



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 28, 2024

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 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 President verified a quorum is present.  
**Members Present** - Tracy Laufenberg, Shawn McAlister, Mark Cassellius, Aaron McDonald, and Ann Garrity.  
**Members Absent** - Brian Haefs and Erik Archer.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Todd Antony, Laurie Enos, Charlie Ihle, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, Lish Olson, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, Dan Dahlquist, Kelly McMahan, and Kristen Fay.  
**Others Present** - Kurt Gutknecht, Alex Draskowski, Jessica Scott, and Jerry Schomberg.
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:** Request to move Item #14 - General Contractor Selection, to before Item #9 - donations, to accommodate a guest, and to remove Item #15 - MOU with Ho-Chunk Nation.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the agenda with moving Item #11 - Student Representative and Administrator reports. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

### Recognition Item:

9. **Student Recognition:** Alex Draskowski was recognized for her recent state appearance in tennis.

10. **Donations:**
- \$1,000 from Syed & Mateen Abidi for STEM activities at Onalaska High School
  - \$2,000 from an anonymous donor for Onalaska High School student needs

**Action Item:**

11. **General Contractor Selection:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve Fowler & Hammer for the Facilities and Transportation Building. Motion carried.*

**Informational/Discussion Items:**

12. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:** The student representative and administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
13. **Summer School Report:** Kelly McMahon presented the 2024 summer school report for Board information.
14. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Administration gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.

**Action Items:**

15. **Programming Agreement with Boys & Girls Club:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by M. Cassellius, to approve a programming agreement with the Boys & Girls Club. Motion carried.*
16. **School Start Date Resolution:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by T. Laufenberg, to adopt Resolution 2024-005, Modification of School Start Date for 2025-26. Motion carried.*
17. **2024-25 Original Budget Adoption:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by S. McAlister, to approve the 2024-25 original budget. Roll call vote: A. McDonald - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.*
18. **2024-25 Tax Levy:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by A. McDonald, to approve Resolution 2024-006, the 2024-25 tax levy. Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. McDonald - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried.*
19. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval.
- A. New Employees - Hourly Staff -
1. **Mark Krause** to fill the one hour per day crossing guard position effective October 21, 2024 at \$19.61 per hour. This position was vacated by Lora Schroeder.
  2. **Stacey Hronis-Johnson** to fill the 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School effective October 21, 2024 at \$21.95 per hour. This is a newly created position.

3. **Brooke Breeden** to fill the .533 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School effective October 22, 2024 at \$19.61 per hour. This position was vacated by Emily Adams.
  4. **Elizabeth Link** to fill the 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional position at Onalaska Middle School effective November 11, 2024 at \$21.95 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
  5. **Jason Crocker** to fill the 1.0 FTE head custodian position at Onalaska Middle School effective October 30, 2024 at \$23.85 per hour.
- B. Additional Hours - Hourly Staff - **Laura Hoffmann**, Onalaska Middle School paraprofessional, from .80 FTE to 1.0 FTE, effective October 14, 2024, for the 2024-25 school year only.
- C. Co-Curricular Contracts -
1. **Randy Ketelhut**, girls' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  2. **Tony DeGaetano**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  3. **Mayson Taylor**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  4. **Isaac Castellano**, boys' basketball asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,720.
  5. **Ethan Anderson**, boys' basketball asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,720.
  6. **Clifford Amundson**, wrestling asst. coach, \$3,010.
  7. **Zak Wallenfang**, girls' track and field head coach, \$4,100.
  8. **Luke Sauerma**n, boys' track and field head coach, \$4,100.
  9. **Jaryd Rowekamp**, 7th grade boys' basketball head coach, \$1,975.
  10. **Bruce Teale**, 7th grade boys' basketball asst. coach, \$1,575.
  11. **Royce Nash**, 8th grade boys' basketball head coach, \$1,975.
  12. **Rebecca Clark**, 8th grade boys' basketball asst. coach, \$1,575.
  13. **Tyler Shackle**, OMS wrestling head coach, \$1,975.
- D. Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff - **Faith Hendrickson** from the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary to the 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary, effective October 21, 2024. This is a newly created position.
- E. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff -
1. **Lora Schroeder**, one hour per day crossing guard, effective October 21, 2024.
  2. **Scott Pollack**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective October 31, 2024.

*Motion by A. McDonald, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried.*

20. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by S. McAlister, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
  - B. *Minutes - October 14, 2024 Public Hearing Meeting and October 14, 2024 Regular Meeting.*
  - C. *Financials - September 2024.*

- D. *Field Trip Request - OMS 6th grade to Viterbo University in November 2024.*
- E. *Board Policy Technical Corrections - 0100 - Definitions, 0143.1 - Public Expression of Board Members, 0152 - Officers, 2131.01 - Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment, 2221 - Special Observance Days, 2270 - Religion in the Curriculum, 2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information, 2522 - Library Media Centers, 3112/4112 - Board/Staff Communications, 3213/4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare, 3216/4216 - Staff Dress and Appearance, 3231 - Outside Activities of Professional Staff, 4231 - Outside Activities of Support Staff, 5605 - Suspension/Expulsion of Students with Disabilities, 2431.01 - Co-Curricular Activities Policies.*  
*Motion carried.*

21. **Adjourn:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by S. McAlister, to adjourn at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried.*

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Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk