



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 10, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
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Ben Barton	Superintendent
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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:**
Mark Cassellius 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:**
 - \$100 from Kwik Trip for the Love and Logic Parent Workshops
 - \$100 from HyVee for meals the Love and Logic Parent Workshops
 - \$1,518.17 from Office Depot for any school needs for Northern Hills Elementary
 - \$1,369.31 from the Eagle Bluff Elementary PTO for the Eagle Bluff Elementary Encore program
 - \$100 from Debra Stewart for student lunch funds

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **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.
11. **Middle, High School, and OnaPals Building Projects Update:**
Jared Schaffner, Ben Burns, and Kelly McMahon will give an update on the middle, high school, and OnaPals building projects. (Enclosure: 11.Building Updates)

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12. **High School Course Catalog:**
Jared Schaffner will present the high school course catalog for a first reading and Board consideration. (Enclosure: 12.Course Catalog)
13. **Board Policies:**
The Board Policies Committee members will present a Board Policy for Suspicionless Alcohol Testing, for a first reading and Board consideration: (Enclosure: 13.Suspicionless Alcohol Testing)
14. **Communications:**
- A. Notice of School Board Election - Terms of Board members Brian Haefs and Erik Archer will expire in April 2026. Citizens interested in running for the Board need to circulate nomination papers and file a campaign registration statement and declaration of candidacy no later than 5:00 p.m. January 6, 2026. Incumbent Board members may comment on whether or not they intend to run for re-election.
 - B. State Education Convention - Board members will discuss attendance for the 2026 State Education Convention scheduled for January 21-23, 2026.

Action Items:

15. **Donations:**
- \$10,000 from the Eagle Bluff Elementary PTO for school and student needs at Eagle Bluff Elementary
 - Lumber worth \$3,983 from WalzCraft for Onalaska Middle School technology education classes
16. **Action Research Projects:**
- A. Onalaska Middle School teacher Scott Levengood will present for Board approval his action research project as part of his master's program. (Enclosure: 16.Levengood)
 - B. Irving Pertzsch Elementary teacher Mary Kate Jones will present for Board approval her action research project as part of her master's program. (Enclosure: 16.Jones)
17. **Board Policies:**
The Board Policies Committee members will present the following Board policies revisions for a second reading and Board approval:

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

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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: 17.Board Policies)

18. 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: 18.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. New Employee - Hourly Staff
 - 2. Position Deletion
 - 3. Position Creations
 - 4. Reassignment Notification - Hourly Staff
 - 5. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff
 (Enclosure: 18.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - October 27, 2025 regular meeting minutes. (Enclosure: 18.Minutes 10.27.25)
- D. Fundraiser Request - Northern Hills Elementary K-5 students to participate in a voluntary coin drive this winter/spring. Fundraising goal is \$500 with funds going to student leadership/school needs.

19. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

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

December 8, 2025 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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