School District of

Onalaska

Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 23, 2026 6:00 p.m.
District Office - 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI

Board of Education

Aaron McDonald	President
Ann Garrity	Vice President
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Mark Cassellius	Treasurer
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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

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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.

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:**
   Tesia Marshik 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:**
   Elin Gilles will be recognized for her recent state appearance in girls' swimming.

10. **Donations:**
    - $500 from Burlington Coat Factory for school supplies at Irving Pertzsch Elementary
    - $381.25 from the Northern Hills PTO toward a field trip for Northern Hills 5th graders
    - $1,035 from Elite Nutrition for the district lunch fund
    - $100 from Gin Messick for the district food pantry
    - $1,100 from an anonymous donor for the district holiday meal drive

Informational/Discussion Items:

11. **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.

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12. **Board Report:**
The Board Policies Committee chair will report on their recent meeting.

13. **District/School Report Cards and Scorecard Results:**
Ben Barton and building principals will present the District and School Report Cards and scorecard for Board information. (Enclosure: 13.Report Cards)

Action Items:

14. **Onalaska Education Foundation Claude Deck Grants:**
Lindsey Banasik, representing the Onalaska Education Foundation, will present for Board approval the Claude Deck Innovative Grant recipients from the School District of Onalaska. (Enclosure: 14.OEF)

15. **2027-28 High School Course Description Book:**
Jared Schaffner will present the 2027-28 high school course description book for a second reading and Board approval. (Enclosure: 15.Course Description Book)

16. **2027-28 Calendar:**
Sonya Ganther will present the 2027-28 district calendar for Board approval.
(Enclosure: 16.Public Calendar) (Enclosure: 16.Staff Calendar)

17. **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: 17.Disbursements)
B. Personnel Report -
    1. Position Creations
    2. Co-Curricular Resignation
    3. Co-Curricular Contract Modification
    4. Co-Curricular Contract
    5. Resignation Notifications - Hourly Staff

    (Enclosure: 17.Personnel Report)
C. Minutes - November 9, 2026 regular meeting minutes and November 9, 2026 development meeting minutes. (Enclosures: 17.Minutes 11.09.26, 17.Minutes 11.09.26 dev)
D. Financials - October 2026. (Enclosure: 17.Financials)
E. Unpaid Leave Request - Daniel Muth, school nutrition driver/custodian, November 16-20, 2026.

18. **Adjourn:**

Upcoming Board Meeting Schedule:

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