



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 13, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education public hearing meeting to order on Monday, October 13, 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, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Tracy Laufenberg.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Janet Rosseter, Sonya Ganther, Jared Schaffner, and Kristen Fay.
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:** Bridget Thomas 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:** No changes were made.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Informational/Discussion Items:

9. **Overview of the Annual Report & 2025-26 School District Budget:**
 - A. Ben Barton introduced the Annual Report for Board information.
 - B. Janet Rosseter presented the proposed 2025-26 school district budget for Board information.
10. **Public Input:** There were no public speakers.
11. **Board Response To Questions Raised By The Public:** Since there were no public speakers, there was no response. Any concerns or questions can be directed to Board members or administration. The proposed budget will be presented for adoption at the October 27, 2025 meeting.

12. **Post-Employment Benefit Trust:** Janet Rosseter provided the Board with the required annual update of the amount in the benefit trust, and both the investment return and the total of disbursements made in the last year.
13. **Adjourn:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to adjourn at 6:21 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk