

**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 8, 2021

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Cory Mabery, Vice President – arrived at 7:36
Joshua Leach, Secretary
Brenden Miller, Trustee
Jason Cullin, Trustee
Maria Hoebeke, Trustee – arrived at 7:15

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Mark Brown	Tech Support Coordinator
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 8

Moved by Howell, supported by Deshetsky the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.
Roll Call Vote: Cullin aye, Deshetsky aye, Leach aye, Howell aye, Miller aye
5 aye, 0 nay, 2 absent – Motion Carried

Student Report: None

Presentation –

Instructional Coaches – Amber White, Curriculum Director introduced instructional coaches and each gave a brief update.

Cindy Lewis

- Bitmoji classroom- everything is clickable
- Reviewed district math events
- Mentor/Mentee
- Newsletters
- Upcoming “virtual” family math night

Allison Brown

- From the LCISD & works 3 days a week at the Elementary
- Trains teachers in small groups

Sarah Taylor

- Making Meaning Resource
- Literacy Leadership Lab
- Individual Reading Improvement Plan (IRIP)
- Reading Week

Quest Program – Corey Rosser gave an update on the following:

- Graduate achievement
- Jobs for MI Grads (JMG)
 - Shared student testimonial
 - Ashley Fanson from family literacy shared the following about JMG
 - Assist with Applying for college
 - Assist with Resume
 - Job interviews
 - Cover Letters
 - Financial Aide
 - Creates a road map for what happens after graduation
 - 12 months of support after graduation
- HeadStart – appreciation from teachers for our Quest students
- Dave Scalf – received a tech grant and shared how he would be using it in the Quest classroom

Board Committee Reports –

Finance Committee Meeting (February 8, 2021) – Cheryl Howell reported that the finance committee discussed the following:

- High School HVAC system
- Dean transportation Contract
- Wrestling Room
- NBEA Contract update
- Protect Young Eyes App

Brenden Miller – left at 7:33 am

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 January 25, 2021 regular meeting minutes, reviewed the January Accounts Payables in the amount of \$706,995.12, reviewed the January Food Service Bills in the amount of \$33,498.84, reviewed the January Financial Report, acknowledged the resignation of Melissa Schank, and acknowledged the resignation for retirement of Ruth Fox Teacher, Paul Lewis at the end of the 20-21 school year with regret and best wishes.

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

Items for Discussion/Action

Moved by Leach, supported by Howell the Board of Education acknowledge the extended continuity of learning plan & 2-way interaction for the month of January.

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Cullin the Board of Education acknowledge the extended continuity of learning plan for the month of February as presented

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

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Heather Hawkins as Quest/Special Education Secretary.

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

Moved by Howell, supported by Leach the Board of Education adopt the resolution for In Person Board Meetings as presented and attached.

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

Moved by Cullin, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the Ruth Fox 20-21 space camp field trip.

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

Communications -

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

- Last day of PD was January 18
- District & Building Annual Education Reports are Complete
- Ruth Fox students participating in South Bend Coding course at Ed-Tech
- FAFSA Night – Feb 17 – 6pm at Ed-Tech
- NBHS Drama Department – One Act Plays are February 13
- Youth Mental Health First Aide Training
- School Improvement (MICIP
- State Assessment Waiver – Planning forward
- Kudos to virtual teachers for their additional work

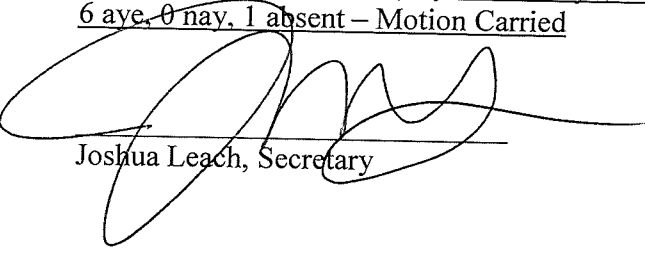
Mr. Fish, Superintendent informed the board of the following:

- School of Choice Update – as of 2/2/2021 – 650 on the list
- Special Education Director update at the next meeting
- Child Protection Registry
- 2020-2021 Free/Reduced Lunch Application Comparison Information
- Robotics Competition Grant
- Antigen Testing Update
- 2021 MASB Board of Directors Election – Need Consensus
- Bus Grant Reimbursement
- GECS Scholarship
- Finance committee will update board members on the following information
- NBEA Contract Update
- Dean Transportation Contract Update
- Schneider Electric Proposal regarding H-Vac improvements at the HS
- Wrestling Room
- Protect App for district families

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Howell, supported Deshetsky 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