



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 13, 2026 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
Ann Garrity	Vice President
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Ben Barton	Superintendent
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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:**
Ann Garrity 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 Onalaska Middle School student Shanyu Chandana on his recent trip to the state spelling bee.

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **Trip Recap:**
OHS vocal music teacher Richard Moses and students will be in attendance to update the Board on the recent student trip to New York City.
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.
12. **Board Member Appreciation:**
The Board and administration will express appreciation to Erik Archer for his years of service.

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13. **Election Results:**

Aaron McDonald will report on the results of the canvassing committee's survey which followed the April 7, 2026 Board candidate election.

14. **Early College Credit Program (ECCP) And Start College Now (SCN):**

Lish Olson will present for Board information a list of numbers of students recommended by the Credit Review Committee to attend an institution of higher learning under the Early College Credit Program and the Start College Now Program for the first semester of the 2026-27 school year.

(Enclosure: 14.ECCP/SCN)

15. **Employee Handbook:**

Sonya Ganther will present the 2026-27 Employee Handbook for a first reading and Board consideration. (Enclosure: 15.Employee Handbook)

16. **Board Policies:**

The Board Policies Committee will present the following Board Policies revisions for a first reading and Board consideration:

2431 - Interscholastic Activities	6605 - Crowdfunding	9211 - District Support Organizations
5505 - Academic Honesty	6608 - Accountability and Oversight of Fundraiser and Crowdfunding Disbursements	9215 - School Support Organizations
5514 - Student Use of Bicycles / Use of Personal Transportation Devices	6610 - Non District Supported Student Activity Accounts	9700 - Relations with Non School Affiliated Groups
5515 - Student Use of Motor Vehicles	6611 - District Supported / Sponsored Student Activity Accounts	9700.01 - Advertising and Commercial Activities
5830 - Student Fundraising	7230 - Gifts, Grants, and Bequests	4120.04 - Employment of Substitutes

(Enclosure: 16.Board Policies)

Action Items:

17. **Trip Request:**

OHS band teacher Robert Coe will be in attendance to request approval for a student trip to Florida in spring of 2027. (Enclosure: 17.Trip Request)

18. **Teacher Contract:**

Sonya Ganther will present the 2026-27 teacher contract document for Board approval. (Enclosure: 18.Teacher Contract)

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19. 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: 19.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. New Employee - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employees - Hourly Staff
 - 3. Position Creations
 - 4. Co-Curricular Resignation
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contracts
 - 6. Transfer Notification - Administration
 - 7. Transfer Notifications - Certified Staff
 - 8. Reassignment Notifications - Certified Staff
 - 9. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff(Enclosure: 19.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - March 23, 2026 regular meeting. (Enclosure: 19.Minutes 03.23.26)
- D. Job Descriptions - Virtual Teacher, Online Coordinator (Enclosure: 19.Job Descriptions)

20. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

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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