



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Tuesday, May 28, 2019

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present – Shawn McAlister, Mark Cassellius, Tim Smaby, Jim Driscoll, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki, and Ann Garrity.

Administrators/Directors Present – Fran Finco, Kent Ellickson, Roger Fruit, Anna Curtis, Laurie Enos, Jed Kees, Amy Russ, Clover Schmitt, Todd Saner (6:00 – 6:28 p.m.), and recording secretary Kristen Fay.

Others Present – Tracy Zhou, Ricky Cheng, Abbie Giunta, RaghuRam Prasad, and Sonali Naik.

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:** Brian Haefs 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 M. Cassellius, second by T. Smaby, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the May 13, 2019 regular meeting minutes, and the May 13, 2019 closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

8. **RECOGNITION:** The Board recognized the Envirothon Club from OHS for winning the recent WI Envirothon Challenge.

9. **GRANT REQUESTS:**

A. *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to allow high school teacher Bridgett Hubbard to apply for a Character Strong Scholarship for t-shirts for students in Leadership Connections and Principles of Leadership. Grant total could equal \$1,000. Motion carried unanimously.*

B. *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by T. Smaby, to allow Todd Saner to apply for a La Crosse Community Foundation Grant for a World Arts through K/Cultural Engagement (W.A.K.E.) Event in 2019. Grant amount could total \$1,500. Motion carried unanimously.*

10. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve any gifts/grants over \$2,500. Motion carried unanimously.*

11. **BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**
Building administrators gave an update on:
 - A. School progress on Board goals and initiatives
 - B. Recent and upcoming school activities

12. **ONLINE TECHNOLOGY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by S. McAlister, to approve the Online Technology Professional Development for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*

13. **BUDGET ITEM:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the CAPS list for 2019-20. Motion carried unanimously.*

14. **PURCHASING FOR NEXT YEAR:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to process purchase orders for Buildings and Grounds CAPS list items and technology equipment necessary to begin the school year included in the preliminary budget presented to the Board. Motion carried unanimously.*

15. **2019-20 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK:** Anna Curtis presented the 2019-20 high school student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.

16. **CSI (CONTINUOUS SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT) REPORT:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by S. McAlister, to approve the science CSI report pending any budgetary implications. Motion carried unanimously.*

17. **BOARD POLICY:** Tim Smaby, Mark Cassellius and administration presented Neola Board Policy revisions for a first reading and Board consideration.

18. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. RESIGNATION REQUESTS – CERTIFIED STAFF –
 1. **Olivia Freeberg**, 3rd grade teacher at Eagle Bluff Elementary, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.
 2. **Megan Bonnell**, Speech/Language Pathologist at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective the end of the 2018-19 school year.

 - B. NEW EMPLOYEES – CERTIFIED STAFF –
 1. **Jennifer Gimmer** to fill the 1.0 FTE school psychologist position at the middle school effective August 26, 2019 at MA 30, \$57,000 and contingent on release from the Alma Center-Humbird-Merrillian School District. This is a newly created position.
 2. **Ashley Benson** to fill the 1.0 FTE occupational therapist position effective August 26, 2019 at MA 0, \$50,500. This is a newly created position.
 3. **Nicole Garbers** to fill the 1.0 FTE school counselor/social worker position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective August 26, 2019 at MA 0, \$51,386 and contingent on release from the La Crescent-Hokah School District and on certification from the WI Department of Public Instruction. This position was vacated by the retirement of Mary Van Valkenburg.
 4. **Kaitlyn Hennen** to fill the 1.0 FTE math teacher position at the middle school effective August 26, 2019 at BA 0, \$41,418 and contingent on certification from the WI Department of Public Instruction. This is a newly created position.

- C. POSITION DELETIONS – Three (3) 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional positions at the middle school, effective the 2019-20 school year.
- D. POSITION CREATIONS – Three (3) 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional positions at the high school, effective the 2019-20 school year.
- E. SUMMER SCHOOL CONTRACTS – Administration presented 2019 elementary, middle, and high school summer school contracts for Board approval.
- F. 2019-20 CURRICULUM PROJECT – 20 hours for **Luke Sauerma**n for ELO and REAL standards revisions for social studies. 20 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$440.00. This project is to be funded from the 2019-20 district curriculum budget.
- G. CO-CURRICULAR RESIGNATIONS –
 - 1. **Tim Ebner**, boys’ hockey head coach, effective May 14, 2019.
 - 2. **Chris Meunier**, middle school jazz band director, effective May 22, 2019.
- H. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT – **Luke Sauerma**n, 7th grade football head coach, \$2,150.
- I. UNPAID LEAVE POLICY 3430/4430 – **Donna Stapleton**, Northern Hills teacher, June 7, 2019. Personal.
- J. RESIGNATION NOTIFICATIONS – HOURLY STAFF –
 - 1. **Susan Brewer**, 1.0 FTE regular education paraprofessional at the high school, effective August 23, 2019.
 - 2. **Terroll Powell**, 3 hour per day school nutrition employee, effective June 4, 2019.

Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

19. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – May 15, 2019 Funds 10, 21 and 27. Wire transfers. May 23, 2019 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 149935 – 150030. Wire transfers.*
- B. *Activity Disbursements – May 23, 2019 Fund 60. Computer checks 15348 – 15354.*
- C. *Payroll – May 17, 2019*
- D. *Financial Statements April 2019*
- E. *Activity Acct April 2019*
- F. *Roger Fruit – \$7,000 stipend for the District Technology Coordinator position for 2018-19.*
- G. *Staff Development Presenter Pay Request –Jen Rasmussen and Kim Thole for presenting a year-long Readers' Workshop course for elementary teachers. Compensation for 12 presentation hours each (Jen Rasmussen - \$41.31/hour and Kim Thole - \$38.22/hour = \$954.36. This is to be funded through 2018-19 district staff development funds.)*

Motion carried unanimously.

20. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to adjourn at 6:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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