



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, July 27, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, July 27, 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, Tracy Laufenberg, Mark Cassellius, Brian Haefs, Ann Garrity, Bridget Thomas, and Aaron McDonald.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Tyler Hougom, Lish Olson, Jennifer Gimmer, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Sonya Ganther, Ben Burns, Kelly McMahon, Abby Davis, Jana Yashinsky, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Kerry Johnson.
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:** No changes.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

Recognition Item:

9. **Donations:**
 - \$900 from Beer by Bike Brigade for student lunch accounts
 - \$500 from the NEA Foundation for the Irving Pertzsch LMC

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **Board Report:** The Board Policies Committee chair reported on their recent meeting.
11. **2026-27 Handbooks:**
 - A. 4K Student Handbook - Lish Olson presented the 4K student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - B. Elementary Student Handbook - Abby Davis presented the elementary student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - C. Middle School Activities Handbook - Ben Burns presented the middle school activities handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - D. Middle School Student Handbook - Ben Burns presented the middle school student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - E. Co-Curricular Staff Handbook - Jason Thiry presented the co-curricular staff handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - F. High School Activities Handbook - Jason Thiry presented the high school activities handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - G. Student Technology Handbook - Tyler Hougom presented the student technology handbook for first reading and Board consideration.

Action Items:

12. **2026-27 School Nutrition Update & Pricing:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the 2026-27 School Nutrition meal and milk price recommendations. Motion carried.*
13. **2026-27 Induction Handbook:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2026-27 Initial Educator Induction Handbook. Motion carried.*
14. **Textbook Adoption:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve textbooks for Chemistry and AP Human Geography. Motion carried.*
15. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Marshik, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
 - A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
 - B. *Personnel Report -*
 1. *Retirement Request - Hourly Staff - Laurie Klingemann, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective July 15, 2026.*
 2. *New Employees - Certified Staff -*
 - A. *Jeffery Moreno, 1.0 FTE social studies teacher at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026 at BA 0 credits, \$58,195. This position was vacated by Luke Sauerma.*
 - B. *Kaycie Berns, 1.0 FTE 1st grade teacher at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at BA 0 credits, \$52,340, and contingent on release from her current district. This position was vacated by Allison Leair.*

3. *New Employee - Mid-Level Manager - Diana DiazGranados, 1.0 FTE family-school liaison, effective August 17, 2026 at \$77,642 for 190 days. This position was vacated by Carrie Werkheiser.*
4. *New Employees - Hourly Staff -*
 - A. *Jerred Ambrose, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Onalaska High School/ONAbility, effective August 17, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour. This position was vacated by Zoe Gibson.*
 - B. *Tiffany Manix, .70 FTE regular education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by Benjamin Maas.*
 - C. *Janelle Edwardson, .567 FTE regular education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by Dawn DeVries.*
 - D. *Miranda Riley, 1.0 FTE regular education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Pamela Schelfhout.*
 - E. *Samantha Kohlwey, .60 FTE 4K paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This is a newly created position.*
5. *Position Creations -*
 - A. *1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool teacher at Eagle Bluff Elementary, for the 2026-27 school year only.*
 - B. *1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, for the 2026-27 school year only.*
6. *Summer School Contracts - July 2026 high school summer school contracts.*
7. *Co-Curricular Contracts -*
 - A. *Jesse Fredrick, boys track head coach, \$4,100.*
 - B. *Tyler Thomas, adapted sports league head coach, fall season, \$1,200.*
 - C. *Jonathan Jansky, girls golf asst. coach, as needed, \$1,935.*
 - D. *Allison Laux, girls tennis asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$967.50.*
 - E. *Jerred Ambrose, football asst. coach, \$2,795.*
 - F. *Darwin Greschner, football asst. coach, \$2,795.*
 - G. *Jared McKenna, football asst. coach, \$2,795.*
 - H. *Tyler Shackle, football asst. coach, \$2,795.*
 - I. *Eamon Nechvatal, football asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - J. *Kendall Syverson, football asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - K. *David Pierce, football asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - L. *Anthony DeGaetano, football asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - M. *John Bushman, football asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - N. *Kevin Heit, football asst. coach, as needed, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.*
 - O. *Madison Beenken, volleyball asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - P. *Leia Kersten, volleyball asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - Q. *Devyn Schmeling, volleyball asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - R. *Theresa Schramm, volleyball asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - S. *Stephen Shimshak, boys soccer asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - T. *Haillea Wagner, boys soccer asst. coach, \$2,150.*

- U. *Elise Tomashek, dance team asst. coach, \$3,225.*
 - V. *Thomas Fortier, cross country asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - W. *Jill Wojta, cross country asst. coach, \$2,150.*
 - X. *Julie Arroyo, adapted sports league asst. coach, fall season, \$1,000.*
 - Y. *Sarah Ormes, adapted sports league asst. coach, fall season, \$1,000.*
 - 8. *Transfer Notification - Hourly Staff - Jerry Sample, from the .667 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary to the 1.0 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026. This position was vacated by the transfer of Shana Murray.*
 - 9. *Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff - Michele Ducay, 1.0 FTE personal care paraprofessional at Onalaska Middle School, effective July 21, 2026.*
 - C. *Minutes - July 13, 2026 regular meeting minutes.*
- Motion carried.*

16. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 6:39 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk