



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 28, 2024

Vice President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Tuesday, May 28, 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 Vice President verified a quorum is present.  
**Members Present** - Tracy Laufenberg, Erik Archer (6:00 pm - 6:39 pm), Shawn McAlister, Aaron McDonald, and Ann Garrity.  
**Members Absent** - Mark Cassellius and Brian Haefs.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Todd Antony, Janet Rosseter, Fayme Evenson, Jason Thiry, Laurie Enos, Sonya Ganther, Todd Saner, and Kristen Fay.  
**Others Present** - Kelly McMahan, Janice Solie, and Mike Tumilowicz.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:** Aaron McDonald led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** Tracy Laufenberg 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 published agenda.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by S. McAlister, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public speakers.

### Recognition Item:

9. **Staff Recognition:** The Board recognized Eagle Bluff Elementary teacher Janice Solie for being the recipient of the Junior Achievement Teacher of the Year Award for the Coulee Region.

### Action Items:

10. **Donation:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by E. Archer, to approve a donation of \$3,000 from the Onalaska Enhancement Foundation for the district food pantry. Motion carried.*

11. **2024-25 Pre-Kindergarten Program Contract & Partners:** Motion by A. Garrity, second by S. McAlister, to approve the 2024-25 Pre-K partner contract document and to enter into agreements with the following Pre-K partners for the 2024-25 school year: Christian Chapel Daycare, Children’s Tree House, First Lutheran Preschool, Gentle Lambs, Northstar Early Learning Center, and YMCA North. Motion carried.

12. **Middle and High School Furniture Bid Approval:** Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve purchase of the Onalaska Middle School furniture at a price of \$1,661,457.92 from Duet Resource Group, Wenger, Business Essentials, and Schmidt Goodman. Motion carried.

Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve purchase of the Onalaska High School furniture at a price of \$136,448.78 from Duet Resource Group, Business Essentials, and Schmidt Goodman. Motion carried.

13. **2024-25 Fund 80 Community Service Fund Proposal:** Motion by A. Garrity, second by S. McAlister, to approve the purpose and use of a community service fund and use of Fund 80. Motion carried.

14. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:

A. Resignation Request - Certified Staff - **Adam Poellinger**, 1.0 FTE social studies teacher at Onalaska Middle School, effective May 22, 2024.

B. New Employees - Certified Staff -

1. **Claire Gentry** to fill the 1.0 FTE 4th grade teacher position at Eagle Bluff Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at BA 0 credits, \$49,327 and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Stacy Howden.
2. **Lily Stonestreet** to fill the 1.0 FTE 5th grade teacher position at Northern Hills Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at BA 0 credits, \$49,327 and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
3. **Emma Sebek** to fill the 1.0 FTE 4th grade teacher position at Eagle Bluff Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at BA 0 credits, \$49,327 and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
4. **Joshua Wolcott** to fill the 1.0 FTE 7th grade science teacher position at Onalaska Middle School effective August 26, 2024 at MA 30 credits, \$70,854, and contingent on release from the School District of La Crosse. This position was vacated by Sergei Rospel.
5. **Gaozong Vang** to fill the 1.0 FTE multilingual learners teacher position at Northern Hills Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at BA 0 credits, \$49,327 and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Phanat Lor.

C. Summer School Contracts - Administration presented the 2024 elementary, middle, and high school summer school contracts for Board approval.

D. Co-Curricular Resignation - **Adam Poellinger**, Onalaska Middle School activities director, effective May 22, 2024.

- E. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff -
1. **Rachel Johnson**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective May 22, 2024.
  2. **Abigail Cain**, .70 FTE PreK paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective May 22, 2024.
  3. **Chase Simmons**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Onalaska Middle School, effective May 22, 2024.

*Motion by S. McAlister, second by E. Archer, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried.*

15. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by S. McAlister, second by A. Garrity, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
  - B. *Minutes - May 13, 2024.*
  - C. *Financials - April 2024.*
  - D. *Director of Communications and Engagement Job Description.*
  - E. *Unpaid Leave Policy 3430/4430 - Hannah McDonah-Anderson, middle school teacher, May 17, 2024.*

*Motion carried.*

**Informational/Discussion Items:**

16. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
17. **Nondiscrimination Self-Evaluation:** Laurie Enos, Fayme Evenson and Kelly McMahan reported on the 2023-24 Self-Evaluation of the Status of Nondiscrimination and Equality of Educational Opportunities.
18. **Middle and High School Building Project Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.
19. **High School Student Handbook:** Jason Thiry presented the 2024-25 high school student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by S. McAlister, to adjourn at 7:31 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