



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 27, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
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Lish Olson	Director of Instructional Services
Laurie Enos	Director of Student Services
Sonya Ganther	Director of Human Resources
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

This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School District's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.

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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. **Student Recognition:**
 - The Girls Golf team will be recognized for their recent state appearance.
 - Mara Klein will be recognized for her recent state appearance in girls tennis.
10. **Donations:**
 - \$250 from Altra Federal Credit Union for classroom needs for Irving Pertzsch teacher Stacy Bossingham
 - \$200 from the Northern Hills PTO toward the Love and Logic Workshops
 - \$500 from Mia's Kitchen for the Onalaska Middle School WEB program

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Conference Recep:**
AnnMarie Dahl, LMC Director at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, will share information about her recent attendance at the American Association of School Librarians Conference.
12. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:**
The student representative and administrators will have the opportunity to update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.

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13. **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: 13.Building Updates)
14. **Summer School Report:**
Kelly McMahon will present the 2025 summer school report for Board information.
(Enclosure: 14.Summer School)
15. **WI Student Assessment System (WSAS) and ACCESS for ELLs Results:**
Lish Olson will share the WSAS results and the ACCESS for Multilingual Learners assessment results for Board information. (Enclosure: 15.WSAS & ACCESS)
16. **Board Policies:**

The Board Policies Committee members will present the following Board policies revisions for a first reading and Board consideration:

100 - Definitions	5310.01 - Emergency Nursing Services/Plan	8420 - School Safety
0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct	5411 - Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students	8500 - Food Services
0166.1 - Consent Agenda	5464 - Early Graduation	8510 - Wellness
1461 - Unrequested Leaves of Absence / Fitness for Duty	5530 - Student Use or Possession of Intoxicants, Drugs, or Paraphernalia	8531 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals
2522 - Library Media Centers	7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems (Drones)	8550 - Competitive Food Sales
4124 - Notice of Reasonable Assurance	7450 - Property Inventory	9151 - Use of Cameras and Other Recording Devices in Locker Rooms
4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare	7455 - Accounting System for Capital Assets	
5112 - Entrance Age	7460 - Conservation of Natural and Material Resources	

(Enclosure: 16.Board Policies)

Action Items:

17. **Donation:**
\$37,000 from the Eagle Bluff Elementary PTO for a walking path at Eagle Bluff Elementary.

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18. **District Library Plan:**
AnnMarie Dahl, LMC Director at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, will present the Library Plan for Board approval. (Enclosure: 18.Library)
19. **Trip Request:**
Andy Beckstrom, OHS teacher, will request Board approval of a student trip to Washington DC in fall of 2026. (Enclosure: 19.Trip Request)
20. **Board Policies:**
The Board Policies Committee members will present the following Board policies revisions for a second reading and Board approval:
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| 1130 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest | 3230 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest | 4230 - Ethics and Conflict of Interest |
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- (Enclosure: 20.Board Policies)
21. **2025-26 Original Budget Adoption:**
Janet Rosseter will present the 2025-26 original budget for Board adoption.
(Enclosure: 21.Budget Adoption) (Enclosure: 21.Budget Presentation)
22. **2025-26 Tax Levy:**
Janet Rosseter will present the 2025-26 tax levy for Board approval.
(Enclosure: 22.Resolution 2025-007)
23. **2026-27 Calendar:**
Sonya Ganther will present the 2026-27 district calendar for Board approval. (Enclosure: 23.Calendar)
24. **Title I Agreements:**
Sonya Ganther will request Board approval of agreements for payment of Title I funds with St. Patrick's Elementary School and St. Paul's Elementary School. (Enclosure: 24.St Pat's) (Enclosure: 24.St Paul's)
25. **Independent Contractor Agreement:**
Laurie Enos will request Board approval for an independent contractor agreement for Jill Avoles, to cover speech and language services for an employee on leave, from approx. January 15 - April 17, 2026, not to exceed 60 days, at \$82/hour.
26. **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: 26.Disbursements)
 - B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. New Employee - Hourly Staff
 - 2. Substitute Speech and Language Pathologist
 - 3. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff
 (Enclosure: 26.Personnel Report)

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- C. Minutes - October 13, 2025 regular meeting minutes, October 13, 2025 development meeting minutes. (Enclosures: 26.Minutes 10.13.25, 26.Dev Minutes 10.13.25)
- D. Financials - September 2025. (Enclosure: 26.Financials)
- E. Board Policy Technical Corrections - 168.1 - Meeting Minutes, 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 2416 - Student Privacy and Parental Access to Information, 2431 - Interscholastic Athletics, 3214/4214 - Staff Gifts, 3243 - Professional Meetings, 3281/4281 - Personal Property of Staff Members, 3419.01/4419.01 - Privacy Protections of Self-Funded Group Health Plans and Related Benefits, 3419.02/4419.02 - Privacy Protections of Fully-Insured Group Health Plans and Related Benefits, 5130 - Withdrawal/Dropout from School, 5200.01 - Full-Time Student, 5410 - Promotion, Placement, and Retention, 5500 - Student Code of Classroom Conduct, 6144 - Investment Income, 6231 - Budget Implementation, 6235 - Fund Balance, 8450.01 - Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/Epidemic Events, 8451 - Pediculosis (Head Lice), 8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips, 8710 - Insurance, 8800 - Religious Activities and Observances, 9150 - School Visitors. (Enclosure: 26.Technical Corrections)
- F. Field Trip Request - Onalaska Middle School 6th grade to Viterbo University, November 12, 2025.

27. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

November 10, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

November 24, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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Board of Education

District Buildings: District Office, Onalaska High School, Onalaska Middle School, Eagle Bluff Elementary, Irving Pertzsch Elementary, Northern Hills Elementary

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