



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, September 9, 2024

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, September 9, 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** - Tracy Laufenberg, Brian Haefs, Erik Archer, Mark Cassellius (virtual), Aaron McDonald, and Ann Garrity.  
**Members Absent** - Shawn McAlister.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Todd Antony, Janet Rosseter, Fayme Evenson, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Sonya Ganther, Ben Burns, Lish Olson, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, and Kristen Fay.  
**Others Present** - Kristine Bahr.
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:** Aaron McDonald 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. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

### Recognition Items:

9. **Staff Recognition:**  
The following staff members were recognized for recently receiving a Master's Degree:
  - Kristine Bahr, Northern Hills Elementary LMC Director
  - Taylor Johnson, Irving Pertzsch Elementary 5th grade teacher
  - Kristy Schellenger, Eagle Bluff Elementary 1st grade teacher

10. **Donations:**

- \$1,000 from Robert George for the Irving Pertzsch Elementary ML program
- \$795 from Altra Federal Credit Union for Onalaska High School student activities
- School supplies from 3 Amigos Apartments

**Action Items:**

11. **Donation:** Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve a donation of \$5,000 from Burlington Store 'Adopt a Classroom' for classroom supplies for Irving Pertzsch Elementary. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
12. **Overnight Trip Request:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. McDonald, to approve students in the ONAbility program to attend the Wisconsin Self-Determination Conference in Wisconsin Dells on October 21-23, 2024. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; B. Haefs - yes; E. Archer - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
13. **Textbook Adoption:** Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve an Environmental Science textbook for Onalaska High School. Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
14. **2024-25 Preliminary Budget Adoption for Budget Hearing:** Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the preliminary 2024-25 Budget. Roll call vote: E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
15. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval.
- A. New Employee - Hourly Staff - **Bennett Wilsey** to fill the 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School effective September 11, 2024 at \$21.95 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
- B. Co-Curricular Contracts -
1. **Andrew Kjos**, HS boys' hockey asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,720.
  2. **Peyton Phillips**, HS boys' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
  3. **Parker Tepp**, HS boys' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
  4. **Tyler Shackle**, MS football asst. coach, as needed, \$1,575.
- Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the personnel report. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.
16. **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. Minutes - August 26, 2024.

C. *Field Trips - OHS Career Readiness class to various businesses in the area.*  
*Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. McDonald - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.*

**Informational/Discussion Items:**

17. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
18. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.
19. **District Strategic Plan 2024-25 Annual Goals - Pillar I:** Administration presented the 2024-25 Annual Goals aligned to the District Strategic Plan for Pillar 1 - Student Engagement, Growth, and Achievement.
20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by E. Archer, to adjourn at 8:00 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