



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, September 22, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, September 22, 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, Abby Davis, Kelly McMahon, Todd Saner, Ben Burns, and Kristen Fay.  
**Others Present** - Karen Matzek.
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:** Tracy Laufenberg 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 13 - trip request, to before Item 9 - Donations.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda with moving Item 13 - trip request, to before Item 9 - donations. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

### Action Item:

9. **Trip Request:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Thomas, to approve a high school student trip to England in July 2028. Motion carried.*

### Recognition Items:

10. **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.

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

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

12. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
13. **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:**

14. **Donation:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve a donation of \$8,100 from Tom's Grocery Bag Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation for food needs for students. Motion carried.*
15. **School Start Date Resolution:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve Resolution 2025-006, Modification of School Start Date for 2026-27. Roll call vote: A. Garrity - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Thomas - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; E. Archer - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*
16. **2025-26 Preliminary Budget Adoption for Budget Hearing:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the preliminary 2025-26 Budget. Roll call vote: B. Thomas - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*
17. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
  - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
  - 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*
  - C. *Minutes - September 8, 2025.*
  - D. *Financials - August 2025.**Motion carried.*
18. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Aaron McDonald, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk