



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, December 8, 2025

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, December 8, 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, Janet Rosseter, Lish Olson, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Ben Burns, Kelly McMahon, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Liz Ramsay.
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:** Mark Cassellius 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 13 - donations, to before item 9 - donations.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda with moving Item 13 to before item 9. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Action Item:

9. **Donations:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by E. Archer, to approve donations of \$25,000 from Mathy Construction, \$49,000 from Altra Federal Credit, and \$100,000 from the Onalaska Athletic Booster Club for a new scoreboard for the OHS gymnasium. Motion carried.*

Recognition Item:

10. **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:

11. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
12. **High School and OnaPALS Building Projects Update:** Jared Schaffner and Kelly McMahon gave an update on the high school and OnaPALS building projects.
13. **Pre-Kindergarten Program:** Administration and the Board discussed the possibility of an all-day pre-kindergarten program.

Action Items:

14. **Check Release:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by T. Laufenberg, to release necessary checks/payments prior to January 1, 2026 to ensure timely payments. Motion carried.*
15. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
 - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
 - B. *Personnel Report -*
 1. *Retirement Requests - Certified Staff*
 2. *New Employees - Hourly Staff*
 3. *Position Creations*
 4. *Co-Curricular Resignation*
 5. *Co-Curricular Contracts*
 - C. *Minutes - November 24, 2025 regular meeting minutes, and November 24, 2025 development meeting minutes.*
 - D. *Middle School Fees - \$160 for show choir, and \$30 for drama.**Motion carried.*
16. **Closed Session:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, 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. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; A. Garrity - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Thomas - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Convened to closed session at 6:48 p.m.*
17. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by A. Garrity, to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk