



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, November 11, 2024

Vice President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, November 11, 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, Brian Haefs, Mark Cassellius, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Shawn McAlister and Ann Garrity.
Administrators/Directors Present - Fayme Evenson, Janet Rosseter, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, Lish Olson, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.
Student Representative - Leah Thies.
Others Present - Kelly McMahan.
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. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Recognition Item:

9. **Donation:**
 - \$100 from Chris Matuska for the district food pantry.

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **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.
11. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Jared Schaffner and Ben Burns gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.
12. **High School Course Catalog:** Jared Schaffner presented the high school course catalog for a first reading and Board consideration.
13. **WI Student Assessment System (WSAS) and ACCESS for ELLs Results:** Fayme Evenson shared the WSAS results and the ACCESS for Multilingual Learners assessment results for Board information.
14. **Communications:**
 - A. Notice of School Board Election - Terms of Board members Ann Garrity and Shawn McAlister will expire in April 2025. A Type "A" legal notice will be published in The La Crosse Tribune on November 16, 2024. Citizens interested in running for the Board need to circulate nomination papers and file a campaign registration statement and declaration of candidacy no later than 5:00 p.m. January 7, 2025.
 - B. State Education Convention - Board members discussed attendance for the 2025 State Education Convention scheduled for January 22-24, 2025.

Action Items:

15. **Memorandum of Understanding with the Ho-Chunk Nation:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve a memorandum of understanding with the Ho-Chunk Nation for tutoring services and academic support for Ho-Chunk students. Motion carried.*
16. **2025-26 Calendar:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the 2025-26 district calendar. Motion carried.*
17. **Independent Auditor Recommendation:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve a five year contract with Hawkins Ash CPAs for a financial and student membership auditor. Motion carried.*
18. **Personnel Report:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval.
 - A. New Employees - Hourly Staff -
 1. **Zoe de Boer** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary effective November 11, 2024 at \$20.78 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI, with unpaid days off of April 22-May 1, 2025, and May 22-23, 2025. This position was vacated by Faith Hendrickson.

2. **Jocelyn Boisen** to fill the .50 FTE cook position at Onalaska Middle School effective November 4, 2024 at \$18.96 per hour. This position was vacated by Stacy Mitchell.

B. Position Creations -

1. 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary.
2. 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary.

C. Co-Curricular Contracts -

1. **Brian Scarseth**, OMS boys' basketball asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$787.50
2. **Jack Hagstrom**, OMS wrestling asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$787.50
3. **Faith Hendrickson**, gymnastics asst. coach, \$3,440.

- D. Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff - **Kalia Lee** from the .567 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Eagle Bluff Elementary to the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary, effective November 4, 2024. This position was vacated by Scott Pollack.

Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried.

19. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
- B. *Minutes - October 28, 2024 regular meeting minutes and November 4, 2024 special meeting minutes.*

Motion carried.

19. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk