



LIONHEART CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting June 12, 2025

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 6/12/2025 at 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Kim Lavallee. Other board members present included: Vice Chair Bailey Sweet, Treasurer Kristie Greenwood, Trustee Jason Nero, Trustee Brian Walsh, and Secretary Lori Finn. Trustee Somero was unable to attend. Executive Director Mike Harner, Principal Kenneth Dobbs, and Sam Henrichon from Nathan Wechsler were also in attendance. This was a public meeting and notice of the same had been duly posted in accordance with state law.

The meeting commenced with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Lavallee. Principal Dobbs recited the mission statement and shared a mission moment, which was the groundbreaking ceremony at 700 Dublin Rd.

I. Public Comments: Vicky Gulla (parent): Ms. Gulla expressed appreciation for the middle school teachers this year, particularly Mrs. Hogan and Mr. Lajoie. She is also pleased with the proposed policy (IMAH). Further, she would love to see the day started outside at dropoff so the students could start the day with sun and fresh air. She expressed concern with the part of the proposed JH policy that categorizes issues with student vaccination schedule as an unexcused absence.

II. Secretary's Report: Secretary Finn presented the Secretary's Report. Trustee Nero moved to approve the minutes from the 5/8/25 Regular Board Meeting and the 5/23/25 Emergency Board Meeting. Trustee Greenwood seconded the motion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

III. Treasurer's Report: Trustee Greenwood presented the [Monthly Financial Report \(5/31/25\)](#) and [Budget Analysis](#) for May 2025. Trustee Greenwood indicated that everything is looking good as we go into the summer. The Stripe transactions are still pending. Trustee Sweet moved to accept the financials, seconded by Trustee Finn. All in favor, motion passed (6-0-0).

Chair Lavallee asked Ms. Henrichon from Nathan Wechsler for a timeline of our audit. She indicated that the audit will begin in August. Board members should expect the 990 sometime in October. We will put them on the agenda for the October Regular Board meeting to present on the audit.

IV. Leadership Report: ED Harner presented the [Leadership Report](#). In addition, he noted that we are expected to meet or exceed our projected enrollment goals.

V. Board Business

- A. **Finance Committee:** Trustee Nero provided an update on the activities of the Finance Committee. We closed on the property at 700 Dublin Rd. He thanked everyone who helped with this task and those who will help in the future. We are expecting construction to start soon. He also mentioned an upcoming fundraising event that will be held on 8/11/25 at Shattuck Golf Course. Please show up for a fun day of golf. We are also looking for volunteers to help with this event.

Chair Lavallee also announced a generous donation by Mr. and Mrs. Clay Hollister of an amazing piano for the school. We are so appreciative.

B. **Organizational Committee:**

- a. [Daily Physical Activity Policy \(IMAH\)](#) - This draft policy has been on the website and has gotten some positive feedback. Trustee Finn moved to approve this policy, seconded by Trustee Nero. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0). Motion passed.
- b. [Staff Conduct Policy \(GBEB\)](#) and [Attendance Policy \(JH\)](#). There was some discussion about JH, particularly around vaccinations. Chair Lavallee suggested sending the policy through counsel to ensure compliance with all laws. Trustee Nero moved to send GBEB and JH forward for approval at the next Regular Board Meeting subject to legal review for JH. Trustee Walsh seconded. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0). Motion passed.

- C. **Academic Committee:** Trustee Finn provided an update on the activities of the Academic Committee that was not already covered in the Leadership Report. Principal Dobbs presented on NHSAS and CLT results. He will provide a follow up report at the September 2025 Regular Board meeting.

- a. [NHSAS and CLT Academic Presentation](#)

- D. Board Training - Governing with Greatness: Deferred to next meeting

E. **Annual Organizational Meeting**

- a. Board members signed the **Conflict of Interest** policy.
- b. **Up for Renewal**
 - Trustee Lavallee has decided to step down from her position on the board, effective June 30, 2025.
 - Trustee Sweet expressed willingness to serve on the board for another year.
 - Trustee Walsh expressed willingness to serve on the board for another year.
 - Trustee Greenwood has decided to step down from her position on the board, effective June 30, 2025
 - Trustee Greenwood nominated **Trustee Walsh and Trustee Sweet for a one-year term** beginning July 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Finn. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

c. **Election of Officers**

- **Board Chair:** Trustee Lavallee nominated Trustee Sweet for the position of Board Chair effective July 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Nero. All in favor, no further discussion. Motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Vice Chair:** Trustee Sweet nominated Trustee Walsh for the position of Vice Chair, effective July 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Finn. All in favor, no further discussion. Motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Treasurer:** Trustee Sweet nominated Trustee Somero for the position of Treasurer, effective July 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Nero. All in favor, no further discussion. Motion passed (6-0-0).
- **Secretary:** Trustee Sweet nominated Trustee Finn for the position of Secretary, effective July 1, 2025, seconded by Trustee Greenwood. All in favor, no further discussion. Motion passed (6-0-0).

Trustee Nero moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) for discussion of Board applicants. Trustee Greenwood seconded. [(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.] Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Nero (yea), Lavallee (yea), Sweet (yea), Greenwood (yea), Finn (yea). Motion passed. ED Harner was invited to attend. The non-public session began at 7:25 pm

The Board returned to public session at 7:42 pm.

Chair Lavallee asked Ross Kukish, who was present, if he would be willing to accept a 2- or 3-year Board position. He indicated that he would accept a 2-year position. Trustee Sweet nominated Ross Kukish to join the Board for a 2-yr term, effective 7/1/25, seconded by Trustee Lavallee. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

Trustee Nero nominated Ken Woods for a 1-year term, effective 7/1/25, seconded by Trustee Finn. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

Chair Lavallee announced that our next official Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 8/14/25, but we will call one earlier if any issues arise.

Vice Chair Sweet recognized and thanked Kim Lavallee for her outstanding service on the Board. Vice Chair Sweet expressed sincere appreciation for the extensive time, effort, and expertise she devoted to the school over the years. Trustee Lavallee served selflessly out of commitment to the school's mission and to the charter school model. Her leadership and support were instrumental during the school's founding and early development.

Trustee Lavallee shared parting remarks reflecting on her time with the Board and offered personal words of appreciation to fellow members. She remarked on the Board's continued fidelity to the school's mission and expressed her gratitude for having been part of its development.

Trustee Walsh moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (c), (l), and (d). Trustee Nero seconded. [(c) Matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely

the reputation of any person, other than a member of the public body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant. (l) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. (d) Consideration of the acquisition, sale, or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general community.] Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Nero (yea), Lavallee (yea), Sweet (yea), Greenwood (yea), Finn (yea). Motion passed. The non-public session began at 8:01 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:31 pm. Trustee Walsh moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Trustee Nero. Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Nero (yea), Lavallee (yea), Sweet (yea), Greenwood (yea), Finn (yea). Motion passed. During the non-public session, the Board discussed an insurance matter and discussed plans for the facilities.

The Board discovered that some non-public meeting minutes from prior meetings had been sealed in non-public session. To correct this oversight, in this public session Trustee Walsh moved to seal the following non-public minutes: 8/4/22; 9/8/22; 12/1/22; 4/27/23; 5/11/23; 6/8/23; 10/12/23; 1/11/24; 3/28/24. Trustee Nero seconded the motion. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

Trustee Nero made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Lavallee. Public meeting adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Finn

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body itself, unless such person requests an open meeting. This exemption shall extend to any application for assistance or tax abatement or waiver of a fee, fine, or other levy, if based on inability to pay or poverty of the applicant.] Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Nero (yea), Lavellee (yea), Sweet (yea), Greenwood (yea), inn (yea). Motion passed. ED Harner was invited to attend. The non-public session began at 7:25 pm

The Board discussed the interviews that were held with Board applicants, their backgrounds, and their fit for a current Board position. Based on current need, the general consensus was to invite Ross Kukish and Ken Woods to join the board. Ross would be offered a 2- or 3-yr term. The Board wanted a 2-year term for Ken as well, but decided that Ken would be initially offered a 1-yr term, with the possibility of increasing to 2 years if he is willing. Carol Hopfenspirger and Jay Schechter would be asked to join a committee. Kendra Debowski withdrew her application due to time commitments.

Trustee Sweet moved to return to public session, seconded by Trustee Greenwood. Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Nero (yea), Lavellee (yea), Sweet (yea), Greenwood (yea), inn (yea). Motion passed.

The Board returned to public session at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori L. Finn', with a stylized, cursive script.

Lori L. Finn

Approved 8/21/25