

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ONALASKA  
237 2<sup>ND</sup> AVE S, ONALASKA, WI 54650**

<b>BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 22, 2018</b>
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President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 22, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650.

1. **ROLL CALL:**  
**Members Present** – Mark Cassellius, Tim Smaby, Jim Driscoll, Deanna Verdon, Heather Sysimaki and Ann Garrity.  
**Excused Absent** – Brian Haefs.  
**Administrators/Directors Present** – Fran Finco, Kent Ellickson, Roger Fruit, Anna Curtis, Jared Schaffner, Laurie Enos, Lish Olson, Clover Schmitt, Todd Saner and recording secretary Kristen Fay.  
**Student Representative** – Olivia Foehner.  
**Others Present** – Erin Lucas and Andy Beckstrom.
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:** Tim Smaby 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 T. Smaby, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the October 8, 2018 regular meeting minutes and the October 8, 2018 closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*
7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** There were no public speakers.
8. **BOARD STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE:** Jared Schaffner announced the 2018-19 Board Student Representative as Olivia Foehner.
9. **ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT:** *Motion by D. Verdon, second by T. Smaby, to allow middle school teacher Erin Lucas to conduct an action research project as part of her master’s program at UW-Oshkosh. Motion carried unanimously.*
10. **FUNDRAISER REQUEST:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to allow high school teacher Andy Beckstrom to hold a bake sale fundraiser for Ona Soup with Verve Credit Union’s brat fry. Fundraising goal is \$400 with proceeds going to support Ona Soup events and website maintenance. Motion carried unanimously.*

11. **DONATION RECOGNITION:**
- A. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve a donation of \$2,500 from the La Crosse Tribune which will help provide one book a month for every K-5 student for the 2018-19 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - B. The Board recognized a donation of \$900 from Altra Federal Credit Union which will help provide one book a month for every K-5 student for the 2018-19 school year.
12. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND BUILDING ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS:**  
The student representative and building administrators updated the Board on:
- A. School progress on Board goals and initiatives
  - B. Recent and upcoming school activities
13. **GRANT APPLICATION REQUESTS:**
- A. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by D. Verdon, to allow administration to apply for an Educator Effectiveness Grant from the WI Department of Public Instruction for \$20,160. Motion carried unanimously.*
  - B. *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to grant teacher Amy Mather permission to apply for an Agriculture in the Classroom Mini-Grant from the WI Farm Bureau for supplies needed for students to grow container gardens at home. Grant amount could total \$95.00. Motion carried unanimously.*
14. **2018-19 TAX LEVY:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the 2018-19 tax levy and Resolution 2018-007. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius – yes; T. Smaby – yes; D. Verdon – yes; J. Driscoll – yes; H. Sysimaki – yes; A. Garrity – yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
15. **LINE OF CREDIT:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to approve Resolution 2018-008 regarding a line of credit with Merchants Bank. Roll call vote: H. Sysimaki – yes; J. Driscoll – yes; D. Verdon – yes; T. Smaby – yes; M. Cassellius – yes; A. Garrity – yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
16. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. NEW EMPLOYEE – HOURLY STAFF – **Dakota Edwards-Gipson** to fill the 1.0 FTE second shift custodian position at Northern Hills Elementary effective October 23, 2018 at \$17.79 per hour.
  - B. NEW EMPLOYEE – LIMITED TERM TUTOR – **Katie Irwin** as a 4 hour per day limited term tutor at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective October 23, 2018 at \$16.00 per hour, for the remainder of the 2018-19 school year only.
  - C. EXTENDED CONTRACT – **Theresa Kivi**, speech and language pathologist, to be paid her per diem rate to create 8 hours a day on 3 PD days in 2018-19. .50 FTE - \$36.04 per hour x 16 hours = \$576.64.
  - D. 2018-19 CURRICULUM PROJECT – 20 hours for **Jazmyn Fredrickson** to be added to the elementary EL teachers project to create and align assessments to EL Curriculum scope and sequence and identify and align resources to support teaching and learning for EL students. 20 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$440.00. This project is to be funded from the 2018-19 district curriculum development budget.

E. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS –

1. **William LaRue**, boys' hockey asst. coach, as needed, \$3,440.
2. **Jack Smalley**, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls' basketball asst. coach, \$1,575.
3. **Nick Arenz**, varsity asst. boys' basketball coach, \$3,440.
4. **Austin Meier**, JV boys' basketball head coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.
5. **Noah Grant**, JV boys' basketball head coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.
6. **Steven Schroeder**, VR girls' basketball head coach, \$3,440.

F. UNPAID LEAVE – POLICY 2763 – **Michelle Beahm**, approx. October 15, 2018 – March 18, 2019. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.*

17. **REFERENDUM INFORMATION UPDATE:** Administration and Board members gave an update on the November 6 referendum presentations.

18. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by D. Verdon, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – October 10, 2018 Fund 10. Computer checks 147941 – 147944. October 18, 2018 PCard Fund 10, 21, 27 and 50. Wire transfer checks. October 18, 2018 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 147951 – 148087.*
- B. *Activity Disbursements – October 18, 2018 Fund 60. Computer checks 15285 – 15288.*
- C. *Payroll – October 19, 2018.*
- D. *Financial Statements – September 2018.*
- E. *Activity Statements – September 2018.*

*Motion carried unanimously.*

19. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by D. Verdon, second by T. Smaby, to adjourn at 7:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully,

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Ann Garrity, Board President

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Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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