

Board Meeting




Date: June 20 ^h , 2025	Meeting Time: 9:05 am	Location: Zoom Meeting
Meeting called by	Anthony Greene	
Board Members Present	Valerie Silverman, Augie Vulaj, Orlando Ortiz, Allison Delpesche, Michael Kridel, Elinor Siklossy, Stephen Padula, Sonia Kay	
Board Members Absent	Jay Huebner	
Notetaker	Nadine Fagan; Recorded by Zoom	
Other Attendees	Jason Portman, Pam Ludwick, Nadine Fagan, Debi Johnson	
Public/Board Comments		
	None	
Board Minutes		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: Approval of Board Minutes June 18, 2025	
Date of Minutes Reviewing:	June 18th, 2025	
Discussion/Question:	None	
Amendments made:	Add Stephen Padula as absentee, Change meeting called by to Tony Green	
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay	
Motion Second by:	Valerie Silverman	
Motion Passed:	Yes	
Treasurer’s Report		
Presenter: Jason Portman	Screen share of Budget Vs Actual, GASB, and other documents sent by email	
	-FTE Update Applied for increase funding due to 10% increase in students; will prepay for the 101 students, rather than waiting for first FTE.	

	<p>Bank accounts- TD Bank to remain for next fiscal evaluating other options for investment</p> <p>-Went over Financial Summary Budget Sheet (July to April 2025)</p> <p>Key as follows: Red- 20% off Budget vs Actuals, Yellow- 6-19% off Budget vs Actuals, Green- 5% off budget vs Actuals</p> <p>Revenue: Fundraising and IDEA/Title 1 now on budget, Fundraising is up compared to last year</p> <p>Expenses: in the green</p> <p>Operating Profit: Reimbursement grants have been submitted and approved, payment is pending. We have 3 reimbursements left of our outstanding pledged funds; per Matt EOY operating revenue projected to net positive.</p> <p>Operating Funds: In good standing</p> <p>Projects: in the green</p>
FY26 Budget	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: Voting on FY26 budget with projections added
Discussion/Question:	None
Amendments made:	None
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Passed:	Yes
Accounting Contracts	Discussion and Approval of Building Hope Services contract for back office accounting and setup
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion and approval of Building Hope Services contract for back office accounting and setup. Outsourcing back office accounting/financing (Building Hope); Continuing with Matt and Jim. Step 1: Transition through Sept w/ soft review, Hard review in January.
Discussion/Question:	None
Amendments made:	None
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Stephen Padula
Motion Passed:	Yes
Principal's Report	

Presenter: Debi Johnson/Melissa Carman	Report on Screen
	<p>-Dashboard covers details of the number of students, teachers, COVID status & funds raised to date. File sent of Executive Director Contracts for 24/25; were already voted on at joint meeting in Feb.</p> <p>FY25</p> <p>Summer Camp: Has begun, ends 7/26; enrollment is at 52</p> <p>-Maintenance on the building will begin week of 7/28</p> <p>-Participated in Riviera Beach Community Day, FAU CATD Auitsm Leaders Brunch, AHA/HCA Hospitals/Palm, Healthcare's mini grant for Culture of Health luncheon for grant recipients.</p> <p>School Readiness Program- Had a survey and eval of pre-k aftercare; 7.2 on the grading scale (very good!). This pays for VPK kids, training, and small bonuses.</p> <p>Title I:</p> <p>FY26 monies used to supplement 1 paraprofessional and after school tutoring</p> <p>FY26</p> <p>Opening of school checklist will be reviewed before next board meeting.</p> <p>Enrollment Charter: Projected enrollment of 102 students</p> <p>Staffing: Currently interviewing for ESE Contact and paraprofessionals</p> <p>-Offering development grants to teachers, Literacy Training for Melissa/Kristen</p> <p>Upcoming Events:</p> <p>Draw the Line on Drowning – Extended through September</p> <p>Fire Truck Pull – August</p> <p>- Grants/Donations: Debi has an ongoing list for viewing.</p>
Safety Procedures	Discussion and approval of School Safety Policies
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: District Policies, Safe School Officer (own policy); cameras in classrooms and exterior- stores up to 45 days/ backed up to cloud; families have 10 days to review camera footage.
Discussion/Question:	None
Amendments made:	None
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Valerie Silverman
Motion Passed:	Yes

Board Meeting Dates FY26	Discussion and approval of Connections' Charter Board Meeting Dates
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion: Vote on board meeting dates for FY26. 3 rd Friday of every month, Change for October, No December Meeting; and Letter to Parents
Discussion/Question:	None
Amendments made:	None
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay
Motion Second by:	Tony Greene
Motion Passed:	Yes
Connect to the Future Fund	
Presenter: Jason Portman	
	Will revisit after playground install is completed.
Fundraising/Marketing	
Presenter: Jason Portman, Debi Johnson	
	<p>-Looking at current donor & event software; possibly updating</p> <p>-will be starting Gala planning in July; auditing printing and associated costs.</p> <p>-July Board Meeting – Introducing Golden Tusk Marketing to board; will be doing a website audit.</p> <p>Implementing new strategy for Donor & Volunteer Appreciation Practices</p>
Operations	
Presenter: Jason Portman	
	<p>New IT Company</p> <p>Monthly backup, fraud testing, Google to Office 365 (will look into board training)</p> <p>Start using Zeke for Board Documents</p> <p>Playground: on-going, on time with projected plan.</p>
Committee Reports	
Michael Kridel, Tony Green, Valerie Silverman, Sonia Kay	

	Finance: Financial Summary presented Advancement: on-going	
Old Business		
	Facility Plan for FY26 -LOI agreed upon Transition Plan (See proposed organizational chart in Zeke)	
New Business		
	-Board Training & Fingerprinting requirement FY26; 2 hr refresher course, re-print everyone so we have access to expiration date due to new county policy changes.	
Removal of Board Member Nancy DiPierro	Discussion and approval on removal from board FY26	
Presenter: Jason Portman	Discussion and approval on removal from board FY26; invite to join any committees will be extended.	
Discussion/Question:	None	
Amendments made:	None	
Motion Made by:	Sonia Kay	
Motion Second by:	Michael Kridel	
Motion Passed:	Yes	
Motion for Adjournment	10:29 am	
Discussion:	None	
Motion Made By:	Sonia Kay	
Motion Seconded By:	Valerie Silverman	
Motion Passed:	Yes	
Calendar		
Next Board Meeting:	Zoom Meeting July 18th, 2025 at 9am	
Minutes Approved		
Board Member:  <small>Michael Kridel (Aug 6, 2025 21:20:32 EDT)</small>		Date: 08/06/25






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Final Audit Report

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