NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA MIDDLE SCHOOL, FTLA ROOM #816, 38431 LINCOLN TRL, NORTH BRANCH, MN 55056
SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION
OCTOBER 22, 2026

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Work Session on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the FTLA Room #816 at the North Branch Area Middle School

Remote Participation Notice: One or more School Board members may participate in this meeting remotely pursuant to Minnesota Statutes § 13D.02 or § 13D.021, using interactive technology. This provision applies to both regular business meetings and work sessions.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: None

Others in Attendance: Kelly Detzler, Amanda Daeger, Clint Link, Joe Stauffer and David Treichel

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Paul gave an update on safe routes to school and success on and off the field. She also shared information on the upcoming Community Education Un-Scary Halloween Party for families with first graders and younger children, as well as an upcoming craft fair featuring more than 200 crafters.

Work Session Topics

A. The Parent and Elder Discussion Circle was highlighted as an opportunity to strengthen family and community connections through cultural teachings and language. The event is scheduled for October 27, with a meal, childcare, and drum and dance activities.

B. Spotlight: Middle School 2026-27 Goals
The middle school reviewed its 2026–2027 goals of having 80% of grades at a C or above and 85% of students demonstrating respectful, enthusiastic, and determined behaviors. Academic and behavioral interventions include advisory support, ADSIS reading and math, counselor check-ins, RED lessons, and Check & Connect.

C. Spotlight: Norse Area Learning Center 2026-27 Goals

The Norse Area Learning Center highlighted its goals for improving student attendance and academic progress through individualized credit plans, a tiered system of support, six-week learning cycles, counselor check-ins, and WIN Wednesdays. Students also have opportunities to earn college credits through Pine Technical & Community College and participate in work-based learning and mentorships.

D. Spotlight: Distance Learning Academy 2026-27 Goals
The Distance Learning Academy highlighted its flexible, personalized learning opportunities for students and families seeking alternatives to traditional homeschooling. Goals include keeping 80% of coursework on pace and 80% of grades at a C or higher, with individualized academic and life skills plans and additional student and family support as needed.

Board members adjourned the meeting at 7:50 PM

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Heather Naegele, Clerk