

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ONALASKA
237 2ND AVE S, ONALASKA, WI 54650**

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2018

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650.

1. **ROLL CALL:**
Members Present – Mark Cassellius, Tim Smaby, Jim Driscoll, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki and Ann Garrity.
Excused Absent – Deanna Verdon.
Administrators/Directors Present – Fran Finco, Roger Fruit, Kent Ellickson, Charlie Ihle, Jared Schaffner, Clover Schmitt, Amy Russ, Lish Olson, Sonya Ganther and recording secretary Kristen Fay.
Others Present – Sam Scinta.
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:** Mark Cassellius 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 H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the September 24, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the September 24, 2018 closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*
7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** There were no public speakers.
8. **REACCT UPDATE:** Sam Scinta was in attendance to update the Board on how the REACCT program supports the growth of Read Evidence, Analyze, Communicate and Critical Thinking for students at the high school.
9. **BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:** Building administrators updated on:
 - A. School progress on Board goals and initiatives
 - B. Recent and upcoming school activities
10. **GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS:**
 - A. *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to grant high school teachers Brian Wopat and Nikki Ruediger permission to apply for a La Crosse Community Theater Global Awareness Grant for cooking tools to prepare authentic foods. Grant amount could total \$497.84. Motion carried unanimously.*

- B. *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to grant Northern Hills Elementary LMC director Crystal Brunelle permission to apply for a Wild Ones Lorrie Otto Seeds for Education Fund Grant for native plants and seeds for the Northern Hills school garden. Grant amount could total up to \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.*
11. **FUNDRAISER REQUESTS:**
- A. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by B. Haefs, to allow Irving Pertzsch to hold a Toppers Night fundraiser on October 17. Fundraising goal is \$200.00 and will support the Irving Pertzsch 4th grade trip to Madison. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to allow Irving Pertzsch to hold a 'Thankful Candy Sticks' fundraiser in November where students can buy a candy stick for someone they are thankful for. Fundraising goal is \$200.00 and will support the Irving Pertzsch 4th grade trip to Madison. Motion carried unanimously.*
12. **GRANT ACCEPTANCE:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by M. Cassellius, to accept a \$184,260 School Safety Grant from the WI Department of Justice to expand and upgrade camera coverage, replace analog two-way radio system with an upgraded and expanded digital radio system, upgrade door security system, for adolescent mental health training and for parent mental health resources. Motion carried unanimously.*
13. **STUDENT FEE:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve an optional \$10 per student homeroom period nutrition fee for the 2018-19 school year for high school students. Money collected will be used to offset the cost of snacks provided during the homeroom period. Motion carried unanimously.*
14. **ENROLLMENT DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 21, 2018:** Kent Ellickson presented the third Friday in September enrollment data for the district for Board information.
15. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. NEW EMPLOYEE – LIMITED TERM TUTOR – **Kristen Harring** as a 4 hour per day limited term tutor at Northern Hills Elementary effective October 15, 2018 at \$16.00 per hour, for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year only.
- B. 2018-19 CURRICULUM PROJECT – **Kristin Tschumper** to create inquiry-based instructional tools and assessments that align with the new freshman biology resource. 20 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$440.00. This project is to be funded from the 2018-19 district curriculum development budget.
- C. CO-CURRICULAR RESIGNATION – **Larry Swiggum**, varsity boys' basketball asst. coach, effective September 26, 2018.
- D. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS –
1. **Larry Swiggum** head 8th grade boys' basketball coach, \$1,975, for the 2018-19 school year only.
 2. **Larry Swiggum**, head 8th grade girls' basketball coach, \$1,975, for the 2018-19 school year only.
 3. **Dean Lounsbrough**, varsity boys' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
 4. **Jerry Rank**, JV boys' hockey coach, \$3,440.

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

16. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Superintendent Tony Evers has proclaimed October 15-19, 2018 as National School Lunch Week. Heather Sysimaki read the proclamation.
17. **BOARD RECOGNITION:** Administration recognized the Board for the 2018 Wisconsin School Board Week which is October 7-13, 2018.
18. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
 - A. *Budgetary Disbursements – October 4, 2018 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 147799 – 147935. Void check 147608. Wire transfer checks.*
 - B. *Activity Disbursements – October 4, 2018 Fund 60. Computer checks 15281 – 15284. Wire transfer check.*
 - C. *Payroll – October 5, 2018*
 - D. *Staff Development Presenter Pay Request – Kevin Lee to present a workshop, Managing Student Behavior, to district paraprofessional staff on October 5, 2018. 2 preparation hours at \$22/hour = \$44.00. This is to be funded through 2018-19 district staff development funds.*

Motion carried unanimously.
19. **CLOSED SESSION:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to convene in closed session, pursuant to ss. 19.85(1)(f) and 118.125 of the Wisconsin Statutes to evaluate and act on a student disciplinary matter. 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: B. Haefs – yes; T. Smaby – yes; M. Cassellius – yes; J. Driscoll – yes; H. Sysimaki – yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously. Convened to closed session at 6:52 p.m.*
20. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by T. Smaby, to adjourn at 8:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully,

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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