



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, September 14, 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
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Bridget Thomas	Director
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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:**
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 Items:

9. **Staff Recognition:**
The following staff members will be recognized for recently receiving a Master's Degree:
 - Cailie Kowal, Eagle Bluff Elementary 4th grade teacher
 - Scott Levengood, Onalaska Middle School math teacher
 - Cacey Ostrander, Northern Hills Elementary cross categorical teacher
 - Suzie Pence, Northern Hills Elementary 4th grade teacher
 - Keli Shapiro, Onalaska High School library media specialist
 - Tom Yashinsky, Onalaska High School health teacher
10. **Donations:**
 - School supplies from Eagle Crest North, Bronston Chiropractic, Wisco Wise Logistics, Onalaska United Methodist Church, and Pizza Ranch
 - \$860 from Altra Federal Credit Union for Onalaska High School
 - \$1,000 from Robert George for Irving Pertzsch Elementary 4th Grade

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Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **Administrator Reports:**

Administrators will have the opportunity to update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.

12. **Board Report:**

The Board Finance Committee chair will report on their recent meeting.

13. **Summer CAPS & Technology Updates:**

Tyler Hougom will give an update on summer CAPS projects and technology updates.
(Enclosure: 13.CAPS)

14. **Annual District Goals:**

Administration will present the 2026-27 annual building goals aligned to the district strategic plan.
(Enclosure: 14.District Goals)

Action Items:

15. **School Start Date Resolution:**

The Board will consider adoption of Resolution 2026-006, Modification of School Start Date for 2026-27. (Enclosure: 15.Resolution 2026-006)

16. **Field Trip Request:**

Ben Burns will request Board approval of an overnight field trip for sixth grade students to the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center.

17. **Co-Curricular Co-op:**

Jason Thiry will request Board approval of a co-curricular co-op for girls swimming with Holmen, Aquinas, and GET (Holmen is host) for the 2027-28 and 2028-29 school years.

18. **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: 18.Disbursements)

B. Personnel Report -

1. New Employee - Certified Staff
2. New Employees - Hourly Staff
3. Position Deletion
4. Co-Curricular Resignation
5. Reassignment Notification - Hourly Staff
6. Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff

(Enclosure: 18.Personnel Report)

C. Minutes - August 24, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (Enclosure: 18.Minutes 08.24.26)

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- D. Field Trip Request - 4K-5th Grade Northern Hills Students and K-5th Grade Eagle Bluff Students to the Homecoming Parade on September 18, 2026 (Only 4th and 5th grade was previously approved).

19. **Adjourn:**

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

September 28, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

September 28, 2026 - Board of Education Development Meeting, following the regular meeting

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