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One City Schools

Minutes

One City Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday October 24, 2023 at 4:00 PM

Location
1707 W. Broadway
Madison, WI 53713

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

Directors Present
D. Aguayo (remote), J. Krupp, M. Hanson (remote), S. Klug (remote), S. Stroman (remote), T. Pedracine (remote)

Directors Absent
C. Gaines, G. Derzon, G. Ladson-Billings, J. Howard, N. Wray, T. Jaeckle

Ex Officio Members Present
K. Caire

Guests Present
G. Wiseman, Jerry Johnson, X. Zupan

I. Opening Items

A.

Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Krupp called a meeting of the board of directors of One City Schools to order on Tuesday Oct 24, 2023 at 4:05 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

D. Aguayo made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 09-26-23.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
D. Aguayo made a motion to approve the minutes from Special Session of the One City Board on 10-17-23.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
D. Aguayo made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 08-22-23.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Introduction of Carl Hampton

A. One City Schools New VP of Government Relations and Policy

Board members welcomed Carl Hampton to the team as our VP of Government Relations and Policy. Mr. Hampton succeeds Latoya Holiday, who now serves as executive director of the Minority Student Achievement Network, an organization administered through the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

In his new role, Mr. Hampton will lead the planning, implementation, oversight and management of all policy and governmental relations initiatives, including policy strategy, analysis, and development; legislative engagement; government relations and communications; compliance with all relevant laws, policies, and regulations; and community education about policies affecting One City's schools and PK12 education in Dane County and Wisconsin.
He will serve as a member of One City's Executive Team.

Mr. Hampton began his tenure with One City Schools on October 16, 2023 and can be reached at champton@onecityschools.org.

III. Thank You to Noble Wray

A. Recognition of Noble Wray

Dr. Wray was unable to attend the board meeting in person this month. We will recognize his significant contributions to One City Schools at a future meeting.

IV. Appointment of Jerome Johnson to the One City Board of Directors

A. Vote to Approve the Appointment of Mr. Johnson

M. Hanson made a motion to Approve the appointment of Jerry Johnson to One City's board of directors.
T. Pedracine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
Mr. Jerry Johnson was welcomed again by members of the One City Board and One City staff to the Board of Directors. Mr. Johnson is a Detective with the City of Madison and the proud father of an outstanding 6th grader at One City Schools.

Mr. Johnson will serve a three-year term, effective immediatly.

V. Financial Statements Review and Approval

A. Approve August and September 2023 Financial Statements

K. Caire provided an overview of financial statements from August and September.

K. Caire explained that One City was still in the process of negotiating salaries for some of our team members when the budget was approved. Enrollment numbers are slightly lower than budgeted, which puts One City over budget.

One City is controlling expenditures in other areas (technology, for example) to help offset payroll costs.

One City will continue to enroll students until all seats are filled.
S. Klug made a motion to approve financial statements from August and September 2023.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. School Choice Lawsuit

A. Information, Potential Impact and Next Steps

K. Caire provided board members with an overview of the recent lawsuit filed by the Minocqua Brewing Super PAC, a far-left interest group, and Julie Underwood directly with the State Supreme Court alleging that Wisconsin’s school choice programs are unconstitutional. The petition asks the court to stop the program before the next school year.
Implications could have a major impact on One City Schools.

K. Caire met with our lobbyists in August to discuss the impact of OCS. K. Caire discussed additional background details of the party behind the lawsuit.

C. Hampton summarized strategies from various parties opposing the current lawsuit. Mr. Hampton shared the political implications of the lawsuit. If successful, schools like One City would close by May of 2024. This timeframe does not seem feasible given logistical constraints alone.

C. Hampton also shared the process the legal system uses to determine whether the court will hear the case. An organized response (from diverse stakeholders) to this brief is needed. Legally, this is a weak case, but due to the politicization of the court, those filing the suit are pushing it forward. Multiple coalitions are coming together to discuss their strategies (School Choice Wisconsin, WI Institute for Law and Liberty, WICSA) and select legal representation.

K. Caire discussed the need for One City to partner exclusively with organizations that want to see One City succeed, like Summit Credit Union. Summit is currently working with us to develop a literacy program.

Board members expressed support for One City to focus on sustainability.

VII. One City Schools' 10th Anniversary Celebration

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

K. Caire reported that the OCS marketing team met with Cricket Design Works today to discuss two brochures it will develop. One brochure will be an abbreviated "annual report" and will accompany our end of year appeal letter.

The second will be a more robust sharing of all that One City has and will accomplish and it will be published leading up to our July 2024 10th anniversary celebration and fundraiser.

VIII. Department Updates

A. Department Updates

N. Fees reported that the school year has been very smooth, and that we have retained all of the new staff we've hired so far.

M. Ruffin shared that One City will continue to enroll scholars to fill open seats.

The One City team discussed the impact of attendance and time on task in classrooms on scholars' academic performance.

M. Hanson asked how many reading specialists One City has on staff. N. Fees replied that One City has 2.5 reading specialists on staff and that the pool of volunteer tutors have completed the Orton-Gillingham training and are also working with our scholars to target growth in reading.

IX. Closing Items

A. Adjourn Meeting

M. Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting.
D. Aguayo seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
X. Zupan

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.