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One City Schools

Minutes

One City Regular Board Meeting

Date and Time
Tuesday July 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM

Location
3rd Floor Conference Room
1707 W. Broadway
Madison, WI 53713

Regular meetings of the One City Schools Board of Directors are held in person at 1707 W. Broadway. Board members unable to attend in person should use the following link:

https://onecityschools.zoom.us/j/87275142442?pwd=VGU5c1BFLy83QnAzekZXY2IxOWJjUT09

Directors Present
B. Curley-Prestine, D. Aguayo (remote), G. Ladson-Billings, J. Howard, J. Johnson, J. Krupp, J. Parisi, S. Campagna, S. Stroman, T. Pedracine

Directors Absent
None

Ex Officio Members Present
K. Caire (remote)

Guests Present

A. Ogunniyi, B. Pickett, C. Hampton, G. Wiseman, H. Brandt, K. Key, Kim Anderson, M. Dyslin, M. Ruffin, S. Haumersen

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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 28, 2026 at 4:00 PM.

C. Approve Minutes

J. Howard made a motion to approve the minutes from One City Regular Board Meeting on 06-23-26.
B. Curley-Prestine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

II. Proposed Update of One City Schools Mission Statement

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J. Howard made a motion to J. Howard made a motion to approve the update to the One City Schools mission statement to read as follows: "To cultivate future leaders for our community and the world, while seeding a new model of public education that ensures children and teens are on track to succeed in a college or career preparatory program.".
J. Krupp seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

III. Review & Approval of the May 2026 Financial Statements

A. Financial Reports

J. Howard made a motion to the June 2026 financial statements.
S. Stroman seconded the motion.
S. Haumersen presented the June 2026 financials to board members for approval, noting the following:

- Preliminary stand alone net loss: $1,086,422 (net cash gain $84,173). Net loss was $164,680 better than the prior year. (Figures pending year-end reconciliation).
- DPI funding and grants down due to enrollment declines and loss of prior-year WCSP grant; largely offset by increased fundraising and staffing cost savings.
- Anonymous donor match goal met; payment expected pending donor's board approval.

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

IV. Review and Approve Proposed Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-27

A. Approval of the Proposed Budget for 2026-27

J. Howard made a motion to approve the 2026-2027 budget as presented.
J. Krupp seconded the motion.
K. Caire presented the proposed budget for the 2026-27 fiscal year, noting that One City has not received the equitable funding requested by the state, and as such, have made the following decisions:

- The longer school day and school year have been eliminated - the funding for this is not supported by the state, and One City has relied on private philanthropy to date
- Some positions have been eliminated or restructured in order to reduce fundraising pressure while ensuring high quality instruction and experiences for One City families - 14 positions were reduced from the 25-26 budget through a combination of eliminations and unfilled vacancies
- We will stay smaller with an expectation of 400 scholars attending our charter schools for the coming year
- Enrollment will continue through the end of October
- At a typical charter school, the personnel expenses make up between 68-75% of the budget; at One City the personnel costs are 71% of the budget
- The advocacy work will continue, along with the OCPA charter renewal which is due to One City's authorizer at the Universities of Wisconsin Office of Educational Opportunity on July 31, 2026

K. Caire reported that One City needs to raise $1,773,000 to meet budget goals, with total revenue of $12,369,000, total personnel costs of $8,772,000, and student costs of $1,698,000.

Occupancy costs presented do not include depreciation or imputed lease costs; a separate capital budget will be presented next month. Total expenses were reported at $12,343,000, resulting in a net budgeted surplus of $52,853.

K. Caire reviewed metrics related to the budget, including preschool rate setting and staff discounts, and cost savings and new revenue anticipated from the shorter school year and summer school.

J. Johnson asked about the extent of the savings, and S. Haumersen noted that the savings were not from salaries but from nutrition costs, utilities, and other variable occupancy costs, totaling approximately $150,000.

The motion was made by J. Howard to approve moving to a shorter school day, in line with local traditional public schools. The motion was seconded by G. Ladson-Billings. The motion was approved.

The motion was made by J. Howard to approve moving to a shorter school year, in line with local traditional public schools. The motion was seconded by S. Campagna. The motion was approved.

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

V. Review Proposed Updates to the One City Employee and Family Handbooks

A. Proposed Handbook Updates

J. Howard made a motion to Adopt the Staff and Volunteer Interaction / Anti-Grooming Policy; and approve incorporation of the policy, along with the presented handbook updates, into the Scholar/Family, Employee, and Preschool Family Handbooks for the 2026–2027 school year.
G. Ladson-Billings seconded the motion.
C. Hampton presented the annual updates to the Scholar and Family, Employee, and Preschool Family Handbooks, along with the new Staff and Volunteer Interaction Policy incorporating Wisconsin's anti-grooming law requirements. C. Hampton noted that the policy had been reviewed by school counsel for compliance with Wisconsin law and the school's charter.

Chair Howard requested that final copies of the handbooks be added to the Documents section of Board on Track.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VI. Department Updates

A. Department Reports / Updates

Written department reports were shared with board members.

VII. Move to Closed Session of the Board

A. Vote to Move to Closed Session of the Board

J. Howard made a motion to move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) to consider financial matters related to district programs and operations, the premature disclosure of which would have an adverse effect on the District.
B. Curley-Prestine seconded the motion.
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

VIII. 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 6:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
G. Wiseman

For more information, please contact Gail Wiseman, staff secretary to One City's Board of Directors at (608) 531-2128, or gwiseman@onecityschools.org. Thank you!