



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, February 26, 2024

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, February 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Roll Call/Verification of Quorum:** The Board President verified a quorum is present.  
**Members Present** - Aaron McDonald, Tesia Marshik, Mark Cassellius (virtually), Brian Haefs, Shawn McAlister, Erik Archer, and Ann Garrity.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Todd Antony, Janet Rosseter, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Sonya Ganther, Jed Kees, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, and Kristen Fay.  
**Student Representative** - Campbell Nitti.  
**Others Present** - Jackson Hughes, Clifford Amundson, Thomas Fortier, Cooper Callaway, Bodie Callaway, Kendall Carlson, and Kelly McMahan.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:** Ann Garrity led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** Tesia Marshik read the School Board Mission Statement.
5. **Public Notice:** Public notice was given to the requesting news media. The agenda was posted in district buildings, and on the district website.
6. **Agenda Revisions:** No changes to the agenda.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Marshik, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public speakers.

### Recognition Items:

9. **Student Recognition:**
  - A. Jackson Hughes was recognized for his recent state appearance in wrestling.
  - B. The Ski/Snowboard team was recognized for their recent state appearance.
10. **National School Breakfast Week:** State Superintendent of Public Instruction Dr. Jill Underly has proclaimed March 4-8, 2024 as School Breakfast Week. Tesia Marshik read the proclamation.

## Action Items:

11. **Donation:** Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Marshik, to approve a \$100,000 donation from an anonymous donor for the middle school solar project. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Marshik - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
12. **2024 Summer School Course Offerings:** Motion by S. McAlister, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2024 high school, middle school, and elementary summer school course offerings. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Marshik - yes; A. McDonald - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
13. **Fundraiser Request:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the Southeast Asian Club to hold a volleyball tournament as a fundraiser on April 13, 2024. Fundraising goal is \$1,000 with the funds going toward an educational trip to be determined at the end of the school year. Roll call vote: T. Marshik - yes; A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
14. **SMART Boards:** Motion by T. Marshik, second by B. Haefs, to allow the direct purchase of SMART boards for the middle and high school as part of the current referendum project. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Marshik - yes; A. McDonald - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
15. **Board Policies:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. McDonald, to approve Policy 7250 - Buildings, Sites, and Events Naming Rights, for a second reading and Board approval: Roll call vote: E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; T. Marshik - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
16. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:
  - A. Retirement Request - Certified Staff - **Camilla Pietrek**, 1.0 FTE 1st grade teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year, with summer school work through August 15, 2024.
  - B. Resignation Request - Administrative Staff - **Jed Kees**, 1.0 FTE principal at the middle school, effective June 27, 2024, and subject to the \$1,000 contract breakage penalty.
  - C. Resignation Requests - Certified Staff -
    1. **Kathryn Bottcher**, 1.0 FTE 5th grade teacher at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.
    2. **Kathleen Carson**, 1.0 FTE school psychologist at the middle school, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.
    3. **Erin Graff**, 1.0 FTE school psychologist at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year, with extended contract work through August 23, 2024.
    4. **Jacqueline Skaife**, 1.0 FTE cross categorical teacher at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.

- D. Position Deletion - Hourly Staff - 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective February 26, 2024.
- E. Position Creation - Hourly Staff - 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective February 26, 2024.

*Motion by T. Marshik, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report.*

- 17. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
  - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
  - B. *Financials - January 2024.*
  - C. *Minutes - February 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes.*
  - D. *Unpaid Leave Policy 3430/4430 - Christa Weber, high school teacher, February 14, 2024.*

*Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Marshik - yes; S. McAlister - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.*

**Informational/Discussion Items:**

- 18. **Student Representative, Administrator, and Board Reports:** The student representative and administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
- 19. **Building Project Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle school building project.
- 20. **Staff Survey:** Sonya Ganther shared results from the recent staff survey for Board information.
- 21. **2024-25 Budget & Model:** Janet Rosseter reviewed possible 2024-25 budget scenarios.
- 22. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk