



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 24, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, November 24, 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, Charlie Ihle, Jared Schaffner, Laurie Enos, Lish Olson, Jana Yashinsky, Sonya Ganther, Janet Rosseter, Ben Burns, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Todd Saner, and Kristen Fay.
Student Representative - Kaarina Dunn.
Others Present - Elin Gilles and Lindsey Banasik.
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:** Brian Haefs 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 16 - action research project, to before item 9 - donations.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the agenda with moving Item 16 to before item 9. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Recognition Item:

9. **Student Recognition:** Elin Gilles was recognized for her recent state appearance in girls swimming.

Action Item:

10. **Onalaska Education Foundation Claude Deck Grants:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the Claude Deck Innovative Grant recipients from the School District of Onalaska. Motion carried.*

Recognition Item:

11. **Donations:**
- \$1,500 from the La Crosse Autism Foundation for the adapted sports league
 - \$1,000 from Susan Carlson for the Onalaska High School Engage program
 - 1,000 pairs of socks from Bombas for students and staff at Northern Hills Elementary
 - 500 boxes of crayons from Walmart Onalaska for Irving Pertzsch Elementary

Informational/Discussion Items:

12. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:** The student representative and 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.
14. **Early College Credit Program (ECCP)/Start College Now (SCN):** Lish Olson presented a report of approved ECCP/SCN courses for the second semester of the 2025-26 school year for Board information.
15. **District/School Report Cards and Scorecard Results:** Lish Olson and building principals presented the District and School Report Cards and scorecard for Board information.

Action Items:

16. **Donations:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve a \$4,200 donation from Kujak Orthodontics for the district lunch fund, and a Unitree Go2 Pro Robot from Kyle and Gabrielle Hulse for Onalaska High School. Motion carried.*
17. **Onalaska High School Course Catalog:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2026-27 Onalaska High School course catalog. Motion carried.*
18. **Board Policies:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve a Board Policy for Suspicionless Alcohol Testing. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Thomas - yes; E. Archer - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*
19. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by E. Archer, 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. *Retirement Request - Certified Staff*
 - 2. *Resignation Request - Certified Staff*

3. *New Employee - Hourly Staff*
4. *Transfer Notifications - Hourly Staff*
5. *Co-Curricular Contract Modification*
6. *Co-Curricular Contract*
7. *Resignation Notification*
- C. *Minutes - November 10, 2025 regular meeting minutes.*
- D. *Financials - October 2025.*

Motion carried.

20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by E. Archer, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk