



## School District of Onalaska

### Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

### Monday, July 13, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, July 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **Call to Order:**
2. **Roll Call/Verification of Quorum:** Ann Garrity verified a quorum is present.  
**Members Present** - Tesia Marshik, Tracy Laufenberg, Mark Cassellius (virtually), Brian Haefs, Ann Garrity, and Aaron McDonald.  
**Members Absent** - Bridget Thomas.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** - Ben Barton, Tyler Hougom, Lish Olson, Jennifer Gimmer, Jared Schaffner, Sonya Ganther, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Jana Yashinsky.  
**Others Present** - Devin Pettys, Amanda DeNault, and Elijah Fernandes.
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 at the district office and on the district website.
6. **Agenda Revisions:** No changes.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by B. Haefs, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

#### **Recognition Item:**

9. **Trip Recap:** Onalaska High School French teacher Devin Pettys and student Elijah Fernandes were 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, presented the 2025-26 school health services annual report for Board information.
11. **Board Report:** Brian Haefs reported on the recent Board Finance & Operations Committee meeting.

### **Action Items:**

12. **Notification of Academic Standards for the 2026-27 School Year:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the Wisconsin Academic Standards in the areas of ELA (English Language Arts - Reading and Writing), Mathematics, and Social Studies (geography and history) and the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) for Science for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried.*
13. **2026-27 Induction Handbook:** Lish Olson presented the 2026-27 Initial Educator Induction Handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
14. **Student Fees:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve student fees for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried.*
15. **School Resource Officer Contract:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Marshik, to enter into an agreement with the City of Onalaska for a School Resource Officer for the 2026-27 through 2028-29 school years. Motion carried.*
16. **Board Policy:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by B. Haefs, to approve Policy 7540.08 - Artificial Intelligence. Motion carried.*
17. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, 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 Employees - Certified Staff*
    3. *Summer School Contracts*
    4. *Co-Curricular Contracts*
  - C. *Minutes - June 22, 2026 regular meeting minutes.*
  - D. *Board Policies Technical Corrections - 2260 - Nondiscrimination and Access to Equal Educational Opportunity, 2260.01 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability, 2260.02 - Services for Bilingual Students/Multilingual Learners, 2266 - Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities, 5517 - Student Anti-Harassment, 8913 - Section 504/ADA Prohibition Against Discrimination Based on Disability.*
  - E. *66.0301 Agreement - Project SEARCH.*
  - F. *66.0301 Agreement - Physical Therapist Services.**Motion carried.*

18. **Closed Session:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Marshik, to 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. Roll call vote: T. Marshik - yes; T. Laufenberg - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes; A. McDonald - yes. Motion carried. Convened to closed session at 6:44 p.m.*
19. **Adjourn:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to adjourn at 7:23 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

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Aaron McDonald, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk