

**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 9, 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 7:01 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 – left at 7:51 pm
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – absent
Patrick Henne, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Melissa Montgomery	Director of Finance & Human Resources

Community Members – 5

Organization Meeting

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin to close nominations for President and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Daniel Deshetsky.

Roll Call Vote: Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Howell, supported by Henne to close nominations for Vice-President and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Cory Mabery.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Cullin aye, Leach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Howell, supported by Mabery to close nominations for Treasurer and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Patrick Henne.

Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Moved by Henne, supported by Cullin to close nominations for Secretary and that a unanimous ballot is cast for Cheryl Howell.

Roll Call Vote: Leach aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent

Regular Meeting

Moved by Henne, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Leach aye, Deshetsky aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report –

Ethan Davis, Student Representative, informed the board of the following:

- Counseling Department
 - College Visits
 - Ed-Tech Presentations
 - Ed-Tech Field Trip
 - After School Support groups
- Drama Department – Winter One Act Plays
- Model United Nations Team took part in 9th annual Detroit Model UN Competition
- BPA – Competed at the regional level
- Student Council – attending a Leadership Conference
- NHS – preparing for their blood drive & Continuing their peer tutoring
- Winter Sports are in full swing – Bowling, Basketball, Wrestling & Competitive Cheer

Presentations –

In honor of Board Appreciation Month, Superintendent Fish thanked the board for their commitment to our district.

Board Committee Reports –

Finance Committee Meeting (1/9/23) – Cheryl Howell shared the notes from the finance meeting and entertained questions from the board.

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 the December 12, 2022 regular meeting minutes, review of the December accounts payables in the amount of \$ 918,395.74, review of the December Food Service Bills in the amount of \$ 48,175.21, review of the December financial report and acknowledge the resignation of the High School teacher, Jeremy Ferman with regret and best wishes .

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

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Cullin, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the employment of Angela Hyma as an Elementary Paraprofessional.

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the regular meeting dates for 2023 as presented.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education adopt the 2023 District/Superintendent shared goals as stated:

1. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will teach, measure, and continuously improve instruction aligned with state standards for increased student achievement and College and Career readiness.
2. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will evaluate and enhance opportunities for students by adopting and executing a budget that prioritizes teaching and learning in a safe environment while improving the district's financial stability.
3. North Branch Area Schools and the Board of Education will validate the importance of every staff member as critical to the success of the district and will maintain partnerships of integrity and trust within the North Branch Community.

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

Leach left – 7:51

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the designation of Thrun Law Firm for the district's legal counsel, the firm of Taylor, Butterfield, Howell, Churchill, & Garner of Lapeer for all real estate transactions and other local matters.

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

Communications -

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

- Building Future – Broncos: 5 By 5
- Core Essential: Knowledge
- NBE 4th Grade Holiday Music Compilation Extraordinaire
- Mrs. Ehardt – 2nd Annual Christmas Carol Trivia Contest
- Recess Reminders
- Miss Berridge's – Read-aloud novel – Gadget Wars
- STEAM Night – Thursday, 1/19/2023 – 5:30 – 7:30pm
- Halls's BK Class – Decorated Cookies
- LEAF Savings program
- Sieradzki & Gormley's 5th grade Class – Collected items for families in need
- Substitutes Needed
- Barrows 2nd Grade class – Thanked everyone who supported the Kids Helping Kides Program
- Curriculum Corner
- Fitzpartick's Class studied reindeer
- Miss Patti's ECSE Classes sang and danced as they celebrated Christmas Around the World
- Skylerts
- January Important Dates

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

- Old Fashioned Family Christmas Update
- Skyward Alerts/Inclement Weather Notices
- Family Discussions
- 2023 RFMS Winter Birding Club
- NB Winter 2023 youth Softball Camp

- Lunch Menu
- 7/8 yearbook Orders
- Building Future Broncos
- Classroom Spotlights
 - 5th & 6th Grade STEM
 - 5th – 8th Grade Holiday Band Concert
 - Core Essential Value – Knowledge
- Student Pick-up and Drop-off
- Make Every Day Count
- Upcoming Dates
- 5th/6th Grade Recess
- Featured Artwork
- Looking for Teacher and Support Staff Subs

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

- National Honor Society Inductees
- BPA Region 7 Competition
- NBHS Concert Band – Annual holiday concert
- Counselor Corner
- Support Groups with the Social Worker
- Student Educational Development Plans on Xello
- Lapeer Community Resources
- Reminder: Ed Tech Tours Coming Up
- Welcoming New Staff
- Senior Class Update
- Senior Trip Information
- Early College Information
- Semester Exam Schedule

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

- Thanked the Board for their service
- Gary Howell, State Representative through 12/31/22 – donated books
- Smart Labs Electrical installed over break
- Grant Award Notification for \$80,000 for Smart Labs
- L & L Product Grants
- Smart Lab teachers – Layne Brown & Nolan Kolacz in 2023-2024
- 5X5 meeting – to help parents of 3 & 4-year-old be prepared
- Shared MI School Data with Board

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

- HVAC issues update
- Special Olympics
- Window tinting at Elementary complete
- Clergy Breakfast – January 16 – DPPD day
- 67 Students helped with Holiday donations
- Assistant Principal attends safety meeting

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

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Henne, supported by Mabery the Board of Education enter into closed session at pm. for the purpose of AFSCME Negotiations and Superintendent Evaluation.

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


Return to Open Session – 8:54 pm

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

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

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education adjourn at 8:56 pm.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Cheryl Howell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Cheryl Howell, Secretary