ONALASKA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

P.O. BOX 2289

ONALASKA, TEXAS 77360

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

ONALASKA ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

April 21, 2025

6:30 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, April 21, 2025, 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

## Kimber Stolley, Secretary

Dennis Hodge, Member

Jake Ard, Member

Chris Topkins , Member

Staff Members Guests

Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent Billy Ballow, GLS Architects

Geoffery Bowdoin, Assistant Superintendent

Cheryl Bertsch, Junior-Senior High School Principal

Crystal Byrd, Elementary/Intermediate Principal

Lisa Smith, Instructional Coach

James Ard, Auxiliary Director

Angela Foster, Business Manager

Ashley Porter, Executive Assistant to Superintendent

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Candice Jones, President.

The invocation was given by Dennis Hodge.

The pledge was given in unison by everyone.

1. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Kimber Stolley, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

2. Bond construction update was given by Billy Ballow.

3. Motion was made by Dennis Hodge , seconded by Jake Ard, to approve the minutes, as presented, of the previous meeting of March 17, 2025 and Special Meeting March 31, 2025. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

4. Open Forum: No one spoke in open forum

5. Crystal Byrd, Elementary-Intermediate School Principal, reported on activities at the campus.

Cheryl Bertsch, Onalaska Junior-Senior High School Principal, reported on activities at the campus and provided a calendar for May events.

 Dr. Kenneth Fraga, Superintendent, reported on enrollment and attendance.

6. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Karina Roberts, to approve the Tax Report, Budget Amendments (03-13 New Bus, 03-17 Title V, 03-15 Robotics, 03-12 Foundation) and the Quarterly Investment Report. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

7. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve out of state travel for the OISD Robotics Team to compete in Minnesota in July through August of 2025 Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

8. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Jake Ard to enter into a shared service arrangement agreement with InterQuest Detection Canines of Southeast Texas for the 2025/2026 school year.

9. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve a Service Agreement with Weaver for audit services for the school year ending August 31, 2025. Motion

10. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Jake Ard to approve the 2026 Polk County Appraisal District proposed budget. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

11. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Jake Ard to approve TEKS certifications for the 2025/2026 School Year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

12. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Kimber Stolley to approve TASB Policy DEC Local update aligning the local policy with District procedures adjusting the local leave days to five per yeah from current wording of two per year. Motion cariied 6 for, 0 against.

13. Motion made by Dennis Hodge, seconded by Jake Ard to approve a Depository Contract with First National Bank for two years with the option to renew. Motion carried 5 for, 1 Abstained (Candice Davies)

14. Motion was made by Karina Roberts, seconded by Kimber Stolley to approve Bluebonnet as the High Quality Instruction Materials for the 2025/2026 school year. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

15. Motion was made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve new Special Education course Curriculum as presented. Motion carried 6 for. 0 against.

16. The Board entered into Closed Session, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code Section 551.074, at 7:35 p.m.

 a. Discussion of New hires

 b. Discussion of Resignations

 c. Discussion on contracts for Diagnosticians, Nurses, Speech Pathologist Assistant, Teachers for the 2025/2026 School Year

17. The Board reconvened at 8:00 p.m. for motions, voting or official actions.

 a. Motion was made by Karina Roberts seconded by Jake Ard to approve the new hire of Zachary Reese and Marcial Cowarts.

 b. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Chris Topkins to approve the resignations of Amy Cooperm Tawnya Burch, Maddie Miller, Cindy Glover and Heidi Fulcher.

 c. Motion made by Chris Topkins, seconded by Karina Roberts to approve contracts for diagnosticians, nurses, speech pathologist assistant and teachers for the 2025/2026 school year as presented. Motions carried 6 for 0 against.

18. Motion was made by Kimber Stolley, seconded by Dennis Hodge to approve the appointment of Kaitlyn Griffin to Board of Trustee Position Three. Motion carried 6 for, 0 against.

19. Angela Foster, Business Manager, administered the Oath of Office to new Trustee Kaitlynn Griffin.

20. Motion to adjourn was made by Jake Ard, seconded by Chris Tokins at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried 7 for, 0 against.

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 Candice Davies, President Kimber Stolley, Secretary

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