

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FTLA CONFERENCE
ROOM SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
March 27, 2025**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met for a Special Board Meeting on Thursday, March 27, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the FTLA Conference Room Classroom at the North Branch Area Middle School.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Sarah Grovender, Shelly Johnson, Jesse LaValla, Tim MacMillan, Naegele, Superintendent Paul and Adam Trampe

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Erica Bjerketvedt, Kelly Detzler, Guy Grover, Nancy Hoffman, Joanne Kreitz, Matthew Lattimore, Ryan Minke, Pakou Lee, Pam Newbauer, Nick Pawlick, Pat Tepoorten, Todd Tetzlaff, Jason Zerwas

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by middle school staff Nick Pawlick and said by all.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Paul reported on grants awarded to North Branch Area Public Schools, as well as legislative advocacy efforts for the teacher apprenticeship program. She also provided updates on the Distance Learning Academy and school facilities.

Superintendent spotlighted second-grader Mattias Bigbear for his hoop-dancing feature on WCCO, the North Branch FFA Chapter for earning the Superior National Chapter award, community partners who toured the high school, and the success of the Sock Hop event.

Dates to remember:

- April 12, 2025 from 10 am – 4 pm, NBAPS at County Market - raising money for student scholarships
- April 27, 2025 at noon - NBAEF Purse and Yeti Bingo, Lent Town Hall
- May 29, 2025, Community Service Day, contact Pat Tepoorten at ptepoorten@isd138.org if you know anyone in the community who could use a little help

Approval of Agenda:

Moved by Naegele, seconded by LaValla and carried unanimously to approve the agenda.

New Business

A. Spotlight on North Branch Middle School

Principal Kelly Detzler and Assistant Principal Matthew Lattimore presented the vision and mission for the middle school. School board members also had the opportunity to experience a hands-on sixth-grade science lesson with Mr. Josh Reistad and his students.

B. Consider Approval of the School Board Response to the Level III Grievance - Career Step and Rule of 90

Motion moved by Grovender, seconded by Naegele to approve the School Board Response to the Level III Grievance - Career Step and Rule of 90. Discussion followed.

Voted for: Grovender, Johnson, LaValla, MacMillan, Naegele

Voted against: Trampe

Motion passed.

Adjournment

Moved by Naegele, seconded by Trampe and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 pm.

Heather Naegele, Clerk