



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, August 25, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, August 25, 2025 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 - Erik Archer, Bridget Thomas, Brian Haefs, Tracy Laufenberg, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Mark Cassellius.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Lish Olson, Janet Rosseter, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Laurie Enos, Todd Saner, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Emily Johnson.
Others Present - Karen Alderman, Seth Camp, Liz Ramsay, Dianne Pica, and Eric Schauburger.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag:** Aaron McDonald led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. **Reading of the Mission Statement:** Ann Garrity 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 Items 12-15 (Booster Club reports and Medical Advisor MOU), to after Item 8.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda with moving Items 12-15 (Booster Club Reports and Medical Advisor MOU) to after Item 8. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Action Items:

9. **Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve the donation plan for the 2025-26 school year for the Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club. Motion carried.*
10. **Onalaska Band Booster Club:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by A. Garrity, to approve the donation plan for the 2025-26 school year for the Onalaska Band Booster Club. Motion carried.*

11. **Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Thomas, to approve the donation plan for the 2025-26 school year for the Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group. Motion carried.*
12. **Memorandum of Understanding - Medical Advisor:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by A. Garrity, to enter into a memorandum of understanding with Dr. Eric Schauburger as the District Medical Advisor. Motion carried.*

Recognition Item:

13. **Donations:**
 - \$50 from Mark and Cindy Cassellius for the district lunch fund, in memory of Claude and Coleen Deck
 - \$200 from Melissa Snider for any student needs at Irving Pertzsch Elementary
 - School Supplies from La Crosse Seed for district students
 - School Supplies from BMO Bank for Irving Pertzsch Elementary students

Informational/Discussion Items:

14. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
15. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Jared Schaffner and Ben Burns gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.

Action Items:

16. **Education for Employment:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the Education for Employment report. Motion carried.*
17. **Fundraisers:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by E. Archer, to approve the 2025-26 school year fundraisers. Motion carried.*
18. **Field Trips:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve field trips for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.*
19. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. Garrity, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
 - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
 - B. *Personnel Report -*
 1. *New Employee - Limited Term Staff*
 2. *New Employees - Hourly Staff*
 3. *Co-Curricular Contract Modification*
 4. *Co-Curricular Resignation*
 5. *Co-Curricular Contracts*
 6. *Extended Contract*
 7. *Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff*
 8. *Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff*
 - C. *Minutes - August 11, 2025.*

Motion carried.

20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to adjourn at 6:43 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Emily Johnson

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk