School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 22, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

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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
Kelly McMahon	Northern Hills Elementary Principal

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

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1. **Call to Order:**

2. **Roll Call - Verification of Quorum:**

3. **Pledge of Allegiance:**
   Aaron McDonald 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 Items:

9. **Donations:**
   - $550 from the OHS Class of 2005 for the OHS Acts of Kindness fund and money toward a new picnic table
   - $1,000 from David and Linda Stark for the Eagle Bluff Elementary special education department
   - $1,440 from Jim's Grocery Bag Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for the district food pantry

10. **Board Recognition:**
    Administration will recognize the Board for the 2025 Wisconsin School Board Week which is October 5-11, 2025.

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Administrator Reports:**
    Administrators will have the opportunity to update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.

12. **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: 12.Building Updates)

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Action Items:

13. **Trip Request:**
Karen Matzek, OHS English teacher, will request Board approval of a student trip to England in July 2028.

14. **Donation:**
$8,100 from Tom's Grocery Bag Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for food needs for students.

15. **School Start Date Resolution:**
The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2025-006, Modification of School Start Date for 2026-27. (Enclosure: 15.Resolution 2025-006)

16. **2025-26 Preliminary Budget Adoption for Budget Hearing**
Janet Rosseter will present the preliminary 2025-26 Budget for approval for the October 13, 2025 budget hearing. (Enclosure: 16.Presentation) (Enclosure: 16.Preliminary Budget)

17. **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: 17.Disbursements)
   B. Personnel Report -
      1. New Employee - Mid-Level Manager
      2. New Employees - Hourly Staff
      3. Position Deletion
      4. Co-Curricular Contract
      5. Reassignment Notification - Hourly Staff
      6. Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff
      (Enclosure: 17.Personnel Report)
   C. Minutes - September 8, 2025 (Enclosure. 17.Minutes 09.08.25)
   D. Financials - August 2025. (Enclosure: 17.Financials)

18. **Adjourn:**

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:
October 13, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
October 27, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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