



School District of Onalaska

Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 28, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:43 p.m. virtually and at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present - Tony Benson, Shawn McAlister, Mark Cassellius, Heather Sysimaki, Brian Haefs, Ann Garrity, and Tim Smaby.

Administrators/Directors Present - Todd Antony, Kent Ellickson, Fayme Evenson, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Charlie Ihle, Jana Yashinsky, Jason Thiry, Todd Saner, Abby Davis, Lish Olson, Jed Kees, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.

Others Present - Curt Heiring.

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 district buildings, and on the district website.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Benson, to approve the September 14, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the September 23, 2020 development meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

8. **TECHNOLOGY SUMMER PROJECT UPDATE:** Curt Heiring, Network Specialist, provided an update on summer technology projects.

9. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** Kent Ellickson presented a list of gifts/grants to the Board. All donations were under the \$2,500 approval threshold.

10. **BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:** Building administrators gave an update on:

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

11. **REOPENING PLAN:** Motion by T. Benson, second by H. Sysimaki, to grant administration the authority to identify individual students or groups of students experiencing barriers to success in a virtual learning environment and establish an alternate plan. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; T. Benson - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; T. Smaby - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by T. Smaby to approve revisions to the co-curricular/extra-curricular activities section of the reopening plan with the exception to include that the District will facilitate student participation in co-curricular/extra-curricular activities when the county risk level is in Orange, Yellow, or Green, and that all activities will be provided virtually if the county risk level is at Red and the school moves to remote learning. Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by T. Benson, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve revisions to the co-curricular/extra-curricular activities section of the reopening plan related to COVID-19. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; B. Haefs - yes; T. Smaby - no; S. McAlister - yes; T. Benson - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 6-1.

12. **GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST:** Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Benson, to grant teachers Brian Wopat, Amy Ticknor, and Rebecca Chaouki permission to apply for a La Crosse Community Foundation Global Awareness Grant for a yearly subscription for Scholastic magazines. Grant total could equal \$900. Motion carried unanimously.

13. **BOARD POLICIES/BYLAWS:** Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by S. McAlister, to approve the Board Policies/Bylaws. Motion carried unanimously.

14. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:

A. NEW EMPLOYEE - LIMITED TERM CERTIFIED STAFF - **Madeline Kittleson** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term 1st grade teacher position at Northern Hills Elementary, effective September 29, 2020 prorated at \$36,841.51 for 166 days, through the end of the 2020-21 school year only. This is a newly created position.

B. NEW EMPLOYEES - HOURLY STAFF -

1. **Kelley King** to fill the 1.0 FTE regular education paraprofessional position at Eagle Bluff Elementary effective September 29, 2020 at \$16.62 per hour. This position was vacated by the leave of Julie Fischer.

2. **Brooke Silker** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary effective September 29, 2020 at \$17.17 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by the resignation of Linda Johnson.

C. POSITION CREATION - 1.0 FTE limited term special education paraprofessional at the high school for the 2020-21 school year only. District funding.

D. TITLE I EMPLOYMENT SERVICES FOR PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS -

1. **Amy Hargrove** for St. Patrick's Elementary School, not to exceed 70 hours for Title I Services for the 2020-21 school year only at \$27.74 per hour = \$2,090.

2. **Benjamin Bain** for St. Paul's Elementary School, not to exceed 281 hours for Title I Services for the 2020-21 school year only at \$27.74 per hour = \$8,391.

Title I funding.

- E. REASSIGNMENT NOTIFICATIONS - CERTIFIED STAFF - FOR 2020-21 ONLY -
1. **Kristy Schellenger**, from 1.0 FTE 1st grade teacher at Eagle Bluff, to 1.0 FTE Kindergarten/1st grade teacher at Eagle Bluff.
 2. **Gina Johnson**, from 1.0 FTE Gifted & Talented teacher at Northern Hills and Eagle Bluff, to 1.0 FTE 2nd grade teacher at Eagle Bluff.
 3. **Ashley Cordes**, from 1.0 FTE kindergarten teacher at Eagle Bluff, to 1.0 FTE 3rd grade teacher at Eagle Bluff.
 4. **Elizabeth Ziegler**, from 1.0 FTE reading teacher at Eagle Bluff, to 1.0 FTE 4th grade teacher at Eagle Bluff.
 5. **Ty Washington**, from 1.0 FTE LTE academic interventionist at Irving Pertzsch, to 1.0 FTE LTE 5th grade teacher at Eagle Bluff.
 6. **Nicole Shepard**, from 1.0 FTE EL teacher at Northern Hills, to 1.0 FTE 4th grade teacher at Northern Hills.
 7. **Lorie Berget**, from 1.0 FTE reading teacher at Northern Hills, to 1.0 FTE 2nd/3rd grade teacher at Northern Hills.
 8. **Haley Fara**, from 1.0 FTE Title I teacher at Northern Hills, to 1.0 FTE 5th grade teacher at Northern Hills.
 9. **Sierra Hallingstad**, from 1.0 FTE 3rd grade teacher at Irving Pertzsch, to 1.0 FTE 2nd grade teacher at Irving Pertzsch.
 10. **Valerie Rothering**, from 1.0 FTE PreK teacher at Irving Pertzsch, to 1.0 FTE 3rd grade teacher at Irving Pertzsch.

F. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS -

1. **Kaitlyn Hennen**, 8th grade volleyball asst. coach, \$1,400.
2. **Clifford Amundson**, MS football asst. coach, as needed, \$1,575.

G. CHILD REARING LEAVE - **Emily Perry**, Northern Hills Elementary teacher, from December 15, 2020 to the end of the 2020-21 school year.

H. RESIGNATION NOTIFICATION - HOURLY STAFF - **Rhonda Smillie**, 3 hour per day cook, effective Monday, September 21, 2020.

Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Benson, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

15. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements - September 16, 2020 PCard Funds 10, 21, and 50. Wire transfer checks. September 24, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151730 - 151759. Wire transfer check.*
- B. *Payroll - September 18, 2020.*
- C. *Financial Statements - August 2020.*
- D. *Activity Statements - August 2020.*

Motion carried unanimously.

16. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Benson, to adjourn at 7:32 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk