



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Public Hearing Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 12, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education public hearing meeting to order on Monday, October 12, 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, and Kristen Fay.
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 B. Haefs, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

Informational/Discussion Items:

9. **Overview of the Annual Report & 2026-27 School District Budget:**
 - A. Ben Barton introduced the Annual Report for Board information.
 - B. Tyler Hougom presented the proposed 2026-27 school district budget for public information.
10. **Public Input:** There were no public speakers.

11. **Board Response To Questions Raised By The Public:** Since there were no public speakers, there was no response. Any concerns or questions can be directed to Board members or administration. The proposed budget will be presented for adoption at the October 26, 2026 meeting.
12. **Post-Employment Benefit Trust:** Tyler Hougom provided the Board with the required annual update of the amount in the benefit trust, and both the investment return and the total of disbursements made in the last year for Board information.
13. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 6:36 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk