

**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, September 10, 2018 in the board room located in the North Branch Educational Services Center, 6655 Jefferson, North Branch, Michigan.

President Mabery called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Cory Mabery, President
Daniel Deshetsky, Vice President
Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
Melissa Schank, Secretary
Tom Nellenbach, Trustee
Lori Lane, Trustee
Brenden Miller, Trustee – arrived at 7:04 p.m.

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Melissa Montgomery	Business Director
	Amber White	Curriculum Director
	Jeff Drayton	Director of Operations & Technology
	Mark Hiltunen	High School Principal
	John Sherman	Assistant High School Principal
	Cindy Howe	Ruth Fox Middle School Principal
	Greg Matheson	Elementary Principal
	Dane Terauds	Assistant Elementary Principal
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 29

Moved by Howell, supported by Schank the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote: Mabery aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Nellenbach aye
6 aye, 0 nay, 1 absent - Motion Carried

Student Report-

Autumn Deshetsky reported:

- Already had 2 safety drills & off to a great start
- Student Council is gearing up for Homecoming on Sept. 21 – Theme is Disney
- NHS will host a Blood Drive on Sept 12
- First Digital magazine will be published on Sept 11
- Fall musical “Seven Brides for Seven Brothers”
- First college visit – Kettering University will be visiting NBHS Sept 12
- Spanish Club Costa Rica trip – June 2019

- Fall Sports teams are doing well – Varsity Football is undefeated with a record of 3-0 and Varsity volleyball is dominating with a 22-2 record

Presentations:

NB Knights of Columbus - Drew Edwards, Grand Knight for the North Branch Knights of Columbus presented Mrs. Upleger with a check for \$1288.00 from their annual Tootsie Drive for the special education department bringing their total donation to North Branch Area Schools to \$55,906.79 since 1977.

JumpStart program - Curriculum Director Amber White, introduced elementary teachers Patty Mroz, Kim Brandt, Liz Polly and Angel Thompson. They reported the JumpStart Program was a great success. This was held 2 different weeks prior to the start of the school year for our BK and K students. Family Literacy Center partnered with North Branch Schools making it possible for each student to receive a few new books as gifts during the week. A parent spoke regarding how thankful she was to have her daughter go through this program and feels that it helped her in many ways.

High School Counseling Update - Amy Hyrman, Natalee Rodriguez and John Amboy reported that in the 17-18 school year the High School counseling department:

- College application are up to 99%
- Total applications submitted have increased by 118%
- FAFSA Applications increased 26%
- 89% of students have received an acceptance letter and committed to a college
- Tuition Incentive Program (TIP) 100% Applications Completed

Board Committee Reports: Cheryl Howell reported that the finance committee met on September 7 and discussed the following:

- Elementary Kindergarten & First Grade Open Teaching Positions
- Addition of half-time Elementary Specials Teaching Position
- Application for Safety Grant
- 2017-2018 Preliminary Audit Results

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell to approve moving an additional \$300,000 to the capital improvement account for 2017-2018 fiscal year for the district capital improvement needs.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Mabery aye

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Comments from the Public: none

Consent Agenda

Moved by Howell, supported by Miller the Board of Education has received and reviewed information for the consent agenda including the approval of minutes from August 27, 2018 board meeting, review the August Accounts Payables in the amount of \$2,108,960.19, review the August Food Service Bills in the amount of \$1,466.00 and review of the August Financial Report.

Roll Call Vote: Nellenbach aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action –

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Alex Cammarata as a Social Studies Teacher at the High School beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Miller aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Schank aye, Mabery aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Lane that the Board of Education approve the employment of Lindsay Picarski as a 1st grade teacher at the Elementary School beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Howell aye, Lane aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Schank aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Lane that the Board of Education approve the employment of Stacy Hauxwell as Kindergarten at the Elementary School beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Mabery aye, Lane aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Miller aye, Howell aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Miller, supported by Schank that the Board of Education approve the employment of Barb Terauds as a part-time specials teacher at the Elementary School beginning Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Roll Call Vote: Howell aye, Miller aye, Mabery aye, Nellenbach aye, Deshetsky aye, Lane aye, Schank aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent

Moved by Schank, supported by Lane that the Board of Education approve the employment of Kristina Hathcock as a 4 hour paraprofessional at the Elementary building.

Roll Call Vote: Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Nellenbach aye, Schank aye, Howell aye, Mabery aye, Miller aye
7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent

Break – 8:04 pm
Return – 8:13 pm

Communications -

Mr. Matheson, Elementary Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- PTC Update –
 - Family Fun Fair – Friday, September 14th – 5pm – 8pm

- Donuts w/Dad – October 24 & 25
- Good Luck Mr. Watson – Mr. Watson submitted a piece of artwork in an upcoming Art prize Contest at Downtown Market in Grand Rapids
- Kudos to:
 - Karyn Hawley, Alison Reed & Diane Travis- extra efforts in moving classrooms
 - Andrea Bower – Exemplary Professionalism
 - Laura Toner – Collecting toiletries for families in need
 - Melissa – Going above and beyond supporting a family on their first day in FABS

Mrs. Howe, Ruth Fox Middle School Principal – Informed the board of the following:

- Recognized the hard work of all the teachers preparing their classrooms
- Ruth's Closet – This project is led by Chris McNulty to provide clean, gently worn clothes and snacks to any student that might have a need.
- PBIS student-driven school wide expectation

Mr. Hiltunen, High School Principal – Informed the board of the following

- Recognized the following students
 - AP Scholar Award with average scores 3.0 or higher – McKenna Forster
 - AP Scholar Award with average scores 3.25 or higher – Brady Good
 - AP Scholar Award with average scores 3.5 or higher – Adam Barrows
- Auditions have been held for the Fall Musical – Seven Brides for Seven Brothers
- NBHS Spanish Club is planning the travel to Costa Rica in June 2019
- Senior Class of 2019 is planning a trip to New York City
- For the 2nd year, Mrs. McMurtry created a crime scene investigation to introduce her course. New this year Mr. Sorensen's drama student's role playing victims and witnesses to the crime.
- College Representative Visits
- Fee Waivers: Testing & College Applications
- PSAT/NMSQT

Mrs. White, Curriculum Director– Informed the board of the following:

- All Star Reading Night – September 17th – 6pm – 8pm
- Constitution Day – September 17
- 2018-2019 Teacher Technology Grant update
- Embargo has come off the assessments

Superintendent Report –

Mr. Fish, Superintendent – Informed the board of the following:

- MHSAA In-Service Registration
- All Star Reading Night
- Community Hall of Fame Information
- Student Enrollment
- School of Choice Numbers
- Board is providing punch and cookies for open house on Thursday for new teachers.
- Jeff Drayton – Facility Update
 - Safety Grant
 - School Security discussion with Congressman Paul Mitchell

- New wireless scoreboards installed at RFMS
 - Reviewed school year start up
- Digital Media Class
- Athletics
 - Sports Update
 - Patriotic Game
 - Homecoming Sept 21
 - County Track Meet – Sept 18 at 4:30
 - Team Updates
 - Allison Severance – Miss Volleyball
 - JV & V Softball fields

Items for Future Discussion/Action -

- a. 2017-2018 Audit (November 12)
- b. Superintendent Informal Update (September 24)

Comments from the Public – none

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Schank, supported by Howell that the Board adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm.

Roll Call Vote: Schank aye, Nellenbach aye, Miller aye, Lane aye, Deshetsky aye, Mabery aye, Howell aye

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried



Melissa Schank, Secretary