ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 2289

ONALASKA, TEXAS 77360

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ONALASKA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

March 17, 2025

6:00 P.M.

**M I N U T E S**

The Board of Trustees of the Onalaska Independent School District met for a Regular Board meeting on **Monday,** **March 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.**, in the Administration Building. Roll was called and the following were present:

# Board Members

## Candice Davies, President

Karina Roberts, Vice President

Ted Wiggins, Member

Chris Topkins, Member

Dennis Hodge, Member

Jake Ard, Member

Staff Members Guests

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent Varsity Boys Basketball Team

Geoffery Bowdoin, Assistant Superintendent Spotlight Staff and Students

Cheryl Bertsch, JSHS Principal

Crystal Byrd, OES Principal

Charles Boyce, Director of Technology

Angela Foster, Business Manager

Lisa Smith, Instructional Coach

James Ard, Auxiliary Director

Nick Tyerman, Athletic Director

Ashley Maichetti, Executive Assistant

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Candice Davies, President. Kimber Stolley was not present.

The invocation was given by Dennis Hodge.

The pledge was given in unison by everyone.

1. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Karina Roberts to adopt the Agenda as presented. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

2. Candice Davies presented the Boys Varsity Basketball Team with certificates in recognition of their achievement as state semi-finalist for the season.

3. Geoffery Bowdoin conducted a public hearing on the 2023/2024 Annual District Report Update.

4. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the minutes of the previous regular meeting February 18, 2025. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

5. No one spoke in Open Forum

6. Crystal Byrd- Elementary School Principal presented her campus report. She also presented spotlight staff award to Elizabeth Cain and the spotlight student award to Easton Ard and Lucas Beard.

Cheryl Bertsch – JSHS Principal presented her campus report. She also presented spotlight staff award to Taylor Beaird and student Bailey Gresham. Student Payton Vornsand was also honored but was unable to attend the meeting.

No report from Geoffery Bowdoin, Assistant Superintendent.

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent, presented the enrollment and attendance information. He also shared information on arbitrage with the bond proceeds. Information was given on possible extracurricular activities for the 2025/2026 school year.

7. Motion was made Karina Roberts, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the tax report and budget amendments (03-09-Title IV, 03-10\_Title V NOGA, 03-11\_Carl Perkins NOGA, 03-07\_Title I NOGA, 03-08\_Title II NOGA). Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

8. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded Chris Topkins to approve the second reading of TASB Local Policy 124. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

9. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Jake Ard to approve a low attendance waiver submission to Texas Education Agency for the Onalaska Elementary Campus from January 14th, 15th and 16th 2025. Motion carried 6 for 0 against.

10. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Dennis Hode to approve the purchase of a 77 passenger route bus for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

11. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve the expenditure for Foundation Innovation, establishing a Foundation School Program for Onalaska ISD and approving the expenditure using a three part test. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

12. Motion was made by Ted Wiggins, seconded by Chris Tokins to approve the contractual agreement with Texas Kids First to provide student accident insurance for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

13. The Board entered into closed session under authority of Texas Government Code Section 551.074 at 7:41 p.m.

A. Discussion of New Hires

B. Discussion of Resignations

C. Discussion on the Administrator Contracts: Business Manager, Transportation Director, Auxiliary Services Director, Assistant Principals, Counselors, Instructional Coaches, Special Education Director, Instructional Support Specialist, Special Programs Coordinator and Director of Special Education.

14. The Board reconvened at 7:16 p.m.

A. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Chris Topkins to approve the hiring of Kay’Lee Warren, 5th Grade Math. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

B. Motion was made by Candice Davies, seconded by Ted Wiggins to approve the resignations of Julia Worthington and Joe McCammon effective at the end of the school year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against

C. Motion made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve Administrator Contracts for Angela Foster- Business Manager, Mike Skaggs- Transportation Director, James Ard- Auxiliary Service Director, Larissa Grubbs, Christy Elwell, Donald Meekins, Natalie Haislip – Assistant Principal, Jodi Adkins, Lindsay Duke and Christina Tyerman – Counselors, Rebekah Brewer and Amanda Stayton– Instructional Coaches, Christine Peters – Instructional Support Specialist, Tawnya Burch- Special Education Director, Danna Mitschke – Special Programs Coordinator. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

15. Motion to adjourn was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Dennis Hodge at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

12. Informational Items : Check Register

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Candice Davies, President Kimber Stolley, Secretary

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