APPROVED

# One City Schools

# Minutes

## One City Regular Board Meeting

**Date and Time**
Tuesday July 23, 2024 at 4:00 PM

**Location**
1707 W. Broadway
Madison, WI 53713

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

**Directors Present**
B. Curley-Prestine, D. Aguayo (remote), G. Derzon (remote), G. Ladson-Billings, J. Howard, J. Johnson, J. Krupp, N. Wray, S. Campagna, S. Klug, S. Stroman, T. Jaeckle, T. Pedracine (remote)

**Directors Absent**
C. Gaines

**Ex Officio Members Present**
K. Caire

**Guests Present**
B. Pickett, G. Wiseman, J. Clements, M. Dyslin, M. Ruffin, N. Fees, X. Zupan (remote)

### I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

J. Howard called a meeting of the board of directors of One City Schools to order on Tuesday Jul 23, 2024 at 4:03 PM.

### C. Approve Minutes from the June 2024 Regular Board Meeting

J. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 06-25-24.
J. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## II. Financial Statements Review and Approval

### A. Approve June 2024 Financial Statements

T. Jaeckle provided an overview of the June 2024 financial statements and highlighted the following:

- Program expenses are higher than last month
  - Purchasing curriculum and materials for next school year
  - Purchases for a $250K DPI-approved reimbursable grant
- $27K came in during June. June marks the end of the fiscal year.
- Tuition revenue from the preschool was higher than last year.
- Need to fundraise an additional $1.4M for operating expenses prior to September when we receive the next charter school payment from DPI.

Teresa Midthun, Campaign Manager at McDonald Schaefer, provided an overview of One City's upcoming capital campaign. T. Midthun explained that Board members will play different roles: some Board members may be One City ambassadors, some may be asked to join the cabinet.

Board members inquired about McDonald Schaefer's experience working with charter or choice schools. T. Midthun shared that McDonald Schaefer worked with 2 Milwaukee-area charter schools.

K. Caire shared that One City hosted a well-attended private meeting on July 9th. As a result, One City has received six commitments towards operating funds. Four of the commitments were for $10K each year for 5 years, and two of the commitments were for one-time $10K donations. G. Wiseman shared that One City moved the Fund-A-Scholar fundraising event from July 25 to September 26. Dr. Gloria Ladson-Billings will be the keynote speaker.

J. Howard made a motion to approve June 2024 consolidated financial statements.
J. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Howard made a motion to approve June 2024 financial statement for One City Foundation.
J. Krupp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Howard made a motion to approve June 2024 financial statement for One City Broadway.
G. Ladson-Billings seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Howard made a motion to approve June 2024 financial statement for One City Schools.
S. Klug seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.
J. Howard made a motion to approve June 2024 financial summary.
J. Johnson seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## III. Review of the 2023-24 School Year and Plans for the 2024-25 School Year

### A. Review of the 2023-24 School Year and Plans for the 2024-25 School Year

K. Caire provided background information about the history and purpose of One City Schools.

Executive Team members took turns presenting priorities for returning for the '24-25 school year:

- B. Pickett (Executive Director of Early Childhood Education) discussed onboarding new staff, re-engaging AnjiPlay for professional development, revitalizing classrooms and learning spaces, expanding the outdoor play space, and developing the plan for scaling One City Preschool.
- M. Dyslin (Chief Academic Officer) shared highlights from the end of the school year for One City Elementary School, including the final Celebration of Learning and 4th grade passages; plans for preparing for welcoming new and returning educators in August; the schedule for the first 6 weeks of school for students; and training plans for volunteers.
    - T. Pedracine-Stewart asked about supporting advanced learners. M. Dyslin spoke about leveraging our specialists and intentionally differentiating instruction in small groups.
- A. Ogunniyi (Middle School Principal) explained how One City Preparatory Academy is preparing for the new school year, emphasizing the partnership between school and families, boosting empathy, collaboration, and employability of our oldest Scholars.

- J. Clements (Athletic Director) shared that athletics provide an opportunity for Scholars to be ambassadors of One City, for families to connect with our school, for One City to participate in competitive leagues with other independent schools, and for our school to host different competitions, showcases, and celebrations.
    - J. Howard suggested that One City monitor Scholar athlete engagement in the classroom. J. Clements shared that Scholar athletes must meet a code of conduct which has helped improve some behaviors and that this year the team will monitor attendance as well.
    - G. Ladson-Billings asked how One City is encouraging Scholars to participate in co-curricular activities in addition to athletics. M. Dyslin shared that she will be working closely with the Academies team to develop those programs and encourage Scholars to participate in music and art.
- M. Ruffin (VP of Family and Scholar Engagement) shared positive feedback from families, provided an overview of enrollment for the '24-25 school year, described the events and activities the Parent Council is planning for the new school year, and explained the Family and Scholar Engagement team will be issuing "Parent Report Cards" that assess family-school engagement.
- C. Hampton (VP of Government Relations & Policy) discussed the advocacy and policy agenda for One City Schools, as well as One City's strategy for following compliance and maximizing the funding One City receives for serving its Scholars.
- N. Fees (Chief Talent Officer) summarized the staff retention rates (89% including terminations), hiring and onboarding updates, and plans for talent development next year.
- G. Wiseman (COO): discussed the ways the Operations and External Relations teams are preparing for the new year by supporting the work in all other school departments to ensure One City's school facilities are clean, safe, up-to-date, and welcoming to OCS community members and guests.

## IV. One City Schools, Inc. Department Reports and School Highlights

### A. Department Updates

Executive Team members also shared updates for the month of June 2024 in the department updates attached to the meeting packet. Questions and comments should be directed to Gail Wiseman, staff secretary to the Board.

## V. Closing Items

### A. Other Business

Chair Howard requested that all Board members RSVP to One City's monthly Board meetings via Board on Track by the 15th of each month.

### B. Adjourn Meeting

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:23 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
X. Zupan

---

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