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School District of Onalaska Selects Interim Superintendents

Onalaska, Wis. - The School District of Onalaska has selected a pair of former administrators to temporarily fill the district's superintendent vacancy.

Fran Finco and Roger Fruit have been approved by the Board of Education to serve in part-time capacities as the district's interim superintendents. Both Finco and Fruit retired from the School District of Onalaska in 2019 after lengthy careers as administrators. Finco worked in Onalaska for 27 years, most recently as superintendent from 2011-2019. Fruit started with the district in 1999. He served as the principal at Northern Hills Elementary and Onalaska Middle School before becoming the Director of Instruction from 2011-2019.

"We are excited to be welcoming back Fran and Roger," said board president Ann Garrity. "With their familiarity with our schools, staff, and community, we couldn't think of a better team to lead us through our ongoing major projects and initiatives throughout the district."

Finco and Fruit will begin their roles with the district on December 2. The district and its board will soon begin a nationwide search for a permanent superintendent with an anticipated start date of July 1, 2025.

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About the School District of Onalaska: The School District of Onalaska is located in western Wisconsin in La Crosse County and consists of three elementary schools, one middle school, and one high school. The district serves more than 2,900 students and employs more than 400 staff.

Board of Education

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Our Mission: Working together to ensure high levels of learning for all

Our Vision: A model school district in service of students, staff, and community