



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 8, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, September 8, 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, Mark Cassellius, Brian Haefs, Tracy Laufenberg, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Lish Olson, Janet Rosseter, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Abby Davis, Kelly McMahon, Todd Saner, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Emily Johnson.
Others Present - Ali Abidi, Tom Cowley, Janie Lundstrom, Eva Dahl, and Barry Blomquist.
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:** Mark Cassellius 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 Item 16 - donation, to after Item 10 - staff recognition.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. Garrity, to approve the agenda with moving Item 16 - donation, to after Item 10 - staff recognition. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Recognition Items:

9. **Student Recognition:** Onalaska High School student Ali Abidi was in attendance to present a donation of self-authored and self-published books to the district's elementary schools.
10. **Staff Recognition:**
 - Tom Cowley, math teacher at Onalaska High School, was recognized for recently receiving a Master's Degree
 - Janie Lundstrom, PreK teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, was recognized for winning the Co-op Credit Union Outstanding Teacher Award

Action Item:

11. **Donation:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by M. Cassellius, to approve a donation of a granite sculpture from Eva Dahl and Barry Blomquist to Eagle Bluff Elementary. Motion carried.*

Recognition Item:

12. **Donations:**
- Books from student Ali Abidi for the district's elementary schools
 - \$695 from Altra Federal Credit Union for the Onalaska High School Engage program
 - \$1,000 from Morrie's Onalaska for school supplies at Irving Pertzsch Elementary
 - Coupons and incentives from Onalaska Dairy Queen for students at Irving Pertzsch Elementary
 - \$200 from Co-op Credit Union for classroom supplies for teacher Janie Lundstrom
 - School supplies from Mike and Barb Chase for district students

Informational/Discussion Items:

13. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
14. **Middle and High School Building Projects Update:** Jared Schaffner and Ben Burns gave an update on the middle and high school building projects.
15. **Summer CAPS & Technology Updates:** Janet Rosseter gave an update on summer CAPS projects and technology updates.
16. **Annual District Goals:** Administration presented the 2025-26 Annual Goals aligned to the District Strategic Plan.

Action Items:

17. **School Resource Officer Contract:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve the School Resource Officer contract for the 2025-26 school year. Motion carried.*
18. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
 - B. *Personnel Report -*
 - 1. *New Employee - Hourly Staff*
 - 2. *Position Creation*
 - 3. *New Employee - Limited Term Staff*
 - 4. *Additional Hours - Hourly Staff*
 - 5. *Co-Curricular Resignation*
 - 6. *Co-Curricular Contract*
 - 7. *Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff*
 - C. *Minutes - August 25, 2025.*
 - D. *Financials - July 2025.*

*E. Summer School Contract - Carrie Thompson, July Show Band Camp, \$966.00.
Motion carried.*

19. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by E. Archer, to adjourn at 7:26 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Emily Johnson

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk