

**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, January 25, 2021

President Deshetsky called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call indicated the following Board members present:

Members Present: Daniel Deshetsky, President
 Cheryl Howell, Treasurer
 Cory Mabery, Vice President
 Joshua Leach, Secretary
 Brenden Miller, Trustee – arrived at 7:18 pm
 Jason Cullin, Trustee
 Maria Hoebeke, Trustee

Others Present:	James D. Fish	Superintendent
	Amber White	Director of Curriculum & Instruction
	Dane Terauds	Ruth Fox Principal
	Mark Brown	Tech Support Coordinator
	Rhoda Lucia	Recording Secretary

Community Members – 6

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

Student Report: None

Presentation – Board Appreciation Month – Mr. Fish shared a letter with the board thanking them for their service. Mr. Terauds shared a video that was created by Mrs. White with the help of our teaching staff and students.

Board Committee Reports –

Facility Committee Meeting discussed the following:

- Wrestling Program
- Softball Press Box
- Football Press Box
- Baseball Fencing
- Football Field Bleachers
- Varsity & MS Gym Floor

Finance Committee Meeting discussed the following:

- Dean Transportation Contract
- 2019-2020 NBAS Final Audit Review
- Preliminary Discussion on 2020-2021 Amended Budget
- Proposed IRS Closing Agreement on 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions
- Juul Litigation
- NBEA Contract Negotiations Update
- Personnel
- Antigen Testing – voluntary basis

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 11, 2021 regular meeting minutes and acknowledge the resignation of Ruth Fox Secretary, Silinia Horne with regret and best wishes.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Items for Discussion/Action

Angela Burnette from Anderson, Tuckey, Bernhardt & Doran presented the 2019-2020 final audit review and entertained questions from the board.

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the 2019 – 2020 Final Audit Review as presented.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Cullin the Board of Education approve the 2021 – 2022 NBAS School Calendar as presented.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education approve the employment of Janel Bruman as Ruth Fox Secretary.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Leach the Board of Education approve the employment of Daniel Brown as Technology Support Specialist.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Howell, supported by Cullin the Board of Education entertain the second reading and adoption of North Branch policy 6325.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education acknowledge the NBAS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan Mid-Year Goal Report.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Moved by Deshetsky, supported by Mabery the Board of Education approve the proposed IRS Closing Agreement on the taxation 3% Retiree Healthcare Contributions pending legal recommendation.

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried

Communications -

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

- Reviewed the Mid-Year Goal report
- Just completed the last DPPD day
 - HS – worked on Canvas
 - RF – worked on reading apprentice & data for MTSS
 - EL – worked on dashboard and data

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

- New Executive Order states February meeting will have to stay virtual
- Meal Debt Forgiveness – Thanks to Melissa Montgomery and Ronda Beadle for their extra work
- Special Education Update
 - 100% estimated parent involvement
 - Timely IEP's
 - Special Education Director position will be posted
 - COVID vaccine response information
 - Voluntary antigen testing
 - Kelly Martin, Village President – discussion regarding the police liaison
 - In the middle of 3 contracts
 - Dean
 - NBEA
 - AFSCME
 - Student Count Audits – all came back clean – thanks to the secretaries for their hard work
 - Quest
 - Ruth Fox
 - Elementary

Comments from the Public – None

Comments from Board Members – The board members made comments.

Moved by Mabery, supported by Howell the Board of Education adjourn at 8:57 pm

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

7 aye, 0 nay, 0 absent – Motion Carried


Josh Leach (Feb 9, 2021 18:28 EST)

Joshua Leach, Secretary