



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, February 23, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, February 23, 2026 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, Ann Garrity, Tracy Laufenberg, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Brian Haefs.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Janet Rosseter, Lish Olson, Laurie Enos, Sonya Ganther, Jana Yashinsky, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Todd Saner, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, and Kristen Fay.
Student Representative - Kaarina Dunn.
Others Present - Kendall Carlson, Matthew Jackson, Ryan Nummerdor-Robles, and Jen Kalis.
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:** No changes.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Recognition Item:

9. **Ski & Snowboard Team Recognition:** Members of the Ski & Snowboard Team were recognized for their recent state appearance.
10. **Donations:**
 - \$500 from Robert George for the ML program at Irving Pertzsch Elementary

- \$1,000 from David Ruder, in memory of Bonne Olson, for the Engage program at Onalaska High School
- \$1,000 from Altra Federal Credit Union for the ONAbility program
- \$1,470.79 from Office Depot for school supplies for Northern Hills Elementary
- \$500 from Metallica, Inc for a door decal for the OnaPALS program

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **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.

12. **Board Policies:** The Board Policies committee and administration presented the following board policies revisions for a first reading and Board consideration:

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	

13. **2026-27 Budget Planning:** Administration presented current 2026-27 budget planning information.

Action Items:

14. **2026 Summer School Course Offerings:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by E. Archer, to approve the 2026 high school, middle school, and elementary summer school course offerings. Motion carried.*

15. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda, with the removal of Item B1 - retirement requests - certified staff:*

A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*

B. *Personnel Report -*

1. *Retirement Requests - Certified Staff*

2. *Resignation Request - Certified Staff*

3. *New Employee - Hourly Staff*

4. *Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff*

C. *Minutes - February 9, 2026 regular meeting, and February 9, 2026 development meeting.*

D. *Board Policy Technical Corrections - 141 - Number, 142.2 - Qualifications, 145 - Board Member Anti-Harassment, 1213 - Student Supervision and Welfare, 1240 - Evaluation of the*

Superintendent, 2430 - District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities, 2464 - Advanced Learning Instruction, 3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare, 4120 - Employment of Support Staff, 4140 - Termination and Resignation, 4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare, 5111.01 - Homeless Students, 5113.02 - Intra-District Safe School Transfers Options, 5330 - Administration of Medication/Emergency Care, 5461 - Children At-Risk of not Graduation from High School, 5610 - Suspension and Expulsion, 5780 - Student/Parent Rights, 6144 - Investment Income, 6152 - Student Fees, Fines, and Charges, 6152.01 - Waiver of School Fees or Fines, 6320 - Purchasing, 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring, 8410 - Crisis Intervention, 8420 - School Safety and Reporting of Crime Statistics, 8450.01 - Personal Protective Equipment During Pandemic/Epidemic Events, 8451 - Pediculosis (Head Lice), 8462.01 - Threats of Violence, 8660 - Transportation by Private Vehicle for District-Sponsored Activities or Trips, 9151 - Use of Cameras and other Recording Devices in Locker Rooms, Restrooms, and Designated Changing Areas, 9800 - High School Diplomas to Veterans.

E. Unpaid Leave - Tia Kehr, Eagle Bluff Elementary Paraprofessional, February 16, 2026; Scott Pollack, Northern Hills Elementary Paraprofessional, March 5-6, 2026.

F. Financials - January 2026.

Motion carried.

Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by M. Cassellius, to approve Item B1 - Retirement Requests - Certified Staff. Motion carried.

15. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 6:54 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk