

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: ReThink Forward, Inc.

Board Meeting: October 7, 2021

The minutes of Sunshine Law meetings need not be verbatim transcripts of the meeting. These minutes are a brief summary of the events of the meeting.

| Date: | Next Meeting: | Next Time: | Prepared by: |
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| October 7, 2021 | October 28, 2021 | 2:30 p.m. CST | Dr. Kim Germany |
| Meeting Location: | | | |
| 1626 Bell Road, Nashville, TN 37211 | | | |
| Attended by: | | | |
| Board Members: | | Other Attendees: | |
| Present | Absent | | |
| Dan Boone | | Ms. Sherry Hage | |
| Tom Lee | | Richard Page | |
| Sharon Smith | | Hillary Daigle | |
| Rebecca Dinda | | Eric Lewis | |
| | | Richard Garcia | |
| | | Jackie Smith | |
| | | Dr. Kim Germany | |
| | | Chase Markham | |
| | | Carol Swann | |

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 2:30 p.m. CST with a Call to Order by Tom Lee. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

I. Administration:

- Mr. Lee moved for approval of the August 26, 2021 meeting minutes as written.
- Ms. Dinda seconded the motion to approve.
- August 26, 2021 minutes were unanimously approved by the ReThink Forward board.

II. NEI UPDATE:

- 1) Mrs. Hage updated the board on the status of the school's enrollment.
- 2) Mrs. Hage updated the board on the academics of the school. Recent visitors to the school were excited about the collaborative and differentiated model implemented.
- 3) Mrs. Hage updated the board on teacher licensure. She explained that all teachers at NCP are eligible for a Tennessee licensure except one which will serve in the role of a permanent substitute. We have 11-12 teachers pending Tennessee licensure approvals. All submitted teacher licensure applications are awaiting issuance from TDOE.
 - a) Mrs. Hage explained that some teachers have applied for an English Language waiver.
- 4) Mrs. Hage updated the board on the Covid protocols and counts. She informed the board that for the past two weeks no students or teachers were out due to Covid. Mrs. Hage overviewed the cleaning protocols which includes the daily use of the 360 machines. The building will be thoroughly cleaned during fall break.

III. FINANCIAL UPDATE – updated the board on the status of the school's financials

- 1) Ms. Hillary Daigle informed the board on the current financial status for the 2021-22 school year.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- 1) Mrs. Hage reminded the board on their decision to keep the current Tennessee law posted in which *In God We Trust* is required to be hung in a prominent place in the school.
 - a) Mr. Lee moved to approve supplementing the display with the statement of the historical context and be posted immediately.
 - b) The motion was seconded by Ms. Dinda.
 - c) The motion passes unanimously by the ReThink Forward board.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1) Dr. Boone and Mrs. Hage reminded the board that the board compliance evaluation is a state requirement. Each board member must open the link and complete the training modules. The evaluation deadline is November 15, 2021. The board chair asked members to have the evaluation completed by the next board meeting.
- 2) Mr. Page informed the board that in the Rutherford County School Board's minutes from the last meeting it stated that they will take action at their next scheduled board meeting on October 14, 2021.
 - a) Mr. Lee moved that the Rethink Forward board authorized an appeal following the Rutherford County school board meeting if a negative decision by the school district is received.
 - (a) The motion was seconded by Ms. Dinda.
 - (b) The motion passes unanimously by the ReThink Forward board.
- 2) Mrs. Hage informed the board that the student benchmark data results will be shared at the next board meeting.
- 3) Mrs. Hage updated the board on the positive comments the school is receiving when new students enroll. Mrs. Hage stated that parents are very pleased with the school.
 - a) Mr. Lee discussed his school visit last week. He exclaimed that the student engagement was high, and students were on task. He also described the calmness of the room. Mr. Lee encouraged other board members to make the time to visit the school.

Article I. Adjournment

Mr. Lee moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Dinda seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn passed

unanimously.

Board Chair: *Dan Boone* Date: *Oct. 28, 2024*