



# One City Schools

# Minutes

One City Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time Tuesday August 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM

# Location

One City Broadway, 1707 W. Broadway, Monona, WI 53713 (lower level) Only One City Board members, staff and invited guests are allowed to participate in-person.

Zoom link: https://onecityschools.zoom.us/j/96414211790

## **Directors Present**

C. Gaines (remote), G. Derzon (remote), G. Ladson-Billings, J. Krupp, M. Hanson, S. Klug (remote), S. Stroman (remote), T. Jaeckle (remote), T. Pedracine (remote)

# **Directors Absent** D. Aguayo, N. Wray

**Ex Officio Members Present** K. Caire

Non Voting Members Present K. Caire

**Guests Present** 

A. Ogunniyi, C. Hodge, G. Wiseman, L. Holiday, M. Dyslin, M. Ruffin, N. Fees

#### I. Opening Items

#### A. Record Attendance

#### B. Call the Meeting to Order

T. Jaeckle called a meeting of the board of directors of One City Schools to order on Tuesday Aug 22, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

## C. Approve Minutes

G. Ladson-Billings made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 07-25-23.

C. Gaines seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. July 2023 Financial Statements Review and Approval

## A. Approve July 2023 Financial Statements

- J. Krupp made a motion to approve the July 2023 financials.
- C. Gaines seconded the motion.
- T. Jaeckle reported that at the end of July, account showed over \$1.7MM in cash.

The LOC will likely be paid to Summit in mid to late September, after receipt of the first per pupil payment.

Roots & Wings is contributing \$100,000 to help fund the new infant/toddler care room which will be located at the elementary/secondary school, and open to One City staff. The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## III. Public Policy Change: New Independent Charter School Legislation

#### A. New Wisconsin Charter School Legislation Proposal

K.Caire introduced James Bender, President and founder of Wisconsin-based Bender Consulting LLC, and lobbyist for the Wisconsin Independent Charter Advocates, who led the board through purpose of and plan for lobbying efforts around changing the way in which 2x independent charter schools are funded. Currently, money flows through the public school district in which a student lives and the resident district counts the independent charter school student for specific aid purposes. Under the new "decoupling" proposal, 2x charter would be funded like other 2r independent charter schools and money would not flow through public school districts. The bill has not been introduced yet, as the team and others are having preliminary conversations with legislators to seek out bi-partisan co-sponsorship for the bill.

R.J. Pirlot, **(Shawn Pfaff and Bill McCoshen,** members of One City's lobbying team, shared next steps beyond decoupling issue, noting other areas of advocacy and the need to continue working to expand One City's advocacy base and base of supporters within the capitol. The lobbying team will meet in late August/early September to identify other key policy issues, next steps, and timelines.

#### IV. Updates to One City Schools Handbooks and Adopt Title IX Policy

#### A. Updates to Handbooks

G. Ladson-Billings made a motion to approve changes to the One City Schools Policies and Handbook as outlined in the memo shared with board members.

M. Hanson seconded the motion.

Discussion of the proposed cell phone policy resulted in some changes to the proposed addition to the Handbook, specifically:

No cell phone's will be allowed (with some exceptions, e.g., medically necessary) in grades K-4. Grades 5-7 will have limited access before and after school. All other changes/additions were passed as presented to the Board, with no further discussion: One City Schools 2023-2024 Policy/Handbook Updates The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### B. Title IX Policy for One City Schools

J. Krupp made a motion to adopt the proposed Title IX policy.

G. Ladson-Billings seconded the motion.

The proposed Title IX policies will be adopted and posted to the One City website with the addition of One City specific language.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

#### V. One City Schools' 10th Anniversary Celebration

#### A. Planning and Designing One City's 10th Anniversary Celebration

K. Caire reported that the event will likely take place at the end of July 2024. Planning and host committees will be created to get started now.

#### VI. Department Updates / Review Plans for 2023-24 School Year

#### A. Review Plans for 2023-24 School Year

N. Fees reported that 100% of instructional positions have been filled.

M. Ruffin reported that we are close to 94% enrollment and families are still enrolling.

## VII. Closing Items

## A. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

G. Wiseman

M. Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

J. Krupp seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

For more information, or if you have any questions, please contact staff secretary to the board, Gail Wiseman at (608) 514-6119 or gwiseman@onecityschools.org.