

**NORTH BRANCH INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 138  
NORTH BRANCH AREA EDUCATION CENTER, BOARDROOM  
SCHOOL BOARD WORKING SESSION  
November 21, 2024**

The School Board of Independent School District 138 met in a Working Session on Thursday, November 21, 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:** Shelly Johnson, Adam Trampe, Sarah Grovender, Tim MacMillan, Superintendent Paul, Heather Naegele and Jesse LaValla

**Absent:** None

**Others in Attendance:** David Treichel, Jerilyn Mattson, Kristin Orton, Nic Van Oss, Nicole Woodward, Pakou Lee, Pat Tepoorten, Sarah Kloeckl and Taylor Swanson

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Paul provided a brief update on National Apprenticeship Week, highlighting networking efforts with the MN Rural Educators and SCRED, both of which are critical partners. Superintendent Paul and David Gryte will be recording a podcast on November 22, 2024, discussing the Apprenticeship Program, so be on the lookout for information on when the podcast will air.

At tonight's work session, Superintendent Paul shared that Student Resource Officer (SRO) Mike Nelson is transitioning to a new role with the North Branch Police Department and will no longer serve as the SRO at North Branch Area Public Schools. The SRO position will be filled by a new officer. NBAPS extends its gratitude to Officer Nelson for his vital role in our school district.

**Work Session Topics**

The Distance Learning Academy (DLA) was the spotlight of the evening, with David Treichel, Curriculum Director, kicking off the presentation. David shared the program's mission and highlighted the amazing DLA staff who carry out the work. Spotlight guests included Michael Halls and Lana Houck, who are current DLA students. The two shared their success stories and discussed how positively the program has influenced them academically and personally.

The SCRED Vikings Leadership Team gave an update on what has been happening in the different focus areas and actions, as well as the high school program.

Family survey themes are showing good representation across the system, with consistency in moving up with the trends and strong affirmation of Viking pride from

parents and the community. The overall value is trending in the right direction.

Superintendent Paul shared that the Staff Survey will open on Monday, November 25, 2024, and will remain open for two weeks.

Board members adjourned the meeting at 8:32 PM

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Heather Naegele, Clerk  
(Unapproved)