



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 9, 2026 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:**
Bridget Thomas 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. **Student Recognition:**
The Board will recognize wrestler Max Todd and gymnast Alison Komperud on their recent state appearances.
10. **Donations:**
 - \$1,271.33 from the La Crosse Area Synod/Journey Lutheran Church, for any district needs.
 - UW-L swag and two season passes from the UW-La Crosse Basketball program for the Northern Hills Family Reading Night
 - 120 gift cards for a free sandwich or nuggets from Chick-fil-A to use at the district's discretion
 - \$200 from Lisa Hodge-Richardson and Bryce Richardson for the district lunch fund

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **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.

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12. **Staff Survey:**
Sonya Ganther will share results from the recent staff survey for Board information.
(Enclosure: 12.Survey)

Action Items:

13. **Group Health & Dental Insurance:**
Sonya Ganther will share for Board approval the recommendation of the Insurance Task Force to continue a group health plan with Quartz with a 0% premium increase for the HMO plan, a 2% reduction in premium for the high deductible plan with an adjustment to district portion, and continue with Delta Dental self-insurance program with a 2% premium increase for 2026-27.
(Enclosure: 13.Insurance)
14. **Proposed 2026-27 Staffing Plan:**
Sonya Ganther will present the proposed 2026-27 staffing plan for Board approval.
(Enclosure: 14.Presentation) (Enclosure: 14.Staffing)

15. **Board Policies**
The Board Policies committee and administration will present the following board policies revisions for a second reading and Board approval:

100 - Definitions	2261.01 - Parent and Family Engagement in Title I Programs	7540.02 - Web Content, Services, and Apps/Digital Content and Accessibility
144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications and Code of Conduct	5112 - Entrance Age	9160 - Public Attendance at School Events
1210 - Board - Superintendent Relationship	5136 - Personal Communication Devices	Website Privacy Policy (will be given Policy # after approval)
2131.01 - Reading Instructional Goals and Kindergarten Assessment	5411 - Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students	

(Enclosure: 15.Board Policies)

16. **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: 16.Disbursements)
 - B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. Resignation Request - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employee - Administration
 - 3. New Employees - Hourly Staff
 - 4. Co-Curricular Contracts

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- 5. Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff
- 6. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff
(Enclosure: 16.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - February 23, 2026 regular meeting. (Enclosure: 16.Minutes 02.23.26)
- D. Job descriptions - Advanced Academics & Enrichment Teacher and Career Pathways & Academies Coordinator. (Enclosure: 16.Job Descriptions)
- E. Unpaid Leave - Rebecca Konyn, High School Interpreter, February 23-26, 2026.

17. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

March 23 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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