



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 8, 2019

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, April 8, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

**Members Present** – Mark Cassellius, Deanna Verdon, Tim Smaby, Jim Driscoll, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki, and Ann Garrity.

**Administrators/Directors Present** – Fran Finco, Kent Ellickson, Roger Fruit, Charlie Ihle, Jared Schaffner, Laurie Enos, Jed Kees, Amy Russ, Clover Schmitt, Todd Saner, Sonya Ganther, and recording secretary Kristen Fay.

**Student Representative** – Olivia Foehner.

**Others Present** – Robbie Coe and Owen Rickert.

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** President Garrity led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT:** Heather Sysimaki read the School Board Mission Statement.

4. **PUBLIC NOTICE:** Public notice was given to the requesting news media. The agenda was posted in school district buildings, city hall, the Omni Center, the public library, and on the district web site.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by J. Driscoll, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve the following meeting minutes: March 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes, March 26, 2019 special and closed meeting minutes, March 28, 2019 special and closed meeting minutes, April 2, 2019 special and closed meeting minutes, and the April 3, 2019 special and closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** There were no public speakers.

8. **BAND TRIP OVERVIEW:** Robbie Coe and student Owen Rickert were in attendance to thank the Board for the opportunity for students to travel to Chicago, and also provided a short overview of the trip.

9. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**

The student representative and building administrators updated the Board on:

- A. School progress on Board goals and initiatives
- B. Recent and upcoming school activities

10. **GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS:**
- A. *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by H. Sysimaki, to grant Jared Schaffner permission to apply for an Ingersoll Rand Foundation Grant for a welding simulator. Grant amount could equal \$20,000. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - B. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by B. Haefs, to grant Charlie Ihle permission to apply for a WI Football Coaches Association Grant for a blocking sled for football. Grant amount could equal \$2,268. Motion carried unanimously.*
11. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve \$2,500 from Mathy Construction/ALM Charities for the High School Robotics Program. Motion carried unanimously.*
12. **FUNDRAISER REQUEST:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to allow the Rotary Interact Club to hold a 5K called the "Dog Jog" in May. Fundraising goal is \$400 with funds going to an animal sanctuary/rehabilitation center in Costa Rica. Motion carried unanimously.*
13. **ELECTION RESULTS:** Brian Haefs reported on the results of the canvassing committee's survey which followed the April 2, 2019 Board candidate election.
14. **CSI (CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT) REPORT:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the Math CSI report pending any budgetary considerations. Motion carried unanimously.*
15. **OVERNIGHT TRIPS:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve overnight trips for OHS Envirothon Club on April 11-12, 2019 in Rosholt, WI and Girls' Soccer on May 10-11, 2019 at DC Everest. Motion carried unanimously.*
16. **EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM (ECCP) AND START COLLEGE NOW (SCN):** Roger Fruit presented for Board information a list of students recommended by the Credit Review Committee to attend an institution of higher learning under the Early College Credit Program and the Start College Now Program for the first semester of the 2019-20 school year.
17. **BOARD POLICY:**
- A. *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve revisions to Board Policy 5451.01. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - B. Roger Fruit and Jared Schaffner presented revisions to Board Policy 5460 for a first reading and Board consideration.
  - C. Tim Smaby, Mark Cassellius, and Fran Finco presented Neola Board Policy revisions for a first reading and Board consideration.
18. **CESA #4 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES 2019-20:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the projected 2019-20 CESA #4 Programs and Services contract. Motion carried unanimously.*
19. **ONALASKA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to honor the request of the Onalaska Education Association and open salary negotiations for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*

20. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. RESIGNATION REQUEST – CERTIFIED STAFF – **Jennifer Rasmussen**, District Literacy Specialist, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
  - B. NEW EMPLOYEE – ADMINISTRATION – **Fayme Evenson** to fill the Director of Instructional Services position effective July 1, 2019 at \$114,226 (amount dependent on salary recommendations for the 2019-20 school year). This position was vacated by the retirement of Roger Fruit.
  - C. POSITION CREATION – 1.0 FTE special education teacher at the high school, effective the 2019-20 school year.
  - D. POSITION DELETIONS –
    - 1. 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at the middle school, effective immediately.
    - 2. 4.5 hour per day cook/porter position at Northern Hills Elementary, effective immediately.
    - 3. 1.0 FTE special education teacher at the middle school, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
  - E. ADDITIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL HOURS  
To assist at Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center:
    - 1. **Jennifer Zeps**, not to exceed an additional 17 hours May 8-10, 2019.
    - 2. **Natalie McGarry**, not to exceed an additional 17 hours May 1-3, 2019.
    - 3. **Jeri DeLaney**, not to exceed an additional 17 hours April 24-26, 2019.

*Motion by T. Smaby, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.*

21. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – April 4, 2019 Funds 10, 21, 27, 50 and 72. ACH checks. Computer checks 149564 – 149672. Void check 149514. Wire transfer checks.*
  - B. *Activity Disbursements – April 4, 2019 Fund 60. Computer checks 15321 – 15326. Void check 15034. Wire transfer checks.*
  - C. *Payroll – April 5, 2019*
  - D. *Overnight trip request – HS State FBLA, Green Bay, WI April 8-9, 2019.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

22. **CLOSED SESSION:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to convene in closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c)(e)(f) and 118.125 of the Wisconsin Statutes, to evaluate and act on a student disciplinary matter; to discuss real property purchasing options and strategies; and to discuss candidates and interview questions for the position of superintendent. The Board will take any action required in closed session. The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of closed session. Roll call vote: T. Smaby – yes; B. Haefs – yes; H. Sysimaki – yes; J. Driscoll – yes; D. Verdon – yes; M. Cassellius – yes; A. Garrity – yes. Motion carried unanimously. Convened to closed session at 7:04 p.m.*

23. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by B. Haefs, to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

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Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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