



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, August 24, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, August 24, 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, Jana Yashinsky, Abby Davis, Kelly McMahon, Ben Burns, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Liz Ramsay, Jenny Jackson, Seth Camp, and Nick Ragner.
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:** Request to move Items #14, 15 and 16 (Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club, Onalaska Band Booster Club, and Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group) to after Item #9.
7. **Approval of Agenda:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve the agenda with moving Items #14, 15 and 16 (Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club, Onalaska Band Booster Club, and Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group) to after Item #9. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

Recognition Item:

9. **Donation:** School supplies from Dahl Automotive.

Action Items:

10. **Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by A. Garrity, to approve the donation plan for the 2026-27 school year for the Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club. Motion carried.*
11. **Onalaska Band Booster Club:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by T. Marshik, to approve the donation plan for the 2026-27 school year for the Onalaska Band Booster Club. Motion carried.*
12. **Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Thomas, to approve the donation plan for the 2026-27 school year for the Onalaska Choir Parent Support Group. Motion carried.*

Informational/Discussion Items:

13. **Administrator Reports:** Administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
14. **Board Report:** The Board Public Engagement Committee chair reported on their recent meeting.
15. **2025-26 4th Quarter Financial Report:** Tyler Hougom presented the quarterly financial report for the period ending June 30, 2026 for Board information.
16. **Annual District Goals:** Administration presented the 2026-27 Annual Goals aligned to the District Strategic Plan.

Action Items:

17. **Onalaska Online Academy Handbook:** *Motion by B. Thomas, second by T. Laufenberg, to approve the 2026-27 Onalaska Online Academy handbook. Motion carried.*
18. **Fundraisers:** *Motion by T. Marshik, second by B. Haefs, to approve the 2026-27 school year fundraisers. Motion carried.*
19. **Field Trips:** *Motion by A. Garrity, second by B. Haefs, to approve the field trips for the 2026-27 school year. Motion carried.*
20. **Board Policies:** *Motion by T. Laufenberg, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following board policies:*

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	7540.03 - Student Technology a Acceptable Use and Safety

	Communication Devices	
7544 - Use of Social Media	8120 - Volunteers	8462 - Child Abuse and Neglect

Motion carried.

21. **Consent Agenda:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements and Payroll in accordance with enclosure.*
- B. *Personnel Report -*
 - 1. *New Employees - Hourly Staff -*
 - A. **Sterling Schmitt**, 1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.79 per hour, through the end of the 2026-27 school year only. This is a newly created position.
 - B. **Olivia Pellowski**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 31, 2026 at \$22.02 per hour, contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by Allison Harris.
 - C. **Robin Tvedt**, .50 FTE cook at Onalaska High School, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.10 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Jodi Henriksen.
 - D. **Shannon Boylan**, .50 FTE cook at Northern Hills Elementary, effective August 17, 2026 at \$20.10 per hour. This position was vacated by Julia Stoeckly.
 - 2. *Position Creations -*
 - A. 1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, for the 2026-27 school year only.
 - B. 1.0 FTE limited term 4K preschool paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, for the 2026-27 school year only.
 - 3. *Co-Curricular Contracts - Administration requested board approval of co-curricular contracts.*
 - 4. *Resignation Notification - Hourly Staff - **Pamela Maatta**, 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Onalaska High School, effective August 11, 2026.*
- C. *Minutes - August 10, 2026 regular meeting minutes.*
- D. *Financials - July 2026.*

Motion carried.

22. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk