



**School District of Onalaska**  
**Board of Education Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, January 13, 2025 6:00 p.m.**  
**District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI**

**Board of Education**

Ann Garrity	President
Aaron McDonald	Vice President
Brian Haefs	Clerk
Shawn McAlister	Treasurer
Mark Cassellius	Director
Erik Archer	Director
Tracy Laufenberg	Director

**Administration**

Fran Finco	Co-Interim Superintendent
Roger Fruit	Co-Interim Superintendent
Janet Rosseter	Director of Finance and Business Services
Fayme Evenson	Director of Instructional Services
Laurie Enos	Director of Student Services
Sonya Ganther	Director of Human Resources
Jared Schaffner	Onalaska High School Principal
Charlie Ihle	Onalaska High School Associate Principal
Jason Thiry	Onalaska High School Associate Principal/Activities Director
Ben Burns	Onalaska Middle School Principal
Jana Yashinsky	Onalaska Middle School Associate Principal
Todd Saner	Eagle Bluff Elementary Principal
Abby Davis	Irving Pertzsch Elementary Principal
Lish Olson	Northern Hills Elementary Principal

<b>Mission Statement</b>	Working together to ensure high levels of learning for all
<b>Vision Statement</b>	A model school district in service of students, staff, and community

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This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Roll Call - Verification of Quorum:**
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**  
President Ann Garrity will lead the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Mission Statement:**  
Tracy Laufenberg will read the School Board Mission Statement.
5. **Public Notice:**  
The Board secretary will verify that public notice was given in accordance with the requirements for the State of Wisconsin's public meeting law. (Wis. Stats. 19.84(2))
6. **Agenda Revisions:**  
No new items may be added to the agenda.
7. **Approval of Agenda:**  
The Board of Education will approve the agenda as published, less any items which are removed by the Board or Administration.
8. **Public Input:**  
Public Comment is governed by Board Bylaw 0167.3. Members of the public may request permission to speak on any item on the agenda for a maximum of three minutes. A form to speak to an agenda item is available in the Board room. The form must be filled out prior to the start of the meeting and submitted to administration.

**Recognition Item:**

9. **Donations:**
  - \$500 from Kathryn and Paul Schams for the ONAbility Program
  - Gifts valued at \$1,600 from members of Shepherd of the Hills Church for students in need
  - \$1,500 from DBS Group for elementary student needs
  - \$100 from Sue and Aurel Mailath for the district food pantry
  - \$2,000 from Elizabeth and Katharine Brock for Onalaska High School students in need, in memory of Tom Brock and in honor of Jan Brock
  - \$50 for a memorial flag holder from the American Legion Auxiliary Post 336
  - \$500 from an anonymous donor for Onalaska High School student lunch accounts
  - \$900 from student Ellie Dahl for student lunch accounts
  - \$1,500 from Anne Farning for school supplies for students in need
  - \$400 from an anonymous donor for student lunch accounts
  - \$100 from Elke Flick for student lunch accounts

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### **Informational/Discussion Items:**

10. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:**  
The student representative and administrators will have the opportunity to 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 will give an update on the middle and high school building projects. (Enclosure: 11.Building Updates)
12. **Resolutions to be Considered by the 2025 WASB Delegate Assembly:**  
Brian Haefs will present the 2025 WASB Delegate Assembly Proposed Resolutions for Board recommendations. ([Enclosure: 12.WASB](#))

### **Action Items:**

13. **2023-24 Audit:**  
Danielle Temp from Tostrud & Temp will present the 2023-24 Audit and financial statements and request the Board accept the report as presented. ([Enclosure: 13.Audit](#))
14. **Trip Request:**  
Teachers Brian Wopat and Devin Pettys will be in attendance to request Board approval of a student trip to France in June of 2026. ([Enclosure: 14.Trip](#))
15. **Donations:**
  - \$5,000 from the Eagle Bluff Elementary PTO for the encore program
  - New winter clothing and school supplies worth \$2,506 from Bernie Buchner for students in need
  - \$3,030 in gift cards from members of St. Patrick's Church for students/families in need
16. **Open Enrollment:**  
Laurie Enos will present the open enrollment restrictions for Board approval. ([Enclosure: 16.OE](#))
17. **Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS):**  
Laurie Enos will request Board approval to have 8th grade students and high school students participate in the Youth Risk Behavior survey in spring 2025. ([Enclosure: 17.HS YRBS](#)) ([Enclosure: 17.MS YRBS](#)) ([Enclosure: 17.Optional YRBS](#))
18. **Co-Curricular Co-ops:**
  - A. Jason Thiry will request Board approval of a co-curricular co-op for Gymnastics with Luther High School (we are host) for the 2025-26 school year.
  - B. Jason Thiry will request Board approval to add Luther High School to the Girls Hockey Co-op (West Salem is host) for the 2025-26 school year.

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19. **Personnel Report:**

Sonya Ganther will present the personnel report for Board approval. Items may be removed for separate consideration:

- A. New Employee - Hourly Staff
- B. New Employee - Limited Term Certified Staff
- C. Co-Curricular Contracts
- D. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff

([Enclosure: 19.Personnel Report](#))

20. **Consent Agenda:**

The following items will be presented for approval. Items may be removed for separate consideration:

- A. Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.  
([Enclosure: 20.Disbursements](#))
- B. Financials - November 2024. ([Enclosure: 20.Financials](#))
- C. Minutes - December 9, 2024 regular meeting minutes, and January 8, 2025 special meeting minutes. ([Enclosure: 20.Minutes 12.09.24](#)) ([Enclosure: 20.Minutes 01.08.25](#))
- D. Fundraiser Request - OHS Southeast Asian Club, eggroll sales in March 2025, approx. 15 students. Goal is \$2,500 to cover club expenses for a field trip.

21. **Closed Session:**

The Board of Education will entertain a motion to convene in closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85 (1)(c)(d)(e) and of (f) Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss, and when appropriate, take action on real property purchasing options and strategies; to discuss individual safety drills and related information; and to take action on individual administrator employment contracts. The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of closed session.

22. **Adjourn:**

**Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:**

January 22-24, 2025 - State Education Convention, Milwaukee

January 27, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

*Upon request to the District Office, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a person with disabilities to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 608-781-9700. Sent to:*

*Media*

*Board of Education*

*District Buildings: District Office, Onalaska High School, Onalaska Middle School, Eagle Bluff Elementary, Irving Pertzsch Elementary, Northern Hills Elementary*

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