



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, August 10, 2026 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
Ann Garrity	Vice President
Brian Haefs	Clerk
Mark Cassellius	Treasurer
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Bridget Thomas	Director
Tesia Marshik	Director

Administration

Ben Barton	Superintendent
Tyler Hougom	Executive Director of Finance and Business Services
Lish Olson	Executive Director of Instructional Services
Jennifer Gimmer	Executive Director of Student Services
Sonya Ganther	Executive 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:**
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.

Recognition Items:

9. **Donation:**
 - \$1,000 from David and Linda Stark for the special education department at Eagle Bluff Elementary.
10. **Trip Recap:**
Onalaska High School English teacher Karen Matzek and students will be in attendance to give a recap on a recent student trip to Ireland.

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Board Report:**
The Board Finance & Operations Committee chair will report on their recent meeting.
12. **Onalaska Online Academy Handbook:**
Kris Miller will present the 2026-27 Onalaska Online Academy handbook for a first reading and Board consideration. (Enclosure: 12.OOA Handbook)

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13. **Pillar III and Pillar IV - Strategic Plan:**

Administration will report progress on the District Strategic Plan for Pillar III - Staff Recruitment, Development and Retention, and Pillar IV - Finance, Facilities, and Operations Stewardship for Board information. (Enclosure: 13.Pillar III and IV)

14. **Board Policies:**

The Board Policies Committee will present the following Board Policies for a first reading and Board consideration:

0144.5 - Board Member Behavior, Communications, and Code of Conduct	1213 - Student Supervision and Welfare	3213 - Student Supervision and Welfare
4213 - Student Supervision and Welfare	7530.02 - Staff and School Officials Use of Personal Communication Devices	7540.03 - Student Technology and Acceptable Use and Safety
7544 - Use of Social Media	8210 - Volunteers	8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect

(Enclosure: 14.Board Policies)

Action Items:

15. **2026-27 Handbooks:**

- A. 4K Student Handbook – Lish Olson will present the 4K student handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.4K Student Handbook)
- B. Elementary Student Handbook – Abby Davis will present the elementary student handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.Elem Student Handbook)
- C. Middle School Activities Handbook – Ben Burns will present the middle school activities handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.MS Activities Handbook)
- D. Middle School Student Handbook – Ben Burns will present the middle school student handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.MS Student Handbook)
- E. Co-Curricular Staff Handbook – Jason Thiry will present the co-curricular staff handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.Co-Curricular Staff Handbook)
- F. High School Activities Handbook – Jason Thiry will present the high school activities handbook for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.HS Activities Handbook)
- G. Student Technology Handbook - Tyler Hougom will present the student technology handbook for second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.Student Technology Handbook)

16. **Education for Employment:**

Jared Schaffner will present the Education for Employment report for Board approval. (Enclosure: 16.E4E Presentation) (Enclosure: 16.E4E Report)

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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 Request - Certified Staff
 - 2. New Employees - Certified Staff
 - 3. New Employees - Hourly Staff
 - 4. Position Creation
 - 5. Co-Curricular Contract Modifications
 - 6. Transfer Notifications - Hourly Staff
 - 7. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff(Enclosure: 17.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - July 27, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (Enclosure: 17.Minutes 07.27.26)

18. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

August 24, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

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