

**SCHOOL DISTRICT OF ONALASKA
237 2ND AVE S, ONALASKA, WI 54650**

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES November 12, 2018

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, November 12, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room at 237 2nd Ave S, Onalaska, WI 54650.

1. **ROLL CALL:**

Members Present – Mark Cassellius, Tim Smaby, Deanna Verdon, Jim Driscoll, Brian Haefs, Heather Sysimaki and Ann Garrity.

Administrators/Directors Present – Fran Finco, Roger Fruit, Kent Ellickson, Laurie Enos, Jared Schaffner, Anna Curtis, Jed Kees, Amy Russ, Clover Schmitt, Todd Saner and recording secretary Kristen Fay.

Student Representative – Olivia Foehner.

Others Present – Lori Lunney and Victoria Carter.

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:** Brian Haefs 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 H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by B. Haefs, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the October 22, 2018 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

8. **PARENT REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:** Parent Lori Lunney spoke to the Board on her thoughts on the district's role in promoting social and racial justice.

9. **REFERENDUM RESULTS:** Brian Haefs reported on the results of the canvassing committee's survey which followed the November 6, 2018 referendum vote.

10. **STAFF RECOGNITION:** The Board recognized Victoria Carter, high school Spanish teacher, for being awarded the "Distinguished Teacher" award for 2018 from The American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

11. **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

12. **DONATION RECOGNITION:**

- A. *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve donations from the Onalaska Hilltopper Athletic Booster Club of \$7,000 for a basketball shooting machine and \$3,000 for a baseball pitching machine. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. The Board recognized a donation of \$1,500 from an anonymous donor for the Books for Kids program.
- C. The Board recognized a donation of \$1,500 from Merchants Bank for the Books for Kids program.
- D. The Board recognized a donation of \$1,000 from the Marine Credit Union Foundation for the Books for Kids program.
- E. The Board recognized the employees of Marine Credit Union for their donation of hats and gloves for district students.
- F. The Board recognized a donation of physical education equipment valued at \$1,500 from Sportime to Abby Merrill, physical education teacher, and Northern Hills Elementary.
- G. The Board recognized a donation/grant acceptance from the Global Awareness Fund of the La Crosse Community Foundation of \$500 to Brian Wopat for cooking tools to prepare authentic French foods.

13. **FUNDRAISER REQUESTS:**

- A. *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to grant Eagle Bluff 4th graders permission to conduct "A Cause for Paws" fundraiser which will be in conjunction with a UW-L Public Relations class. Fundraising goal is \$250 and will benefit the Coulee Region Humane Society. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. *Motion by B. Haefs, second by J. Driscoll, to grant Northern Hills parents and 5th grade teachers permission to hold an egg roll sale to offset costs for the Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center field trip. Fundraising goal is \$500.00. Motion carried unanimously.*

14. **ONALASKA EDUCATION FOUNDATION CLAUDE DECK GRANTS:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by D. Verdon, to approve Onalaska Education Foundation/Claude Deck Innovative Grant recipients from the School District of Onalaska in the total amount of \$19,059.20. Motion carried unanimously.*

15. **SUMMER SCHOOL REPORT:** Anna Curtis and Amy Russ presented the 2018 summer school report for Board information.

16. **BOARD GOALS SCORECARD:** Roger Fruit updated the Board on the latest changes to the Board Goals Scorecard.

17. **WI STUDENT ASSESSMENT SYSTEM (WSAS) RESULTS:** Roger Fruit shared for Board information the WSAS results that support Board goal area #2.

18. **DATA RETREAT REPORTS:** Administrators updated the Board on the data retreat, which was designed to analyze assessment data, 2017-18 goal attainment, and to develop building goals for 2018-19.

19. **RESOLUTION 2018-009:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve Resolution #2018-009 to enter into an agreement with Bank of Montreal for use of District Purchasing Cards. Roll call vote: J. Driscoll – yes; M. Cassellius – yes; T. Smaby – yes; D. Verdon – yes; H. Sysimaki – yes; A. Garrity – yes. Motion carried 6-0. (B. Haefs was not present in the room at the time of the vote).*

20. **REVISIONS TO 2018-19 BUDGET:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by B. Haefs, to approve revisions to the 2018-19 budget. Roll call vote: D. Verdon – yes; M. Cassellius – yes; B. Haefs – yes; H. Sysimaki – yes; T. Smaby – yes; J. Driscoll – yes; A. Garrity – yes. Motion carried unanimously.*
21. **2019-20 BUDGET TIMELINE:** Kent Ellickson presented the 2019-20 budget timeline for Board information.
22. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
- A. NEW EMPLOYEE – HOURLY STAFF – **Sarah Fillbach** to fill the 4 hour per day cook position at the middle school effective November 13, 2018 at \$15.40 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Nancy Parcher.
 - B. LIMITED TERM CERTIFIED STAFF – **Susan Brewer** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term health teacher position at the high school effective November 12, 2018 at BA 30, prorated at \$243.66 per diem for a minimum of 90 days and the maximum through the end of the 18-19 school year. This position was vacated by the leave of Curt McIlquham.
 - C. LIMITED TERM PARAPROFESSIONAL – **Noah Grant** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term regular education paraprofessional position at the high school effective November 20, 2018 for a minimum of 90 days and the maximum through the end of the 18-19 school year at \$15.93 per hour. This position was vacated by the transfer of Susan Brewer.
 - D. POSITION DELETION – 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary.
 - E. POSITION CREATIONS –
 - 1. 1.0 FTE special education paraprofessional at the middle school.
 - 2. .533 FTE special education paraprofessional at Northern Hills Elementary.
 - 3. .533 FTE special education paraprofessional at the high school.
 - F. 2018-19 CURRICULUM PROJECTS –
 - 1. 20 hours for **Gwen Parr** to prepare lessons and activities for 8th grade mathematics instruction. 20 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$440.00. This project is to be funded from the 2018-19 district curriculum development budget.
 - 2. 20 hours for **Maria Kube** to prepare lessons and activities for 7th grade mathematics instruction. 20 hours at \$22.00/hour = \$440.00. This project is to be funded from the 2018-19 district curriculum development budget.
 - G. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT – **Josh Lichty**, head middle school track coach, \$1,975.
 - H. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACT MODIFICATION – **Brittany Thummel**, middle school show choir asst. director, as needed, from \$739.89 to \$1,233.15.
Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

23. **SECOND BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER:**

- A. *Motion by T. Smaby, second by D. Verdon, to cancel the December 24, 2018 Board meeting. Motion carried unanimously.*
- B. *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by B. Haefs, to release necessary checks prior to January 1, 2019 to ensure timely payments. Motion carried unanimously.*

24. **BOARD DEVELOPMENT MEETING:** The Board selected December 3, 2018 for the next Board Development meeting.

25. **COMMUNICATIONS:**

- A. NOTICE OF SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION – Terms of Board members **Ann Garrity** and **Deanna Verdon** will expire in April 2019. Class “A” legal notices will be published in the Coulee Courier and the La Crosse Tribune on Friday, November 16, 2018. Citizens interested in running for the Board need to circulate nomination papers and file campaign registration statement and declaration of candidacy no earlier than December 1, 2018 and no later than 5:00 p.m. January 2, 2019. Ann Garrity said it is her intent to run again. Deanna Verdon said she is not yet ready to make a decision.
- B. 2019 State Education Convention – Board members discussed attendance at the 2019 State Education Convention scheduled for January 23-25, 2019.

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

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – October 25, 2018 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 72. Computer checks 148088 – 148092. November 8, 2018 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 148101 – 148274. Wire transfer checks.*
- B. *Activity Disbursements – November 8, 2018 Fund 60. Computer checks 15289 – 15292.*
- C. *Payroll – November 2, 2018.*

Motion carried unanimously.

27. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by D. Verdon, to adjourn at 8:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully,

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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