



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, October 28, 2019

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, October 28, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present - Shawn McAlister, Mark Cassellius, Jim Driscoll, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki, and Ann Garrity.

Excused Absent - Tim Smaby.

Administrators/Directors Present - Todd Antony, Kent Ellickson, Fayme Evenson, Charlie Ihle, Jared Schaffner, Laurie Enos, Clover Schmitt, Amy Russ, Clover Schmitt, Todd Saner, Sonya Ganther, and Kristen Fay.

Others Present - Sue Jacobson, Pete Woerpel, and Curt Heiring.

Student Representative - Henning Hanson.

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:** Heather Sysimaki 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 website.
5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve the agenda with the removal of Item #19 - Board Member recognition. Motion carried unanimously.*
6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to approve the October 14, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*
7. **PUBLIC INPUT:** There were no public speakers.
8. **DONATION PRESENTATION:** Sue Jacobson from CO-OP Credit Union, was in attendance to present a check for \$200.00 for the Books for Students Program.
9. **ONALASKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION CLAUDE DECK GRANTS:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by S. McAlister, to approve \$13,839.46 from the Onalaska Education Foundation Claude Deck Innovative Grant Program. Motion carried unanimously.*

10. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** Administration presented a list of gifts/grants to the Board. All grant items were under the threshold for approval.
11. **STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE AND 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
12. **TECHNOLOGY SUMMER PROJECT UPDATE:** Curt Heiring, Network Specialist, provided an update on summer technology projects.
13. **FUNDRAISER REQUEST:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to allow the Northern Hills PTO to sell OHS Athletic Booster Club cards as a fundraiser at a profit of \$20 per card (\$10 going to Northern Hills and \$10 going to the Booster Club) with a goal of \$1,000 to put toward the purchase of an electronic message board for the Northern Hills school sign. Motion carried unanimously.*
14. **GRANT APPLICATION REQUEST:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by B. Haefs, to grant high school teacher Brian Wopat permission to apply for an IREX Global Teacher Grant to help cover the cost to have the World Language Department trained in the Modified Oral Proficiency Interview (MOPI). Grant amount could total \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.*
15. **SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Charlie Ihle, Amy Russ and Lish Olson presented the 2019 summer school report for Board information.
16. **2019-20 TAX LEVY:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to adopt Resolution 2019-005 #1 to approve the 2019-20 tax levy. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
17. **LINE OF CREDIT:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by M. Cassellius, to adopt Resolution 2019-006 regarding a line of credit with Merchants Bank. Roll call vote: S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; B. Haefs - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
18. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. NEW EMPLOYEES - HOURLY STAFF -
 1. **Justin Connolly** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term regular education paraprofessional position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective October 29, 2019 at \$16.32 per hour, through the end of the 2019-20 school year. This is a newly created position.
 2. **Nicole Woods** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term regular education paraprofessional position at Northern Hills Elementary effective November 11, 2019 at \$16.32 per hour, through the end of the 2019-20 school year. This is a newly created position.
 - B. POSITION DELETION - .533 FTE special education paraprofessional at the high school.

- C. CURRICULUM PROJECT - 4 hours each for **Karen Hellman** and **Celine Lamont** to review the Practice ACT data for English and Reading and develop curriculum adjustments as needed. 8 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$176.00. This project is to be funded from the 2019-20 district curriculum development budget.
- D. EXTENDED CONTRACT - **Cassie Michaels**, high school English teacher, 1/32 contract for student intervention work beginning November 4, 2019 through the end of 2nd quarter at \$1,605.88.
- E. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS -
1. **Payton Steiner**, 7th grade boys' basketball asst. coach, \$1,575.
 2. **Brian Cole**, JV boys' hockey head coach, \$3,440.
 3. **Jerry Rank**, varsity boys' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440
 4. **Alex Buswell (½)**, JV boys' hockey asst. coach, ½ contract, \$1,720.
 5. **Peter Coppola (½)**, JV boys' hockey, asst. coach, ½ contract, as needed, \$1,720.
 6. **Megan Chown**, JV girls' hockey head coach, \$3,440.
 7. **Zac Knutson**, varsity girls' hockey asst. coach, \$3,440.
 8. **Nick Arenz**, varsity boys' basketball asst. coach, \$3,440.
 9. **Thomas Fortier**, JV wrestling head coach, \$3,010.
 10. **Chesny Fuller**, gymnastics asst. coach, \$3,225.
- F. RESIGNATION NOTIFICATIONS - HOURLY STAFF -
1. **Elizabeth Falkenberg**, cook at the high school, effective October 17, 2019.
 2. **Wanda Van Minsel**, cook at middle school, effective October 9, 2019.
 3. **Amy Gauthier**, cook at Irving Pertzsch Elementary, effective November 6, 2019.

Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

19. **BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION:**

The Board will recognize Tim Smaby for receiving Award Level 2 from the WI Association of School Boards.

20. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

The following items will be presented for approval unless any Board member wishes to remove an item for discussion:

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – October 15, 2019 PCard Funds 10, 21, and 27. Wire transfers. October 15, 2019 Funds 10 and 21. ACH checks. Computer checks 150735 - 150736. October 21, 2019 Fund 50. Computer check 150748. October 24, 2019 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 150749 - 150839.*
- B. *Activity Disbursements – October 24, 2019 Fund 60. Computer checks 15379 - 15382.*
- C. *Payroll – October 18, 2019*

D. *Financial Statements September 2019*

E. *Activity Account September 2019*

Motion carried unanimously.

22. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by J. Driscoll, to adjourn at 6:59 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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