



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

Vice President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, August 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 Vice President verified a quorum is present.  
**Members Present** - Tracy Laufenberg, Brian Haefs, Erik Archer, Mark Cassellius (virtual), and Aaron McDonald.  
**Members Absent** - Shawn McAlister and Ann Garrity.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Janet Rosseter, Fayme Evenson, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Abby Davis, Lish Olson, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.  
**Others Present** - Joanna Drazkowski, Elizabeth Heiman, Angela Sagen, and Seth Camp.
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:** 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 B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to approve the agenda as published. Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

### Recognition Item:

9. **Donations:**
  - \$823.80 from Office Depot for school supplies at Northern Hills Elementary
  - \$1,596.44 from Beer by Bike Brigade for meal account deficits

- \$1,520 from Jim's Grocery Bag/Schroeder Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for food for students in need

**Action Items:**

10. **Donations:** Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the following donations: \$8,000 from the Tom & Trudy Kennedy Endowment Fund/Tom's Grocery Bag of the La Crosse Community Foundation for food for students in need, and \$13,995 from the Onalaska Band Boosters for drumline equipment for the high school band. Motion carried.
11. **Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club:** Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by E. Archer, to approve the 2024-25 donation plan from the Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
12. **Onalaska Band Booster Club:** Motion by E. Archer, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2024-25 donation plan from the Onalaska Band Booster Club. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
13. **Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group:** Motion by E. Archer, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the 2024-25 donation plan from the Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
14. **2024-25 Handbooks:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to approve the co-curricular staff handbook and the high school activities handbook. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
15. **Fundraisers:** Motion by E. Archer, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2024-25 school year fundraisers. Roll call vote: E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
16. **Field Trips:** Motion by E. Archer, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2024-25 field trips. Roll call vote: E. Archer - yes; T. Laufenberg - no; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
17. **Transportation Fee:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve a private school transportation fee of \$1,190 per student for a.m. and p.m. transportation for students not otherwise not eligible for free transportation. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.
18. **School Resource Officer Contract:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to enter into an agreement with the City of Onalaska for a School Resource Officer for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$51,831.41. Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.

19. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. New Employees - Hourly Staff -
    - 1. **Madeline Wilcox** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at \$20.78 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Clara Jacobs.
    - 2. **Cole Schiller-Bauman** to fill the 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at \$21.95 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI, with unpaid time off of March 12-13, 2025. This is a newly created position.
    - 3. **Faith Hendrickson** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary effective August 26, 2024 at \$20.78 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
    - 4. **Tamara Moore** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School effective August 26, 2024 at \$20.78 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Jeni Hinitt.
    - 5. **Stacy Mitchell** to fill the 4 hour per day cook position at Onalaska Middle School effective August 26, 2024 at \$18.96 per hour. This is a newly created position.
  - B. Position Deletions - Hourly Staff -
    - 1. .70 FTE PreK paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary.
    - 2. .567 FTE PreK paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary.
  - C. Extended Contracts -
    - 1. **Kimmi Muellenberg**, Eagle Bluff Elementary physical education teacher, an extra 30 minutes for 176 days, \$4,806.54.
    - 2. **Katie Larson**, Eagle Bluff Elementary music teacher, an extra 30 minutes for 176 days, \$3,880.16.
    - 3. **Molly Baker**, Eagle Bluff Elementary art teacher, an extra 30 minutes for 176 days, \$3,678.23.
  - D. Additional Hours - Hourly Staff - **Jennifer Hinds**, OMS paraprofessional, from .533 FTE to .60 FTE, for the 2024-25 school year only.
  - E. Summer School Contract - **Karen Keil**, August Band Camp, \$644.00.
  - F. Co-Curricular Contracts -
    - 1. **Mayson Taylor**, football asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.
    - 2. **Lisa Reimler**, drama asst. director, \$1,504.47.
    - 3. **Saeng Yang**, MS 7th volleyball asst. coach, \$1,575.
    - 4. **Madison Roy**, MS 7th volleyball head coach, \$1,975.
    - 5. **Kendra Bauer**, MS 8th volleyball asst. coach, \$1,575.
    - 6. **Brandon Swenson**, MS 8th football asst. coach, \$1,575.

*Motion by B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to approve the personnel report. Roll call vote: E. Archer - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*

20. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
  - B. *Financials - July 2024.*
  - C. *Minutes - August 12, 2024.*
  - D. *Co-Curricular Contract amount corrections - Craig Kowal, head baseball coach, \$3,650; Thomas Fortier, head wrestling coach, \$4,550; Chris Meunier, Express show band director, \$1,504.47.*
- Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Haefs - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*

**Informational/Discussion Items:**

21. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
22. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.
23. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to adjourn at 6:55 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