School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, April 13, 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, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.
   Members Absent - Tracy Laufenberg.
   Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Janet Rosseter, Tyler Hougom, Lish Olson, Jared Schaffner, Laurie Enos, Sonya Ganther, Jana Yashinsky, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, and Kristen Fay.
   Others Present - Shanyu Chandana, Richard Moses, and Robert Coe.

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:** Ann Garrity 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:** Request to move Item #17 - Trip request, to after Item #10 - Trip Recap.

7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the agenda with moving Item #17 - trip request, to after Item #10 - trip recap. Motion carried.*

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

<u>Recognition Item:</u>

9. **Student Recognition:** The Board recognized Onalaska Middle School student Shanyu Chandana on his recent trip to the state spelling bee.

<u>Informational/Discussion Item:</u>

10. **Trip Recap:** OHS vocal music teacher Richard Moses was in attendance to update the Board on the recent student trip to New York City.

Action Item:

11. **Trip Request:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by A. Garrity, to approve a high school band student trip to Florida in spring of 2027. Motion carried.*

Informational/Discussion Items:

12. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.

13. **Board Member Appreciation:** The Board and administration expressed appreciation to Erik Archer for his years of service.

14. **Election Results:** Aaron McDonald reported on the results of the canvassing committee's survey which followed the April 7, 2026 Board candidate election.

15. **Early College Credit Program (ECCP) And Start College Now (SCN):** Lish Olson presented 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.

16. **Employee Handbook:** Sonya Ganther presented the 2026-27 Employee Handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.

17. **Board Policies:** The Board Policies Committee presented 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

Action Items:

18. **Teacher Contract:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by E. Archer, to approve the 2026-27 teacher contract document. Motion carried.*

19. **Consent Agenda:** Request by M. Cassellius to remove Item D - Job Descriptions, for separate consideration. *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve Items A, B, and C under the consent agenda:*
    - *A. Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
    - *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*
    - *C. Minutes - March 23, 2026 regular meeting. Motion carried.*

    Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Thomas, to approve Item D - Job Descriptions. Motion carried.

20. **Adjourn:** *Motion by E. Archer, second by B. Haefs, to adjourn at 6:42 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Aaron McDonald, Board President Brian Haefs, Board Clerk