



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, April 27, 2026 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald
Ann Garrity
Brian Haefs (Board re-elect)
Mark Cassellius
Tracy Laufenberg
Bridget Thomas
Tesia Marshik (Board elect)

Administration

Ben Barton	Superintendent
Janet Rosseter	Director of Finance and Business Services
Tyler Hougom	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:**
Bridget Thomas 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.
9. **Organizational Items:**
 - A. Oath of Office – Board Secretary Kristen Fay will administer the ceremonial oath of office to Tesia Marshik and Brian Haefs.
 - B. Election of Officers – Election of officers will take place for offices of President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, and Secretary.
 - C. Board Meetings – The Board of Education needs to determine:
 1. Number of meetings to be held per month and the cancellation/rescheduling of meetings which fall on/near holidays.
 2. Day, place, time, and duration for regular meetings
 3. Broadcast(Enclosure: 9.Meeting Schedule)
 - D. Method of Publishing Board Proceedings -
 1. Official Newspaper – According to State Statute 985.05(1), proceedings shall be published in a newspaper, other forms of publication, or posted. The La Crosse Tribune is the current official newspaper. The Board needs to authorize an official newspaper for May 2026-April 2027.

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2. Distribution of Agendas – Agendas are currently posted outside of all district buildings and on the district website. The Board needs to authorize a distribution plan for May 2026-April 2027.
 3. Distribution of Minutes – Minutes are posted on the district website and proceedings in the official newspaper. The Board needs to authorize a distribution plan for May 2026-April 2027.
- E. Facsimile Signature – (SS 120.16)
1. Resolution #2026-001 is in order authorizing facsimile signatures of clerk, treasurer, and president for payroll and voucher checks. (Enclosure: 9.Resolution 2026-001)
 2. Resolution #2026-002 is in order authorizing the use of electronic signatures for Board President and clerk for teacher contracts, co-curricular contracts, and summer school contracts. (Enclosure: 9.Resolution 2026-002)
 3. Resolution #2026-003 is in order authorizing all institutions used as depositories be authorized annually by the Board of Education. (Enclosure: 9.Resolution 2026-003)
 4. Resolution #2026-004 is in order to continue to use the facsimile signature authorized April 28, 2025, until such date, as the new facsimile signature plate is received, no later than June 30, 2026. (Enclosure: 9.Resolution 2026-004)
- F. Appointment of Board Committees and Assignments -
The Board president will make the following appointments/assignments at a future meeting:
1. Standing Board Committees
 - a. Board Policy (3)
 - b. Co-Curricular Policy (1)
 - c. Finance & Operations (3)
 - d. Public Engagement (3)
 2. Ad Hoc Committees
 - a. Executive Committee (2)
 - b. Community Response (1)
 - c. CESA 4 Representative (1)
 - d. Employee Recognition/Welcome (1)
 - e. Tax Incremental Finance District (1)
 - f. WASB Delegate Assembly & Alternate (2)

Recognition Item:

10. **Donation:**
- \$50 from HyVee for refreshments for the Elementary Art Show

Informational/Discussion Items:

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.

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12. Quarterly Financials:

Janet Rosseter and Tyler Hougom will present the quarterly financial report for Board information.
(Enclosure: 12.Quarterly Financials)

Action Items:

13. Collective Bargaining Agreement – Teachers:

Brian Haefs and Ann Garrity will present for Board approval the 2026-27 collective bargaining agreement with the Onalaska Education Association. The collective bargaining agreement calls for a 2.63% increase in total base wages for the contract year of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

14. 2026-27 Wages/Compensation:

Brian Haefs and Aaron McDonald will present for Board approval the 2026-27 wage/compensation recommendations for the following groups (July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027):

- A. Teachers' Supplemental Pay
- B. Paraprofessionals
- C. Administrative Assistants/Specialists
- D. School Nutrition
- E. Facilities and Crossing Guards
- F. Specialized Hourly Staff
- G. Substitutes
- H. Directors
- I. Mid-level Managers/IT/Nurse
- J. Administrators

(Enclosure: 14.Wages/Compensation) (Enclosure: 14.Certified Staff Minimums)

15. Budget Amendment:

Janet Rosseter and Tyler Hougom will request Board approval of amendment of the 2025-26 budget.
(Enclosure: 15.Amendment) (Enclosure: 15.Detail)

16. Employee Handbook:

Sonya Ganther will present the 2026-27 Employee Handbook for a second reading and Board approval.
(Enclosure: 16.Employee Handbook)

17. Onalaska High School Phase 1A Elevator Refurbishment Bid Approval:

Tyler Hougom will request Board approval of the bid for the OHS Phase 1A refurbishment.
(Enclosure: 17.Elevator)

18. Resolution in Support of Full Transparency for Taxpayers:

The Board will present for approval Resolution 2026-005 in Support of Full Transparency for Taxpayers.
(Enclosure: 18.Resolution 2026-005)

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19. **Board Policies:**

The Board Policies Committee will present the following Board Policies revisions for a second reading and Board approval:

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: 19.Board Policies)

20. **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: 20.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. New Employees - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employees - Hourly Staff
 - 3. Position Deletions
 - 4. Position Creations
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contracts
 - 6. Transfer Notification - Certified Staff
 - 7. Reassignment Notifications - Certified Staff(Enclosure: 20.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - April 13, 2026 regular meeting. (Enclosure: 20.Minutes 04.13.26)
- D. Financials - March 2026. (Enclosure: 20.Financials March 2026)
- E. Resignation Date Change - Janet Rosseter, Director of Finance and Business Services, from June 30, 2026 to June 5, 2026.
- F. Unpaid Leave - Michele Ducay - OMS para - March 24-27, April 17, 23, 2026; Debra Johnson - NH para - April 23, 24, 28, 2026; Jeni Hinitt - NH para - April 17, 20, 2026.
- G. 7th Grade Science Field trip to Genoa Fish Hatchery, Clements Fishing Barge, and Goose Island on May 6, 2026.

21. **Adjourn:**

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Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

May 11, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Upon request to the District Office, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a person with disabilities to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 608-781-9700. Sent to:

Media

Board of Education

District Buildings: District Office, Onalaska High School, Onalaska Middle School, Eagle Bluff Elementary, Irving Pertzsch Elementary, Northern Hills Elementary

The agenda as noted above was sent to the official newspaper (La Crosse Tribune) more than twenty-four hours prior to the meeting date. Due to this fact, the Agenda published in the newspaper(s) listed above may have been altered after delivery to the above listed newspaper(s). The most up to date Agenda information is also available on the District Website: www.onalaskaschools.com.

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