

MEETING MINUTES

Name of Foundation: ReThink Forward, Inc.

Board Meeting: April 25, 2024

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:
April 25, 2024	June 13, 2024	2:30 p.m. CST	Mr. Jake Lane
Meeting Location:			
Nashville Collegiate Prep Training Facility – 1626 Bell Rd.			
Attended by:			
Board Members:		Other Attendees:	
Present	Absent	Mrs. Sherry Hage	
Mr. James Bristol		Mr. Richard Page	
Mr. Tom Lee		Dr. Eve Carney	
Dr. Rebecca Dinda		Dr. Corbet Wilson	
Mr. Steve Cherrico		Mr. Jake Lane	
Dr. Sharon Smith		Mrs. Hillary Daigle	
		Mr. Richard Garcia	
		Mr. Jeff Fox	

CALL TO ORDER

Pursuant to public notice, the meeting commenced at 2:37pm CST with a Call to Order by Mr. James Bristol. Roll call was taken, and quorum established.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE

- 1) The January 25, 2024 board meeting minutes were presented to the board.
 - i) Mr. Tom Lee motioned to approve the meeting minutes.
 - ii) Dr. Rebecca Dinda seconded the motion.
 - iii) The January 25, 2024 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

II. NEI UPDATE

- 1) Mrs. Sherry Hage presented the NCP enrollment and staffing dashboard. She shared that hiring for both of ReThink Forward's schools is underway for SY24-25.

- 2) Mrs. Sherry Hage discussed hiring events for Rutherford Collegiate Prep and meet & greet events for the founding families.
- 3) Dr. Eve Carney discussed the Summer Boost Grant awarded to NEI schools. She shared about the opportunity it provides to support transportation, food service, and resources for summer programming.
- 4) Mrs. Sherry Hage discussed HB1202 / SB1325 and recommended that ReThink Forward follow suit with the local LEA to keep current policies in place regarding individuals authorized to carry a firearm on campus.
 - a. Mr. Steve Cherrico motioned to keep current policies in place regarding individuals authorized to carry a firearm on campus.
 - b. Dr. Sharon Smith seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion to keep current policies in place regarding individuals authorized to carry a firearm on campus passed unanimously.
- 5) Mrs. Sherry Hage recommended that ReThink Forward implement a school-level phone-free policy beginning next year due to teacher feedback and classroom observations.
 - a. Dr. Rebecca Dinda motioned to implement a school-level phone-free policy beginning in SY24-25.
 - b. Mr. Tom Lee seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion to implement a school-level phone-free policy beginning in SY24-25 was unanimously approved.
- 6) The ReThink Forward Board discussed the proposed 2024-25 meeting dates and adopted the calendar of proposed dates.

III. FINANCIAL UPDATE

- 1) Mrs. Hillary Daigle provided an update on the financial audit and introduced Mr. Jeff Fox.
- 2) Mr. Jeff Fox presented the audit and reported no findings. He shared about the audit agency's issues and assured the board that NEI and ReThink Forward were not at fault for the late filing.
- 3) Mrs. Hillary Daigle presented the Nashville Collegiate Prep 2024-25 Budget Draft.
- 4) Mrs. Hillary Daigle presented the Rutherford Collegiate Prep 2024-25 Budget Draft.
- 5) Mrs. Hillary Daigle presented the ReThink Forward Combined Budget Draft 2024-25.
 - a. Dr. Rebecca Dinda moved to adopt the ReThink Forward Combined Budget Draft 2024-25.
 - b. Mr. Steve Cherrico seconded the motion.
 - c. The motion to adopt the ReThink Forward Combined Budget Draft 2024-25 passed unanimously.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1) Dr. Eve Carney presented the Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep 2024-25 School Calendars.
 - i) Dr. Rebecca Dinda motioned to approve the Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep 2024-25 School Calendars.
 - ii) Dr. Sharon Smith seconded the motion.
 - iii) The motion to approve the Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep 2024-25 School Calendars passed unanimously.
- 2) Dr. Corbet Wilson presented the Food Service Contracts for Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep.
 - i) Dr. Rebecca Dinda motioned to approve the Food Service Contracts for Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep.
 - ii) Dr. Sharon Smith seconded the motion.
 - iii) The motion to approve the Food Service Contracts for Nashville Collegiate Prep and Rutherford Collegiate Prep passed unanimously.
- 3) Mrs. Sherry Hage and Mr. Richard Garcia discussed long term facilities financing.
 - i) Dr. Rebecca Dinda motioned to authorize NEI to explore options for long-term facilities financing for ReThink Forward.


- ii) Mr. Steve Cherrico seconded the motion.
- iii) The motion to authorize NEI to explore options for long-term facilities financing for ReThink Forward passed unanimously.

V. OLD BUSINESS

- 4) None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn by Mr. James Bristol.

Board Chair:  _____

Date: May 20, 2024