construction Goals
  - Logistics
  - Building Access
  - Tentative Schedule
- Legislative Update
  - House Bill 5666 – School Bond Qualification and Loan Program
  - House Bill 5701 – Amending the Construction Code to allow schools to install temporary door locking devices
  - Teacher Shortage – Governor Whitmer Proposal

- Governor Whitmer Proposed Educational Budget -2022-23
- Youth Advisory Council Survey- Sheriff Scott McKenna will be speaking with grades 7 – 12 students in mid-march regarding the survey and will have a parent session during the evening

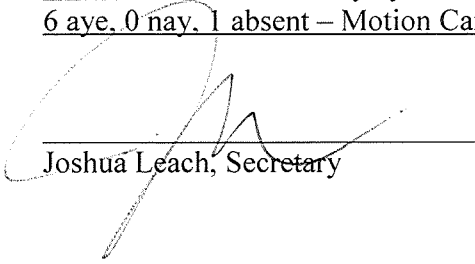
**Comments from the Public – None**

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education adjourn at 8:21 pm

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsy aye, Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Mabery

6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried



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Joshua Leach, Secretary