



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 12, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. virtually and at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

**Excused Absent** - Tim Smaby.

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

2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG:** Ann 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 district buildings, and on the district website.

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

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the September 28, 2020 public hearing meeting minutes and the September 28, 2020 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

8. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by T. Benson, to approve a donation of \$4,350 (\$10 restaurant gift card for each employee) from the Onalaska United Methodist Church. Motion carried unanimously.*

9. **BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Jared Schaffner announced the 2020-21 Board Student Representative as Isaac Killilea.

10. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE & BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**  
The student representative and building administrators gave an update on:
  - A. School progress on Board goals and initiatives
  - B. Recent and upcoming school activities
11. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Administration gave an update on district planning related to COVID-19.
12. **PUBLIC INPUT FROM PUBLIC HEARING MEETING:** There were no public speakers.
13. **BOARD RESPONSE TO CONCERNS RAISED BY PUBLIC:** Since there were no public speakers there was no response.
14. **2020-21 BUDGET ADOPTION:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to adopt the 2020-21 budget. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; T. Benson - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 6-0.*
15. **ENROLLMENT DATA FOR SEPTEMBER 18, 2020:** Kent Ellickson presented the third Friday in September enrollment data for the district for Board information.
16. **TECHNICAL INCENTIVE GRANT:** Jared Schaffner provided an overview of the CTE Technical Incentive Grant for Board information.
17. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Sonya Ganther presented the personnel report for Board approval:
  - A. RETIREMENT REQUEST - HOURLY STAFF - **Debra Larvick**, 1.0 FTE regular education/Title I paraprofessional at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective November 2, 2020.
  - B. NEW EMPLOYEE - LIMITED TERM CERTIFIED STAFF - **Brittany LaMere** to fill the 1.0 FTE cross categorical special education teacher position at Northern Hills Elementary effective October 13, 2020 at BA 0, prorated at \$34,622.15 for 156 days, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by the leave of Emily Perry.
  - C. NEW EMPLOYEE - HOURLY STAFF - **Evan Kotter** to fill the 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional position at the middle school effective October 13, 2020 at \$17.17 per hour and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This position was vacated by the retirement of Jill Blank.
  - D. NEW EMPLOYEE - LIMITED TERM HOURLY STAFF - **Briana Nelson** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term special education paraprofessional position at the high school effective October 13, 2020 at \$17.17 per hour through the end of the 2020-21 school year only, and contingent on certification from the WI DPI. This is a newly created position.  
*Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Benson, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.*
18. **COMMUNICATIONS:** State Superintendent Carolyn Stanford Taylor has proclaimed October 12-16, 2020 as National School Lunch Week. Shawn McAlister read the proclamation.

19. **BOARD RECOGNITION:** Administration recognized the Board for the 2020 Wisconsin School Board Week which was October 4-10, 2020.
20. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements - October 12, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151764 - 151794.*
  - B. *Payroll - October 2, 2020*
- Motion carried unanimously.*
21. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by T. Benson, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

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Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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