



School District of Onalaska
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, October 26, 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
Mark Cassellius	Treasurer
Tracy Laufenberg	Director
Bridget Thomas	Director
Tesia Marshik	Director

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:**
Brian Haefs 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. **Student Recognition:**
 - The Board will recognize the OHS marching band for their recent 2nd place finish at the state marching band competition.
 - The Board will recognize OHS tennis player Mara Klein on her recent appearance at the state tennis tournament.
10. **Staff Recognition:**
Alli Pratt, kindergarten teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, will be recognized for receiving the Top Notch Teacher Award from News 8 Now.
11. **Donations:**
 - Snack totes for elementary classrooms at Irving Petzsch, Northern Hills, and Eagle Bluff from Trust Point
 - \$1,550 from an anonymous donor for the OHS band program
 - Soccer balls, kickballs and footballs for Eagle Bluff Elementary from Bryan Erdmann
 - \$185 from Joel Kouba for any district needs
 - Winter coats from YWCA of La Crosse for Irving Petzsch Elementary

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Informational/Discussion Items:

12. Student Representative and Administrator Reports:

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

13. Onalaska Online Academy:

Kris Miller will update the Board on the Onalaska Online Academy. (Enclosure: 13.OOA)

14. Summer School Report:

Jen Kalis and Charlie Ihle will present the 2026 summer school report for Board information. (Enclosure: 14.Summer School)

15. Board Report:

The Board Public Engagement Committee chair will report on their recent meeting.

16. WI Student Assessment System (WSAS) and ACCESS for ELLs Results:

Lish Olson will share the WSAS results and the ACCESS for Multilingual Learners assessment results for Board information. (Enclosure: 16.WSAS & ACCESS)

Action Items:

17. 2026-27 Original Budget Adoption:

Tyler Hougom will present the 2026-27 original budget for Board adoption. (Enclosure: 17.Budget Adoption) (Enclosure: 17.Budget Presentation)

18. 2026-27 Tax Levy:

Tyler Hougom will present the 2026-27 tax levy for Board approval. (Enclosure: 18.Resolution 2026-007)

19. Board Policies:

The Board Policies committee and administration will present the following board policies revisions for a second reading and Board approval:

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

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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

(Enclosure: 19.Board Policies)

20. 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: 20.Disbursements)
- B. Personnel Report -
 - 1. Co-Curricular Contract Modifications
 - 2. Co-Curricular Contracts
 (Enclosure: 20.Personnel Report)
- C. Minutes - October 12, 2026 public hearing meeting minutes, and the October 12, 2026 regular meeting minutes. (Enclosure: 20.Minutes 10.12.26 PH, 20.Minutes 10.12.26)
- D. Unpaid Leave - Amber Gentry - personal medical leave - November 11, 2026 - January 13, 2027; Melanie Hagstrom - child rearing leave - November 16, 2026 - January 3, 2027; Kristin Lindahl - child rearing leave - September 22, 2026 - December 20, 2026.
- E. Financials - September 2026 (Enclosure: 20.Financials)
- F. Field Trip Request - 6th grade to Viterbo Fine Arts Center - February 18, 2027.

21. Adjourn:

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

November 9, 2026 - Board of Education Regular Meeting, 6:00 p.m.

Upon request to the District Office, submitted twenty-four (24) hours in advance, the District shall make reasonable accommodation including the provision of informational material in an alternative format for a person with disabilities to be able to attend this meeting. For additional information or to request this service, contact the District Office at 608-781-9700. Sent to:

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District Buildings: District Office, Onalaska High School, Onalaska Middle School, Eagle Bluff Elementary, Irving Pertzsch Elementary, Northern Hills Elementary

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