



## School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 26, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 26, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

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

**Student Representative** - Isaac Killilea.

**Others Present** - Darwin Greschner.

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 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 October 12, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the October 20, 2020 development meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** Darwin Grescher, representing the Onalaska Education Association, requested to speak on Agenda Item #10 - Communications.

8. **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

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

10. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Administration gave an update on district planning related to COVID-19.
11. **ENROLLMENT DATA UPDATE:** Kent Ellickson provided further information on the third Friday in September enrollment data.
12. **VIRTUAL LEARNING SURVEY:** Administration shared information from the virtual learning surveys for students, parents, and educators for Board information.
13. **SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Charlie Ihle, Lish Olson, and Jana Yashinsky presented the 2020 summer school report for Board information.
14. **2020-21 TAX LEVY:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to approve Resolution 2020-005, the 2020-21 tax levy. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; T. Benson - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; T. Smaby - yes; B. Haefs - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*
15. **LINE OF CREDIT:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by T. Benson, to approve Resolution 2020-006 regarding a line of credit with Merchants Bank. The current interest rate will be the prime rate, which is currently 3.25%. The 3.25% rate is subject to change as the prime rate fluctuates. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; T. Smaby - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; T. Benson - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0.*
16. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
  - A. RETIREMENT REQUEST - CERTIFIED STAFF - **Sharon Wingate**, 1.0 FTE kindergarten teacher at Northern Hills Elementary, effective the end of the 2020-21 school year.
  - B. RETIREMENT REQUEST - HOURLY STAFF - **Roxy Crye**, .8333 FTE Pre-Kindergarten/Title I paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary, effective December 4, 2020.
  - C. RESIGNATION REQUEST - CERTIFIED STAFF - **Valerie Gaffney**, 1.0 FTE instrumental music teacher at the middle school, effective October 19, 2020 and subject to the \$1,000 penalty.
  - D. NEW EMPLOYEE - LIMITED TERM HOURLY STAFF - **Nicole Tyrriver** to fill the contact tracer position effective October 27, 2020 possibly through the end of the 2020-21 school year only, at \$20.00 per hour. This is a newly created position.
  - E. EXTENDED CONTRACTS -
    1. **Sarah Thompson** for presenting the *Writing Workshop Booster Sessions* to new and newly assigned district elementary teachers during the 2020-21 school year. 3 presentation hours at \$40.67/hour = \$122.01. This is to be funded through 2020-21 district staff development funds.
    2. **Kim Thole** for presenting the *Writing Workshop Booster Sessions* to new and newly assigned district elementary teachers during the 2020-21 school year. 3

presentation hours at \$40.53/hour = \$121.59. This is to be funded through 2020-21 district staff development funds.

- F. CHILD REARING LEAVE - **Bria Ames**, speech/language pathologist at Eagle Bluff Elementary, from January 4-22, 2021.
- G. CO-CURRICULAR RESIGNATION - **Travis Johnson**, 7th grade boys' basketball head coach, effective October 15, 2020.
- H. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS -
  - 1. **Randy Ketelhut**, girls' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 2. **Nick Arenz**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 3. **Jalen Zubich**, boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 4. **Jerry Rank**, boys' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 5. **Hayes Weiner**, boys' hockey asst. coach as needed, ½ contract, \$1,720.
  - 6. **Alex Buswell**, boys' hockey asst. coach as needed, ½ contract, \$1,720.
  - 7. **Brock Gnad**, girls' hockey asst. coach, as needed, \$3,440.
  - 8. **Megan Chown**, girls' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 9. **Zac Knutson**, girls' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
  - 10. **Chesny Fuller**, gymnastics asst. coach, \$3,225.

*Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Benson, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.*

- 17. **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT:** Kent Ellickson presented the quarterly financial report ending September 30, 2020 for Board information.
- 18. **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION:** The Board and administration recognized Ann Garrity for receiving Award Level 4 from the WI Association of School Boards (WASB).
- 19. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
  - A. *Budgetary Disbursements - October 13, 2020 PCard Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. Wire transfer checks. October 22, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151798 - 151825. Wire transfer check.*
  - B. *Payroll - October 16, 2020.*
  - C. *Financial Statements - September 2020.*
  - D. *Activity Account - September 2020.*
  - E. *Board Policies & Bylaws Technical Corrections.**Motion carried unanimously.*

20. **CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to convene in closed session pursuant to s. 19.85(1)(c) and/or (f), as appropriate, to discuss an employee retirement application and related personal issues. The Board may take action in closed session. The Board will adjourn from closed session. Roll call vote: T. Benson - yes; B. Haefs - yes; S. McAlister - yes; T. Smaby - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 7-0. Convened to closed session at 8:33 p.m.
21. **ADJOURN:** Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to adjourn at 9:07 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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