

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER, BOARDROOM
SCHOOL BOARD WORKING SESSION
October 24, 2024**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Working Session on Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the North Branch Area Education Center.

Chair MacMillan called the meeting to order.

Roll Call: Sarah Grovender, Tim MacMillan, Superintendent Paul, Heather Naegele, and Jesse LaValla

Absent: Shelly Johnson and Adam Trampe

Others in Attendance: David Treichel, Pat Tepoorten, Todd Tetzlaff, Kelly Detzler, Clinton Link, Blake Hunter, Taylor Swanson, Annette Fairbanks, Amy Randall, Jenny Heath, David Gryte, Lynn Kozar-Gryte and Lisa Moeller

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Superintendent's Update

- High School student Blake Hunter joins this work session to get a feel and understanding of how the school board meeting is ran, as he is interested in possibly becoming a student board member.
- North Branch Fire Department was at the district for Fire Prevention week assisting with fire drills, tours of emergency vehicles and reviewing important safety information with students and staff.
- Unity Day at North Branch Area Middle School spread kindness, acceptance and positive messages.
- High school students experienced hands-on manufacturing with local industry through the high school program. Superintendent Paul recognized Principal Link for his wonderful work around this program.
- Congratulations to Sharleen Garcia Velazquez for making the selection to the All-State Girls Soccer.
- Alumni making waves – please submit submissions to Superintendent Paul, of someone you know who is making a difference to be feature in the Viking's Alumni Spotlight.
- Grant funding approved for Know the Truth for our district, combined with two other districts.
- Upcoming events, meetings and seminar
 - Winter Sports Informational Meeting, November 4, 2024, 6:30pm at the North Branch Area High School
 - Tiny Prom, November 7, 2024, 5:30pm-7:00pm at the North Branch Area Education Center

- The Witches (Middle School play), November 7, 8, and 9 at 7pm, North Branch Area High School, tickets can be purchased online at gofan.co
- Free Fentanyl Crisis Seminar, November 12, 2024, 5:00pm-8:00pm at the North Branch Area High School Cafeteria

Building Goals

Superintendent Paul had the opportunity to work with staff on setting important goals for the school district. She also stressed how important it is to have alignment and shared strategic goals in order for the system to work and be relevant. Superintendent Paul invited principals, director and staff from different focuses to present on their 2024-25 school year academic and life skill goals.

Board members adjourned the meeting at 7:54pm.

Heather Naegele, Clerk
(Unapproved)