



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, July 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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Administration

Ben Barton	Superintendent
Tyler Hougom	Director of Finance and Business Services
Lish Olson	Director of Instructional Services
Jennifer Gimmer	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
Kelly Remus	Onalaska Middle School Associate Principal
Jana Yashinsky	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:**
President 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. **Trip Recap:**
Onalaska High School French teacher Devin Pettys and students will be in attendance to give a recap on a recent student trip to France.

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **School Health Services Annual Report:**
Amanda DeNault, Director of Nursing Services, will present the 2025-26 school health services annual report for Board information. (Enclosure: 10.Health Services)
11. **Board Report:**
The Board Finance Committee chair will report on their recent meeting.

Action Items:

12. **Notification of Academic Standards for the 2026-27 School Year:**
As required by section 120.12(13) of the state statutes, administration is requesting Board approval and is providing annual notification to district parents of the districts previous adoption of the Wisconsin Academic Standards in the areas of ELA (English Language Arts - Reading and Writing), Mathematics,
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and Social Studies (geography and history) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science for the 2026-27 school year and is found at: <http://dpi.wi.gov/standards>.
(Enclosure: 12.Standards)

13. **2026-27 Induction Handbook:**

Lish Olson will present the 2026-27 Initial Educator Induction Handbook for a first reading and Board consideration. (Enclosure: 13.Induction Handbook)

14. **Student Fees:**

Administration will present a list of student fees for the 2026-27 school year for Board approval. (Enclosure: 14.Student Fees)

15. **School Resource Officer Contract:**

Ben Barton will request Board approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Onalaska for a School Resource Officer for the 2026-27 school year. (Enclosure: 15.SRO)

16. **Board Policy:**

Ben Barton and the Board Policies Committee will present Policy 7540.08 - Artificial Intelligence, for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 16.Policy 7540.08)

17. **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: 17.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. Resignation Requests - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employees - Certified Staff
 - 3. Summer School Contracts
 - 4. Co-Curricular Contracts(Enclosure: 17.Personnel Report) (Enclosure: 17.Summer School)
- C. Minutes - June 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (Enclosure: 17.Minutes 06.22.26)
- D. Board Policies Technical Corrections (Enclosure: 17.Technical Corrections)
- E. 66.0301 Agreement - Project SEARCH (Enclosure: 17.Project SEARCH)
- F. 66.0301 Agreement - Physical Therapist Services (Enclosure: 17.PT)

18. **Closed Session:**

The Board of Education will entertain a motion to convene in closed session pursuant to s.19.85 (1)(c) and/or (f), to consider and discuss the Superintendent's performance evaluation data, and to consider and take action on minutes from the June 22, 2026 closed session. The Board may take other related, appropriate action in closed session. The Board will adjourn from closed session.

19. **Adjourn:**

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

July 27, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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