School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026

Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, May 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **Call to Order:**

2. **Roll Call/Verification of Quorum**: Aaron McDonald verified a quorum is present.
   Members Present - Tesia Marshik, Bridget Thomas, Tracy Laufenberg, Mark Cassellius, Brian Haefs, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.
   Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Janet Rosseter, Tyler Hougom, Lish Olson, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Sonya Ganther, Ben Burns, Kelly McMahon, Todd Saner, and Kristen Fay.
   Student Representative - Kaarina Dunn.
   Others Present - Tom Yashinsky and Matt Wolfert.

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:** Mark Cassellius read the School Board Mission Statement.

5. **Public Notice:** Public notice was given to the requesting news media. The agenda was posted at the district office and on the district website.

6. **Agenda Revisions:** Request to move agenda #14 and agenda #11 to follow item #8.

7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. McDonald, second by A. Garrity, to approve the agenda with moving agenda item #14, action research project, and item #11, capacity study, to after item #8. Motion carried.*

8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

<u>Action Item:</u>

9. **Action Research Project:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve an action research project from Onalaska High School teacher Tom Yashinsky as part of his master's program. Motion carried.*

Informational/Discussion Item:

10. **Capacity Study:** Matt Wolfert from Bray Architects presented results from a recently completed capacity study for Board information.

Recognition Items:

11. **Donations:**
    - $800 from Jake Ramey Properties for the district food pantry
    - $100 from Gin Messick for the district food pantry

12. **Student Representative Appreciation:** The Board recognized and thanked student Kaarina Dunn for her role as the student representative to the Board for the 2025-26 school year.

Informational/Discussion Items:

13. **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.

14. **Board Committees:**
    Board President Aaron McDonald made the following committee assignments:
    1. Standing Board Committees
       a. Board Policy (3): Bridget Thomas, Tesia Marshik, and Tracy Laufenberg
       b. Co-Curricular Policy (1): Ann Garrity
       c. Finance & Operations (3): Mark Cassellius, Brian Haefs, Aaron McDonald
       d. Public Engagement (3) Ann Garrity, Mark Cassellius, Bridget Thomas

    2. Ad Hoc Committees
       a. Executive Committee (2): Aaron McDonald, Ann Garrity
       b. Community Response (1): Aaron McDonald,
       c. CESA 4 Representative (1): Tesia Marshik
       d. Employee Recognition/Welcome (1): Aaron McDonald
       e. Tax Incremental Finance District (1): Mark Cassellius
       f. WASB Delegate Assembly & Alternate (2): Brian Haefs, Bridget Thomas

Action Items:

15. **Onalaska High School Phase 1A Bid Approvals:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve weight room equipment and flooring from Dynamic for $341,940.86, and classroom furniture from Duet in the amount of $136,449.83. Roll call vote: T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes; B. Haefs - yes; B. Thomas - yes; T. Marshik - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.*

16. **2026-27 CAPS Budgets:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Marshik, to approve 2026-27 Facilities, Technology, and Instructional capital budget recommendations. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity -*

yes; T. Marshik - yes; B. Thomas - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried.

17. **Consent Agenda:** Request from Bridget Thomas to remove Item B4 - Position Creation Modification, for separate consideration. *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the following under the consent agenda, with the removal of Item B4:*
    - *A. Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
    - *B. Personnel Report -*
        - *1. Retirement Request - Hourly Staff*
        - *2. New Employee - Administration*
        - *3. New Employees - Certified Staff*
        - *5. Transfer Notification - Director*
        - *6. Transfer Notifications - Hourly Staff*
    - *C. Minutes - April 27, 2026 regular meeting minutes, April 27, 2026 development meeting minutes, and April 29, 2026 special meeting minutes.*

    Motion carried.
    Motion by B. Thomas, second by A. Garrity, to approve Item #4: Position Creation Modification. Motion carried.

18. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 7:03 pm. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Aaron McDonald, Board President Brian Haefs, Board Clerk