



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, April 13, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. virtually and in the Board Room at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present - Shawn McAlister, Mark Cassellius, Jim Driscoll, Tim Smaby, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki, and Ann Garrity. (All were virtual except Jim and Ann)

Administrators/Directors Present - Todd Antony, Jared Schaffner (virtually), and Kristen Fay.

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:** Shawn McAlister 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 website.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by S. McAlister, to approve the agenda as published. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; T. Smaby - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the March 19, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the March 23, 2020 special meeting minutes. Roll call vote: T. Smaby - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*

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

8. **GRANT REQUEST:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to allow Kerry Johnson to apply for a \$3,000 COVID-19 Emergency School Nutrition Funding Grant to provide supplies for the District's free COVID-19 meal distribution program. Roll call vote: T. Smaby - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*

9. **BOARD POLICIES:**

A. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the revisions to Board Policies. Roll call vote: H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; T. Smaby - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*

- B. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the following Board policies for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year - 5460 - Graduation Requirements and Diploma Options, 5430 - Class Rank, and 5451 - Scholarship Awards. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; T. Smaby - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*
10. **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU):** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve a MOU between Great Rivers United Way and the School Districts of Onalaska and Holmen to share a Community Health Worker and services. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; T. Smaby - yes; S. McAlister - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*
11. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Todd Antony presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. RETIREMENT REQUEST - CERTIFIED STAFF - **Curt McIlquham**, 1.0 FTE health teacher at the high school, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- B. RESIGNATION REQUESTS - CERTIFIED STAFF -
1. **Steven Christianson**, 1.0 FTE math teacher at the middle school, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
 2. **Taryn Simon**, 1.0 FTE speech and language pathologist at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective the end of the 2019-20 school year.
- C. NEW EMPLOYEE - CERTIFIED STAFF - **Jennifer Lopez** to fill the 1.0 FTE English learners teacher position at the middle school effective August 24, 2020 at MA 0, \$51,380, (amount may be adjusted at the completion of teacher negotiations for the 2020-21 school year) and contingent on certification from the WI Department of Public Instruction and release from Owatonna, MN Public Schools. This position was vacated by the resignation of Colleen Young.
- Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Roll call vote: H. Sysimaki - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; T. Smaby - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*
12. **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION:** The Board recognized member Jim Driscoll for his years of service to the District.
13. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – March 19, 2020 PCard Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. Wire transfer checks. April 9, 2020 PCard Funds 10, 21, 27, and 60. Wire transfer checks. April 9, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151458 - 151475. Void check 151394.*
 - B. *Payroll – April 3, 2020*
 - C. *Unpaid Leave Policy 3340/4430 - Stephanie Battaglia, March 3 & 9, 2020; Ciarra Bullard, February 4 - May 1, 2020.*

Roll call vote: T. Smaby - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.

14. **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Smaby, to convene in closed session, pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c), Wis. Stats., to hold a private conference concerning the possible nonrenewal of one or more District teachers for layoff/reduction in hours purposes. The Board may take other related, appropriate action in closed session. The Board will adjourn from closed session. Roll call vote: J. Driscoll - yes; T. Smaby - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously. Convened to closed session at 6:55 p.m.
15. **ADJOURN:** Motion by B. Haefs, second by H. Sysimaki, to adjourn at 7:12 p.m. Roll call vote: J. Driscoll - yes; S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; T. Smaby - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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