



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, March 23, 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
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. **Donation:**
 - \$500 from Beer By Bike Brigade for the ONAbility program

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **Trip Recap:**
OHS Spanish teacher Andy Beckstrom and students will be in attendance to update the Board on the recent student trip to Panama.
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.

Action Items:

12. **Onalaska Education Foundation Claude Deck Grants:**
Lindsey Banasik, representing the Onalaska Education Foundation, will present for Board approval the spring Claude Deck Innovative Grant recipients from the School District of Onalaska.
(Enclosure: 12.OEF)

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13. Onalaska Online Academy Contract:

Ben Barton, Lish Olson, and the Onalaska Online Academy governing board will present the Onalaska Online Academy contract for Board approval. (Enclosure: 13.Contract) (Enclosure: 13.Presentation)

14. Base Wage Negotiations:

The district is requesting Board approval to open base wage negotiations with the Onalaska Education Association for the 2026-27 school year.

15. Celebrate Onalaska:

Ben Barton, on behalf of the City of Onalaska, will request Board approval of the sale of alcoholic beverages on the district's Riders Club Road grounds for the Celebrate Onalaska event on June 27, 2026.

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 Requests - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employee - Administration
 - 3. New Employee - Hourly Staff
 - 4. Co-Curricular Contract Adjustment
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contracts
 - 6. Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff
 - 7. Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff(Enclosure: 16.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - March 9, 2026 regular meeting. (Enclosure: 16.Minutes 03.09.26)
- D. Financials - February 2026. (Enclosure: 16.Financials)
- E. Unpaid Leave - Rebecca Konyn, High School Interpreter, March 4, 12 & 17, 2026.
- F. Fundraiser Request - Northern Hills Elementary PTO to hold a temporary tattoo fundraiser. Goal is \$5,000.
- G. Field trip request - Elementary 4th graders to Niagara Cave in spring 2026.

17. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

April 13, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

April 27, 2026 - Board of Education Reorganization Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

April 27, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

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