



School District of Onalaska Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, December 9, 2019

President Ann Garrity called the Onalaska Board of Education regular meeting to order on Monday, December 9, 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, Tim Smaby, Heather Sysimaki, and Ann Garrity.

Excused Absent - Brian Haefs.

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

Others Present - Danielle Temp, Celine Lamont, and Sam Scinta.

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:** 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 school district buildings, city hall, the Omni Center, the public library, and on the district website.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the agenda as published. Motion carried unanimously.*

6. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by S. McAlister, to approve the November 25, 2019 regular meeting minutes. Motion carried unanimously.*

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

8. **2018-19 AUDIT:** Danielle Temp from Tostrud & Temp, along with Kent Ellickson presented the 2018-19 Audit and financial statements for Board information.

9. **REACT UPDATE:** Sam Scinta and Celine Lamont updated the Board on how the REACT program supports the growth of **Read Evidence, Analyze, Communicate and Critical Thinking** for students at the high school.

10. **TRANSPORTATION:** *Motion by S. McAlister, second by T. Smaby, to select GO Riteway as the bus contractor for the 2020-21 to 2024-25 school years. Roll call vote: H. Sysimaki - yes; T. Smaby - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; M. Cassellius - abstain; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - abstain. Motion carried 4-0, with 2 abstentions.*
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. **DONATIONS/GRANT ACCEPTANCES:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to approve a grant in the amount of \$4,359 from the WI Department of Public Instruction for the Robotics League. Motion carried unanimously.*
13. **GRANT REQUESTS:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by H. Sysimaki, to grant Michael Landers and Stacy Bossingham permission to apply for a CenturyLink Clarke M. Williams Foundation Teachers and Technology Grant. Motion carried unanimously.*
14. **TRIP REQUESTS:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following overnight trips: 2020 5th grade overnight trips to Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center: Eagle Bluff - April 22-24, Northern Hills - April 29-May 1, and Irving Pertzsch - May 6-8; OHS choir students to Decorah, IA for the Dorian Vocal Festival January 12-13, 2020; and OHS band students to Decorah, IA for the Dorian Band Festival March 1-2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.*
15. **STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP) AGREEMENT:** *Motion by M. Cassellius, second by J. Driscoll, to enter into an agreement with Stein Counseling for SAP services for the 2019-20 school year. Motion carried unanimously.*
16. **2020-21 CALENDAR:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by T. Smaby, to approve the 2020-21 district calendar. Motion carried unanimously.*
17. **PERSONNEL REPORT:** Administration presented the personnel report for Board approval:
 - A. NEW EMPLOYEE - HOURLY STAFF - **Marly Xiong** to fill the .50 FTE cook position at Irving Pertzsch Elementary effective December 10, 2019 at \$15.78 per hour. This position was vacated by the resignation of Amy Gauthier.
 - B. CONTINUING EMPLOYEE - LIMITED TERM CERTIFIED STAFF - **Alex Parsons** to fill the 1.0 FTE limited term health teacher position at the high school effective January 21, 2020 at MA 0, \$24,296 through the end of the 2019-20 school year only. This is a continued position from 1st semester.
 - C. POSITION CREATION - .533 FTE limited term special education paraprofessional at Eagle Bluff Elementary through the end of the 2019-20 school year only. District funding.

D. CO-CURRICULAR CONTRACTS -

1. **Michael Landers**, MS chess club advisor, as needed, \$553.90.
2. **Kurt Gutknecht**, girls' tennis head coach, 2020-21 school year, \$3,425.
3. **Zach Kimmel**, boys' soccer head coach, 2020-21 school year, \$3,650.

Motion by T. Smaby, second by S. McAlister, to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

18. **CONSENT AGENDA:** *Motion by J. Driscoll, second by M. Cassellius, to approve the following under the consent agenda:*

- A. *Budgetary Disbursements – December 5, 2019 Funds 10, 21, 27 and 50. ACH checks. Computer checks 150974 - 151007. Void check 150933.*
- B. *Activity Disbursements – December 5, 2019 Fund 60. Computer check 15387.*
- C. *Payroll – November 29, 2019.*

Motion carried unanimously.

19. **CLOSED SESSION:** *Motion by H. Sysimaki, second by M. Cassellius, to convene in closed session, pursuant to s. 1985 (1)(d) Wis. Stats., as appropriate, to discuss individual safety drills and related information. The Board may take action in closed session. The Board will entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting at the conclusion of closed session. Roll call vote: M. Cassellius - yes; T. Smaby - yes; H. Sysimaki - yes; J. Driscoll - yes; S. McAlister - yes; A. Garrity - yes. Convened to closed session at 7:10 p.m.*

20. **ADJOURN:** *Motion by T. Smaby, second by J. Driscoll, to adjourn at 7:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted by Kristen Fay, Board Secretary

Ann Garrity, Board President

Brian Haefs, Board Clerk

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