



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, July 27, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, July 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. virtually and at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

- ROLL CALL:**
Members Present - Shawn McAlister, Tony Benson, Mark Cassellius, Heather Sysimaki, Brian Haefs, Tim Smaby, and Ann Garrity.
Administrators/Directors Present - Todd Antony, Kent Ellickson, Fayme Evenson, Lish Olson, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Jason Thiry, Jana Yashinsky, Todd Saner, Charlie Ihle, Sarah Thompson, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.
Others Present - Angela Sagen.
- PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** President Garrity led the group in the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
- READING OF THE MISSION STATEMENT:** Tim Smaby read the School Board Mission Statement.
- PUBLIC NOTICE:** Public notice was given to the requesting news media. The agenda was posted at the district office and on the district website.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by T. Benson, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the July 13, 2020 regular meeting minutes, the July 13, 2020 closed meeting minutes, and the July 22, 2020 closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*
- PUBLIC INPUT:** There were no public speakers.
- DONATION PRESENTATION:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve a donation of \$15,001 from the Northern Hills Elementary PTO toward a new digital sign outside of Northern Hills. Motion carried unanimously.*
- DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** Kent Ellickson presented a list of gifts/grants to the Board. All donations were under the threshold for approval.

10. **ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT:**
Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Benson, to approve an action research project for Mary Meisner as part of her master's program at UW-La Crosse. Motion carried unanimously.
11. **STAFF RECOGNITION:** The Board welcomed Jana Yashinsky in her role as Associate Principal at the middle school, Lish Olson in her role as Principal at Northern Hills Elementary, and Sarah Thompson in her role as Interim Principal at Irving Pertzsch Elementary.
12. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Administration updated the Board on district planning related to COVID-19.
13. **2020-21 OPEN ENROLLMENT:** Fayme Evenson presented the 2020-21 preliminary open enrollment information for Board information.
14. **CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by B. Haefs, to approve the co-curricular contract document. Motion carried unanimously.*
15. **ACCESS TEST RESULTS:** Laurie Enos shared the 2019-20 ACCESS test results for Board information.
16. **STUDENT FEES APPROVAL:** *Motion by T. Benson, second by S. McAlister, to approve the PreK-12 student fees for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*
17. **2020-21 HANDBOOKS:**
 - A. INDUCTION HANDBOOK – *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the Initial Educator Induction Handbook. Motion carried unanimously.*
 - B. HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK – Jason Thiry presented the high school activities handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - C. MIDDLE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES HANDBOOK – Jana Yashinsky presented the middle school activities handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - D. CO-CURRICULAR STAFF HANDBOOK – Jason Thiry presented the Co-Curricular Staff handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - E. MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT HANDBOOK – Jana Yashinsky presented the middle school student handbook for a first reading and Board consideration.
 - F. NORTHERN HILLS, EAGLE BLUFF, AND IRVING PERTZSCH ELEMENTARY STUDENT HANDBOOKS – Lish Olson presented the Northern Hills, Eagle Bluff, and Irving Pertzsch Elementary student handbooks for a first reading and Board consideration.
18. **SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to enter into an agreement with the City of Onalaska for a School Resource Officer for the 2020-21 school year at a cost of \$33,480.87. Motion carried unanimously.*
19. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. NEW EMPLOYEE - DIRECTOR - **Amanda DeNault** to fill the 1.0 FTE Director of Nursing Services position effective August 17, 2020 prorated at \$64,369.70 for 227 days, with

three additional days prior to August 17 at \$283.67 per day. This position was vacated by the resignation of Katie Drury.

B. NEW EMPLOYEES - CERTIFIED STAFF -

1. **Emily Kozik** to fill the .50 FTE K-1 physical education teacher position at Eagle Bluff Elementary and Northern Hills Elementary effective August 24, 2020 at BA 0, \$21,334. This position was vacated by the resignation of Marci Fischer.
2. **Saeng Yang** to fill the 1.0 FTE EL/At Risk teacher position at the high school effective August 24, 2020 at BA 0, \$43,669. This position was vacated by the resignation of Megan Ludwigson.

C. EXTRA DUTY - **Sarah Thompson** to fill in as interim principal at Irving Pertzsch Elementary from July 23, 2020 up to August 21, 2020. \$416.18 per day x 22 days = up to \$9,155.96.

D. RESIGNATION NOTIFICATION - HOURLY STAFF - **Patrick Steers**, 1.0 FTE custodian at the high school, effective July 23, 2020.

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

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

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements - July 23, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151644 - 151661.*
- B. *Payroll - July 24, 2020.*
- C. *Financials - June 2020.*
- D. *Activity Acct - June 2020.*

Motion carried unanimously.

21. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Smaby to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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