



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

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, March 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 - Brian Haefs, Bridget Thomas, Mark Cassellius, Erik Archer, Tracy Laufenberg, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Ann Garrity.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Lish Olson, Janet Rosseter, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Sonya Ganther, Jana Yashinsky, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Todd Saner, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Andy Beckstrom, Valerie Mumm-Jansen, Lauren Mavratonis, Lindsey Banasik, Kelsey Glebke, Carrie Markos, and Tyler Hougom.
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:** Brian Haefs 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 M. Cassellius, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There were no public comments.

Recognition Item:

9. **Donation:**
 - \$500 from Beer By Bike Brigade for the ONAbility program

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **Trip Recap:** OHS Spanish teachers Andy Beckstrom, Valerie Mumm-Jansen, and student Lauren Mavratonis were in attendance to update the Board on the recent student trip to Panama.
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.

Action Items:

12. **Onalaska Education Foundation Claude Deck Grants:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by B. Thomas, to approve the spring Claude Deck Innovative Grant recipients from the School District of Onalaska. Motion carried.*
13. **Onalaska Online Academy Contract:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve a contract for the Onalaska Online Academy. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; E. Archer - yes; B. Thomas - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*
14. **Base Wage Negotiations:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to open base wage negotiations with the Onalaska Education Association for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried.*
15. **Celebrate Onalaska:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the sale of alcoholic beverages by the City of Onalaska on the district's Riders Club Road grounds for the Celebrate Onalaska event on June 27, 2026. Motion carried.*
16. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
 - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
 - 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*
 - C. *Minutes - March 9, 2026 regular meeting.*
 - D. *Financials - February 2026.*
 - 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.**Motion carried.*
17. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk