



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, August 10, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, August 10, 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, Mark Cassellius, Brian Haefs, Ann Garrity, Bridget Thomas, and Aaron McDonald.
Members Absent - Tracy Laufenberg and Brian Haefs.
Administrators/Directors Present - Ben Barton, Tyler Hougom, Lish Olson, Jennifer Gimmer, Jared Schaffner, Jana Yashinsky, Abby Davis, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Karen Matzek and Kris Miller.
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:** Bridget Thomas 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 A. Garrity, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

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 a student were in attendance to give a recap on a recent student trip to Ireland.

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Board Report:** The Board Finance & Operations Committee reported on their recent meeting.
12. **Onalaska Online Academy Handbook:** Kris Miller presented the 2026-27 Onalaska Online Academy handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
13. **Pillar III and Pillar IV - Strategic Plan:** Administration reported 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.
14. **Board Policies:** The Board Policies Committee presented 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

Action Items:

15. **2026-27 Handbooks:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the following 2026-27 handbooks: 4K student handbook, elementary student handbook, middle school activities handbook, middle school student handbook, co-curricular staff handbook, high school activities handbook, and the student technology handbook. Motion carried.*
16. **Education for Employment:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by A. Garrity, to approve the Education for Employment report. Motion carried.*
17. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, 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. *Resignation Request - Certified Staff - **Travis Johnson**, 1.0 FTE business education teacher at Onalaska High School, effective July 24, 2026 and subject to the \$500 contract breakage penalty.*
 2. *New Employees - Certified Staff -*
 - A. ***Ka Khang**, 1.0 FTE multilingual learners teacher at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at BA 0 credits, \$52,118, and contingent on*

- certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by the transfer of Sara George.
- B. **Jason Holter**, 1.0 FTE business education teacher at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026 at MA 0, \$70,542, and contingent on release from his current district. This position was vacated by Travis Johnson.
 - C. **Hana Schauf**, 1.0 FTE limited term special education teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at BA 0 credits, \$52,118, through the end of the 2026-27 school year only, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
 - D. **Leah Unke**, 1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool teacher at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at BA 6 credits, \$60,316, through the end of the 2026-27 school year only, and contingent on release from her current district. This is a newly created position.
3. New Employees - Hourly Staff -
- A. **Tylar Holtan**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour. This position was vacated by Emily Riley.
 - B. **Tiva Atkinson**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Laurie Klingemann.
 - C. **Annabel Bruton**, 1.0 FTE LMC/regular education paraprofessional at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Emily Adams.
 - D. **Holly Mortenson**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Onalaska Middle School, effective August 17, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Jared McKenna.
 - E. **Mitchell Moths**, .533 FTE regular education paraprofessional at Onalaska Middle School, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Jennifer Hinds.
 - F. **Stephanie Danek**, 1.0 FTE LMC/regular education paraprofessional at Onalaska Middle School, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Staci Luck.
 - G. **Kayla Finco**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.
 - H. **Morgan Holliday**, .667 FTE regular education paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Jerry Sample.
 - I. **Nicole Greve**, .50 FTE cook at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.10 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Cheryl Perl.
 - J. **Cheyenne Rodriguez**, .50 FTE cook at Onalaska Middle School, effective August 26, 2026 at \$20.10 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Belen Vega.
4. Position Creation - 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary.

5. *Co-Curricular Contract Modifications -*
 - A. **Jerred Ambrose**, from football asst. coach. full contract, to football asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,397.50.
 - B. **Anthony DeGaetano**, from football asst. coach. half contract, to football asst. coach, full contract, \$2,795.
6. *Transfer Notifications - Hourly Staff -*
 - A. **Emily Adams**, from the 1.0 FTE regular education/LMC paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School, to the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026. This position was vacated by the retirement of Sara Stelloh.
 - B. **Cheryl Perl**, from the .50 FTE cook position at Eagle Bluff Elementary, to the .50 FTE cook position at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026.
 - C. **Jodi Henriksen**, from the .50 FTE cook position at Onalaska High School, to the .6875 FTE cook position at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026. This position was vacated by Heidi Allen.
 - D. **Jennifer Hinds**, from the .533 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Onalaska Middle School, to the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Onalaska Middle School, effective August 17, 2026. This is a newly created position.
7. *Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff -*
 - A. **Melissa Tillman**, 1.0 FTE 210-day school nutrition administrative assistant, effective August 14, 2026.
 - B. **Julia Stoeckly**, .50 FTE cook at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 12, 2026.
 - C. **Allison Harris**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 4, 2026.
 - D. **Holly Hackner**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Onalaska High School, effective October 1, 2026.

C. *Minutes - July 27, 2026 regular meeting minutes.*
Motion carried.

16. **Adjourn:** Motion by B. Thomas, second by M. Cassellius, to adjourn at 6:45 p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk