



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, January 26, 2026 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
Ann Garrity	Vice President
Brian Haefs	Clerk
Mark Cassellius	Treasurer
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Tracy Laufenberg	Director
Bridget Thomas	Director

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:**
Brian Haefs 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:**
 - \$800 from SEHAT, Inc, founded by student Ali Abidi, for health and health equity initiatives
 - \$40 from Mark & Cindy Cassellius for any district need, in memory of Harley Haefs
10. **Staff Recognition:** The following teachers will be recognized for receiving their Masters degree:
 - Alli Leair, Irving Pertzsch Elementary teacher
 - Mary Kate Jones, Irving Pertzsch Elementary teacher
 - Kaylee Olson, Eagle Bluff Elementary teacher
 - Abby Voss, Northern Hills Elementary teacher
 - Miranda Flock, Irving Pertzsch Elementary teacher
 - Emily MacCallum, Irving Pertzsch Elementary teacher

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Student Representative, Administrator, and Board Reports:**
The student representative and administrators will have the opportunity to update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities, and the Board and administrators will provide a recap on the recent state education convention.

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12. **Quarterly Financial Report:**
Janet Rosseter will present the quarterly financial report for Board information.
(Enclosure: 12.Quarterly Financials)
13. **2026-27 Budget Projections:**
Janet Rosseter will review possible 2026-27 budget scenarios for Board information.
(Enclosure: 13.Budget Projections)

Action Items:

14. **2024-25 Audit:**
Joe Hass from Hawkins Ash will present the 2024-25 Audit and financial statements and request the Board accept the report as presented. (Enclosure: 14.Audit) (Enclosure: Audit Presentation)
15. **2025-26 Budget Amendment:**
Janet Rosseter will present revisions to the 2025-26 budget for Board approval.
(Enclosure: 15.Budget Detail)(Enclosure: 15.Budget Amendment)
16. **Phase 1A November 2022 High School Referendum Projects:**
Administration will request Board approval of Phase 1A Onalaska High School referendum projects.
(Enclosure: 16.Phase 1A)
17. **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: 17.Disbursements)
 - B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. Retirement Request - Administration
 - 2. Retirement Requests - Certified Staff
 - 3. New Employee - Certified Staff
 - 4. New Employee - Hourly Staff
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contract(Enclosure: 17.Personnel Report)
 - C. Financials - December 2025. (Enclosure: 17.Financials)
 - D. Minutes - January 12, 2026 regular meeting. (Enclosure: 17.Minutes 01.12.26)
18. **Closed Session:**
The Board of Education will entertain a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to s.19.85 (1)(c)(d)(e) and/or (f), to discuss, and, when appropriate, to take action on individual administrator employment contracts, and to consider and take action, as appropriate, on minutes from the January 12, 2026 closed session. The Board may take other related, appropriate action in closed session. The Board will adjourn from closed session.
19. **Adjourn:**

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Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

February 9 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

February 23 - 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:

Media

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District Buildings: District Office, Onalaska High School, Onalaska Middle School, Eagle Bluff Elementary, Irving Pertzsch Elementary, Northern Hills Elementary

The agenda as noted above was sent to the official newspaper (La Crosse Tribune) more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on the District Website: www.onalaskaschools.com.

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