



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, December 8, 2025 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
Ann Garrity	Vice President
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Administration

Ben Barton	Superintendent
Janet Rosseter	Director of Finance and Business Services
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:**
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 Item:

9. **Donations:**
 - \$212.18 from the Knights of Columbus for the ONAbility program
 - \$500 from the LIUNA Laborers' Local 140 for the student lunch fund
 - Groceries (128 each of cereal, noodles, sauce, vegetables) from Dahl Automotive for the district holiday meal drive.

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. **High School & OnaPALS Building Project Updates:**
Jared Schaffner and Kelly McMahon will give an update on the high school and OnaPALS building projects. (Enclosure: 11.Building Updates)
12. **Pre-Kindergarten Program:**
Administration and the Board will discuss the possibility of an all-day pre-kindergarten program.

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Action Items:

13. Donations:

- \$25,000 from Mathy Construction for a new scoreboard for the OHS gymnasium.
- \$49,000 from Altra Federal Credit Union for a new scoreboard for the OHS gymnasium.
- \$100,000 from the Onalaska Athletic Booster Club for a new scoreboard for the OHS gymnasium.

14. Check Release:

Due to no second meeting in December, Janet Rosseter is requesting Board approval to release necessary checks/payments prior to January 1, 2026 to ensure timely payments.

15. 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: 15.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. Retirement Requests - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employees - Hourly Staff
 - 3. Position Creations
 - 4. Co-Curricular Resignation
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contracts(Enclosure: 15.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - November 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes, and November 24, 2025 development meeting minutes. (Enclosures: 15.Minutes 11.24.25, 15.Minutes 11.24.25 Dev)
- D. Middle School Fees - \$160 for show choir, and \$30 for drama.

16. Closed Session:

The Board of Education will entertain a motion to convene in closed session, pursuant to s.118.125, Wis Stats., and s.19.85 (1)(d), (e) and (f) Wis. Stats., as appropriate, to evaluate and act on a student disciplinary matter, and to discuss individual safety drills and related information. The Board may take action in closed session. The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of closed session.

17. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

January 12 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Upon request to the District Office, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a person with disabilities to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 608-781-9700. Sent to:

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