

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138**  
**NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER, BOARDROOM**  
**SCHOOL BOARD WORK SESSION**  
**May 22, 2025**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Work Session on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Boardroom at the North Branch Area Education Center.

Vice Chair Grovender called the meeting to order.

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

Absent: Tim MacMillan

Note: Sara Paul arrived at 5:46 PM

Others in Attendance: Theresa Anderson, Joan Bense, Julie Christen, Kelly Detzler, Matthew Hill, Jenel Korkowski, Pakou Lee, Pam Neaubauer, Kristin Orton, Melissa Rafferty, Sam Stoesz, Taylor Swanson, Pat Tepoorten, Todd Tetzlaff, David Treichel and Deanna Wilson

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Superintendent's Report

At tonight's meeting, Todd Tetzlaff, director of Finance and Human Resources presented on behalf of Superintendent Paul.

Superintendent Paul's report highlighted several recent accomplishments and events across the district, including:

- A hoop dancing performance by Mattias Bigbear at the Education Center.
- The 5th grade "Mission to Mars" project with a part II of a returned trip.
- Hands-on learning initiatives at NBAMS incubating and hatching chicks with discussion on animal care and sustaining aquaculture.
- The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Art Club's *Eye of the Dragon* art project, using over thousands of bottle caps collected.
- A generous donation from Anderson & Koch Ford to the automotive program donating a 2024 Ford Taurus.
- Strong representation at the state Adaptive Bowling competition, with students placing 10<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup> place.
- The JROTC Annual Awards Ceremony honoring cadet achievements.
- Norse ALC students received first place at the MAAP Stars competition.
- Over \$157,000 in scholarships awarded.

Special guest Matthew Hill with the City of North Branch gave a brief introduction and updates on what is happening in our community and the city's partnership with the school district.

#### Work Session Topics

##### Proposed Revised Budget

Todd Tetzlaff, Director of Finance and Human Resources presented information on the following for board action in June 2025:

- Proposed Revised FY 2024-25 Budget
- Proposed FY 2025-26 Budget
- Purposed FY 2025-26 LTFM Budget
- Student fees and meal prices for FY 26

##### ELA Implementation

David Treichel led the presentation highlighting its structure and alignment with the Science of Reading for elementary school, middle school and special education with representation from each one of the focuses.

Vice Chair Grovender adjourned the meeting at 7:32 PM

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Heather Naegele, Clerk