



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, February 12, 2024

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, February 12, 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, Fayme Evenson, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Sonya Ganther, Jana Yashinsky, Todd Saner, Lish Olson, Abby Davis, and Kristen Fay.
Student Representative - Campbell Nitti.
Others Present - Brittany Geary, Keagan Anderson, Kyla Betz, and Jon Pierce.
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:** Brian Haefs 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 T. Marshik, second by A. McDonald, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public speakers.

Recognition Items:

9. **Dance Team Recognition:** Members of the Onalaska Dance Team were recognized for their recent state appearance.
10. **Crossing Guard Recognition Week:** State Superintendent Jill Underly has proclaimed February 19-23 as Adult School Crossing Guard Recognition Week. Aaron McDonald read the proclamation.
11. **Donation:** \$783.24 from Office Depot for school supplies for Northern Hills Elementary.

Action Items:

12. **OMS Solar Project:** Motion by A. McDonald, second by S. McAlister, to approve a contract with Solar Connections for the direct purchase of solar for the middle school as part of the current referendum project. Roll call vote: T. Marshik - yes; S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.
13. **OHS Science Casework:** Motion by S. McAlister, second by B. Haefs, to approve a contract with Wynn O Jones and subcontractors for the direct purchase of science casework for the high school as part of the current referendum project. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Marshik - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.
14. **Fundraiser Request:** Motion by T. Marshik, second by S. McAlister, to allow Irving Pertzsch and Eagle Bluff students to hold a Penny War fundraiser to raise funds for needed supplies and items for students. Fundraising goal is \$500. S. McAlister - yes; E. Archer - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; T. Marshik - yes; A. McDonald - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.
15. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. Resignation Request - Certified Staff - **Emily Wagener**, 1.0 FTE school psychologist at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective the end of the 2023-24 school year.
 - B. Position Deletion - 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective January 26, 2024.
 - C. Unpaid Leave - Policy 3430/4430 - **Ashlynn Knutson**, middle school teacher, February 29 & March 1, 2024.
 - D. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff -
 1. **Jennifer Janda**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective January 26, 2024.
 2. **Hanglin Shen**, 4 hour per day cook at the high school, effective February 16, 2024.

Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Roll call vote: T. Marshik - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.
16. **Consent Agenda:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Marshik, to approve the following under the consent agenda:
 - A. Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.
 - B. Minutes - January 22, 2024 regular meeting minutes and February 5, 2024 development meeting minutes.
 - C. Unpaid Leave - Policy 3430/4430 - Kristin Lindahl, Eagle Bluff Elementary teacher, December 6-7, 2023; Pha Vang, high school paraprofessional, January 24-26, 2024.

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

Informational/Discussion Items:

17. **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.
18. **Building Project Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle school building project.
19. **Employee Wellness:** Sonya Ganther presented an overview of the Employee Wellness Program and the results of the Employee Health Risk Assessments for Board information.
20. **Kindergarten JumpStart:** Elementary principals reported on Kindergarten JumpStart for Board information.
21. **Board Policy:** Tesia Marshik, Mark Cassellius, and Todd Antony presented Board Policy 7250 - Buildings, Sites, and Events Naming Rights, for a first reading and Board consideration.
22. **Second Friday in January Pupil Count:** Janet Rosseter presented the second Friday in January pupil count for the district for Board information.
23. **Closed Session:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. McDonald, to convene into closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(e) and/or (f), to discuss prior Board meetings with architectural firms, including strategic and competitive discussions, as well as discussions concerning Board member impressions of the firms interviewed. The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of closed session. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Marshik - yes; S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Convened to closed session at 7:18 p.m.*
24. **Adjourn:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by S. McAlister, to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Marshik - yes; S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk