# BOARD OF EDUCATION NORTH BRANCH EDUCATIONAL SERVICES CENTER 6655 JEFFERSON, PO BOX 3620 NORTH BRANCH, MICHIGAN 48461-3620

The regular meeting of the North Branch Board of Education was held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 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 7:01 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 Jason Cullin, Trustee

Maria Hoebeke, Trustee- arrived at 7:14 pm

Patrick Henne, Trustee

Others Present: James D. Fish Superintendent

Amber White Director of Curriculum & Instruction
Melissa Montgomery Director of Finance & Human Resources

Mark Brown Director of Technology

Jeff Drayton Director of Facilities & Operations

Mark Hiltunen
Dane Terauds
Theresa Rae
Rhoda Lucia
High School Principal
Ruth Fox Principal
Elementary Principal
Recording Secretary

Community Members - 54

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

Student Report - none

#### Presentations -

#### Schneider Electric

Scott Russell from Schneider Electric reported everything is onsite and installed. They are just fine tuning.

### **Masonic Lodge Donation - Quest**

Corey Rosser introduced Mike Walker from Masonic Lodge. Mr. Walker presented Principal Mark Hiltunen with a check for \$2000.00 from the annual spaghetti dinner.

## **BPA Presentation**

Connie Anderson introduced students from Business Professionals of America club (BPA), President, Merisa Cehijac; Secretary, Reagan Saint Pierre; Tim Anthony, Hunter Nichols, Katelyn Yaklin, and Ellie Paris. The students shared information regarding the growth in their club, the conference they

attended, BPA Hang Outs and the Torch awards. They also shared the "Bronco Brew" helps them earn money to attend conferences and teaches them how to run a business.

## Cross Country -

Athletic Director, Al Margrif introduced Coach Jason Castle and Karlie Schlaud. Coach Castle shared the details of Karlie's 4-year cross-country career and North Branch and many of her stats.

#### Football -

Athletic Director, Al Margrif introduced Coach Jeremy Ferman and the Varsity Football Team. Coach Ferman had the team introduce themselves and shared that they were 2 times BWAC champs and some highlights from their season. He also introduced Coach Goins that shared some thoughts from the season.

### Suggested Motion:

Moved by Mabery, supported by Henne the Board of Education acknowledge the resolution for the 2022 North Branch Varsity Football team as presented and attached.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Cullin aye, Henne aye

7 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent – Motion Carried

7:32 pm - Break

7:37 pm - Back in session

### **Transportation**

Mark Britton gave a brief update on the transportation department.

#### Board Committee Reports - none

Comments from the Public - The board entertained questions/comments from the public.

## Consent Agenda -

Suggested Motion:

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the consent agenda including the approval of the October 24, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes, Review of the October Account Payables in the amount of \$ 1,643,260.2, Review of the October Food Service Bills in the amount of \$ 86,253.99, Review the October Financial Report, and Acknowledge the resignation letter of Ruth Fox Paraprofessional, Jennifer Jerome with regret and best wishes.

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell aye, Henne aye, Hoebeke aye, Leach aye, Mabery aye

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent - Motion Carried

## Items for Discussion/Action - None

#### Communications -

Mr. Terauds, Ruth Fox Principal

- Robotics Competition
- Old Fashioned Family Christmas

Mrs. Rae, Elementary Principal

- Kids helping kids
- STEAM Night
- LEAF Deposit Day

Recycling Program

# Mr. Brown, Directory of Technology, informed the board of the following:

- New district website will be live in December
- Almost completed with installation on cameras on the elementary playground

# Mr. Drayton, Director of Operations and Facilities, informed the board of the following:

- Night locks completed
- Security window films for some windows at the elementary
- Winterizing complete for football stadium
- Bleacher repairs
- Ruth Fox Wall update
- Ordering a truck
- Almost done with HS parking lot lights
- 1 bus being picked up for scrap

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

- Robotics Competition thanked Mark and Dan for all their help
- DPPD update
- Generous donation from L & L Products

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

- Alice training completed
- Millage Passing
- Congratulated re-elected board members
- School resource officer grant
- Volleyball update

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

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

8:35 pm - Break 8:43 pm - Enter in closed session

#### Suggested Motion:

Moved by Leach, supported by Mabery the Board of Education enter into a closed session at 8:43 pm for the purpose of reviewing the superintendent evaluation process & NBEA Negotiations.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Hoebeke aye, Mabery aye, Henne aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Cullin aye

7 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

Return to Open Session – 9:14 pm

#### **Suggested Motion:**

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

Roll Call Vote: Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach ave

7 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

# Suggested Motion:

Moved by Mabery, supported by Leach the Board of Education adjourn at 9:33 pm

Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Leach aye, Hoebeke aye, Henne aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Howell

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent - Motion Carried

Joshua Leach, Secretary