



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 12, 2026

President Aaron McDonald called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 12, 2026 at 6:41 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, Ben Burns, Abby Davis, Kelly McMahon, and Kristen Fay.
Student Representative - Gowri Prakash.
Others Present - Mike Zinnecker.
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:** Tracy Laufenberg 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 B. Thomas, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried.*
8. **Public Input:** There was no public comment.

Recognition Item:

9. **National School Lunch Week:** The Board recognized National School Lunch Week, which has been proclaimed October 12-16, 2026 by State Superintendent Jill Underly.

Informational/Discussion Items:

10. **Junior ROTC Program:** Mike Zinnecker and Jared Schaffner updated the Board on exploring the opportunity to create a JROTC at Onalaska High School.
11. **Student Representative and Administrator Reports:** The student representative and administrators gave an update on staff and student activities related to academics and co-curricular activities.
12. **Board Report:** The Board Finance & Operations Committee chair reported on their recent meeting.
13. **4K preschool program:** Lish Olson and elementary principals updated the Board on the all-day 4K preschool program.
14. **Enrollment Data From September 18, 2026:** Tyler Hougom presented the third Friday in September district enrollment data for Board information.
15. **Board Policies:** The Board Policies committee and administration presented the following board policies revisions for a first reading and Board consideration:

2210 - Curriculum Development	3130 - Assignment and Transfer	8500 - Food Services
2430 - District-Sponsored Clubs and Activities	3242 - Professional Growth Requirements	8500.01 - Policy and Process for Receiving and Processing Complaints Alleging Civil Rights Discrimination in the USDA Child Nutrition Programs
2461 - Recording of IEP Team Meetings	5511 - Dress and Appearance	8510 - Wellness
2510 - Adoption of Textbooks	7440.03 - Small Unmanned Aircraft Systems	8531 - Free and Reduced-Price Meals
2521 - Selection of Instructional Materials and Equipment	8325 - Receipt of Legal Documents by District Employees	8550 - Competitive Food Sales
2623 - Student Assessment and Grading	8410 - Crisis Intervention	8600 - Transportation

Action Items:

16. **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. *Co-Curricular Resignation - **Jonathan Jansky**, Onalaska Business Club Asst Advisor, effective September 28, 2026.*
 - 2. *Co-Curricular Contracts -*
 - A. ***Allison Boudry**, Onalaska Business Club Asst. Advisor, \$1,589.60.*
 - B. ***Mayson Taylor**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.*
 - C. ***Izac Sheforgen**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.*
 - D. ***Anthony DeGaetano**, boys' basketball asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.*
 - E. ***Scott Pollack**, boys' basketball asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.*
 - F. ***Noah Looney**, boys' basketball asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.*
 - G. ***Austin Meier**, boys' basketball asst. coach, ½ contract, \$3,440.*
 - H. ***Randy Ketelhut**, girls' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.*
 - I. ***Parker Tepp**, boys' hockey asst. coach, ½ contract, \$3,440.*
 - J. ***Jackson Peterson**, boys' hockey asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.*
 - K. ***Seth Vagts**, boys' hockey asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.*
 - L. ***Clifford Amundson**, boys' wrestling asst. coach, \$3,010.*
 - M. ***Brian Sullivan**, girls' wrestling asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,505.*
 - N. ***John Hagstrom**, girls' wrestling asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,505.*
- C. *Minutes - September 28, 2026 regular meeting minutes, and the September 28, 2026 development meeting minutes.*
- D. *Fundraiser Request - OHS Fishing Club - WIFA (WI Interscholastic Fishing Association) Raffle Ticket Sales - November 2026 Through May 2027. Goal of \$3,000 to be used for start up equipment.*
- E. *Board Policies Technical Corrections - 1460 - Pre-Employment Physical Examination, 2131.01 - Reading Instructional Goals, Assessment, and Interventions, 2522 - Library Media Centers, 3120.08 - Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular Activities, 3139 - Staff Discipline, 3160 - Pre-Employment Physical Examination, 4160 - Pre-Employment Physical Examination, 5310 - Health Services, 5330 - Administration of Medication/Emergency Care, 5451.01 - Wisconsin Academic Excellence Scholarship, 5460.01 - Diploma Deferral, 5461 - Children At-Risk of Not Graduating from High School, 5514 - Use of Personal Transportation Devices, 6325 - Procurement - Federal Grants/Funds, 6608 - Accountability and Oversight of Fundraiser and Crowdfunding Disbursements, 7440.01 - Video Surveillance and Electronic Monitoring, 7450 - Property Inventory, 7455 - Accounting System for Capital Assets, 8462.01 - Threats of Violence, 9130 - Public Requests, Suggestions, or Complaints.*

Motion carried.

- 15. **Adjourn:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Laufenberg, to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay

Aaron McDonald, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk