School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 9, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, March 9, 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 - Brian Haefs, Bridget Thomas, Mark Cassellius, Ann Garrity, Tracy Laufenberg, and Aaron McDonald.
   Members Absent - Erik Archer.
   Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Janet Rosseter, Lish Olson, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Sonya Ganther, Ben Burns, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Todd Saner, and Kristen Fay.
   Others Present - Katie Jahns, Alison Komperud, Thomas Fortier, and Max Todd.

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:** Bridget Thomas 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 T. Laufenberg, second by B. Haefs, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*

8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

<u>Recognition Items:</u>

9. **Student Recognition:** The Board recognized 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:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.

12. **Staff Survey:** Sonya Ganther shared results from the recent staff survey for Board information.

Action Items:

13. **Group Health & Dental Insurance:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by M. Cassellius, 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. Motion carried.*

14. **Proposed 2026-27 Staffing Plan:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the 2026-27 staffing plan. Motion carried.*

15. **Board Policies**: *Motion by B. Thomas, second by A. Garrity, to approve the following board policies:*

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	

Motion carried.

16. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve the following under the consent agenda, with the removal of Item B4E - Co-Curricular contract for Kelly Gilman.*
    A. Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.
    B. Personnel Report -
        1. Resignation Request - Certified Staff
        2. New Employee - Administration
        3. New Employees - Hourly Staff
        4. Co-Curricular Contracts
        5. Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff

6. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff

C. Minutes - February 23, 2026 regular meeting.

D. Job descriptions - Advanced Academics & Enrichment Teacher and Career Pathways & Academies Coordinator.

E. Unpaid Leave - Rebecca Konyn, High School Interpreter, February 23-26, 2026.
Motion by B. Thomas, second by B. Haefs, to approve item B4E - co-curricular contract for Kelly Gilman. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; B. Thomas - yes; A. Garrity - abstained; T. Laufenberg - abstained; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.

17. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Aaron McDonald, Board President Brian Haefs, Board Clerk