



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, November 9, 2020

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, November 9, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

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

Members Absent - Tony Benson.

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

Student Representative - Isaac Killilea.

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 B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the October 26, 2020 regular meeting minutes and the October 26, 2020 closed meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

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. **GRANT APPLICATION:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to allow the district to apply for an Educator Effectiveness grant through the WI Department of Public Instruction for the 2020-21 school year. Grant amount could equal \$20,400. Motion carried unanimously.*
11. **COMMUNICATIONS:** Administration gave an update on district operations related to COVID-19.
12. **DATA RETREAT REPORTS:** Fayme Evenson and elementary principals updated the Board on the elementary data retreat, which was designed to analyze assessment data, 2019-20 goal attainment, and to develop building goals for 2020-21.
13. **REVISIONS TO 2020-21 BUDGET:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by H. Sysimaki, to approve revisions to the 2020-21 budget. Roll call vote: B. Haefs - yes; T. Smaby - yes; S. McAlister - yes; M. Cassellius - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Motion carried 6-0.*
14. **2021-22 BUDGET TIMELINE:** Kent Ellickson presented the 2021-22 budget timeline for Board information.
15. **INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AGREEMENT:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by B. Haefs, to approve an independent contractor agreement for Deborah Hansen for speech and language pathology services, from approximately November 16, 2020 - February 15, 2021 at \$70.00 per hour and not to exceed two days per week. Motion carried unanimously.*
16. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. NEW EMPLOYEE - HOURLY STAFF - **Kim Rieber** to fill the 4 hour per day cook position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective November 12, 2020 at \$16.07 per hour. This position was vacated by the resignation of Ellen Cordry.
 - B. POSITION CREATION - 4 hour per day EL tutor at the high school for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year only. District funding.
 - C. CURRICULUM PROJECT - **Alexis Goethel** and **Molly Baker** to create a website that houses CRVA art content. 20 hours each at \$22.00/hour = \$880.00. This is to be funded from the 2020-21 district curriculum development budget.
 - D. EXTENDED CONTRACTS - 30 hours each for **Chrissy DeLong** at \$38.96/hour = \$1,168.80, **Beth Gamoke** at \$40.52/hour = \$1,215.60, and **John Horman** at \$42.79/hour = \$1,283.70, for November/December STAR Conferences.
 - E. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT - **Clifford (Andy) Amundson**, HS asst. wrestling coach, \$3,010.*Motion by B. Haefs, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.*

17. **COMMUNICATIONS:**
- A. NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION - Terms of Board members Heather Sysimaki, Brian Haefs, and Mark Cassellius will expire in April 2021. Class "A" legal notices will be published in The Courier and the La Crosse Tribune on Friday, November 20, 2020. Citizens interested in running for the Board need to circulate nomination papers and file a campaign registration statement and declaration of candidacy no earlier than December 1, 2020 and no later than 5:00 p.m. January 5, 2021. Mark Cassellius indicated he is interested in running again, Brian Haefs indicated he is undecided at this time, and Heather Sysimaki indicated she will not be running.
 - B. 2020 State Education Convention - Board members discussed attendance for the virtual 2021 State Education Convention scheduled for January 20-22, 2021.
18. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*
- A. *Budgetary Disbursements - October 28, 2020 Fund 10. ACH check. November 5, 2020 Funds 10, 21, 27, and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 151834 - 151861. Void check 151767.*
 - B. *Payroll - October 30, 2020.*
- Motion carried unanimously.*
19. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to adjourn at 7:08 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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