



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

**DRAFT MINUTES**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 4/12/2025 at 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chair Kim Lavallee. Board members present included: Chair Kim Lavallee, Treasurer Kristie Greenwood, Trustee Jason Nero, Trustee David Somero, Trustee Brian Walsh, and Secretary Lori Finn. Vice Chair Bailey Sweet was unable to attend due to travel. Executive Director Mike Harner, Principal Kenneth Dobbs, and Accountant Caitlin Blundell (Zoom) 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 the following mission moment demonstrating the virtue of responsibility. A Lionheart kindergarten student was walking on a bike path with his grandparents. He stopped and picked up a piece of trash on the ground. He said, "This is not a demonstration of the virtue of integrity."

**I. Public Comments:** There were no public comments.

**II. Secretary's Report:** Secretary Finn presented the Secretary's Report. Trustee Somero noted that the draft minutes to the 3/13/25 Regular Board Meeting indicated a date of 3/12/25. Trustee Finn moved to approve the minutes from the 3/13/25 Regular Board Meeting pending the correction to the date and to approve the minutes of the 3/25/25 Emergency Board Meeting. Trustee Nero seconded the motion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

**III. Treasurer's Report:** Caitlin Blundell presented the [Monthly Financial Report for March 2025](#) and the [Budget Analysis as of March 31, 2025](#). Trustee Greenwood moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Trustee Walsh. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

Executive Director Harner reviewed highlights of the proposed budget for FY 2026. As the SBOE approved the enrollment cap increased, the proposed budget is based on enrollment of 374 students. One of the changes from last year is that we tightened up on the total number of teaching assistance, but we will have one per grade. Now that we have received numbers on financing for the new building, the budget reflects that accurately. Caitlin Blundell noted that they have been working on this budget for several months, looking at every line item, actual expenses, and areas where we could cut costs to get as much of a surplus as possible. She said that this is a good budget for a charter school. ED Harner also highlighted the fact that we were able to maintain the staff development/training budget. Trustee Lavallee asked if we were

using Title 2A funds staff development, and Ms. Blundell indicated that we are not. Trustee Nero moved to adopt the FY2026 budget, seconded by Trustee Greenwood. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0), motion passed.

**IV. Leadership Report:** ED Harner presented the [Leadership Report](#).

**V. Board Business**

A. **Finance Committee:** Trustee Nero provided an update on the activities of the Finance Committee. Plans are finalized for the new building, and the contract is signed with Hutter. Trustee Nero thanked everyone who has been helping out.

B. **Organizational Committee:**

a. **Student Conduct Policy (JIC)** - This draft has been posted on the website for review. Trustee Nero moved to adopt the revisions to JIC, seconded by Trustee Somero. No further discussion. All in favor (6-0-0). Motion passed.

b. Drafts of two new policies: [Use of Tobacco \(ADC\)](#) and [Admission of Homeless Students \(JFABD\)](#), have been posted to the website. Trustee Somero moved to move both policies forward for approval at the May 2025 Regular Board Meeting, seconded by Trustee Walsh. 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.

a. **Academic Calendar.** The school hours have yet to be finalized, but the proposed 2025-2026 Academic Calendar is complete, including all necessary instructional hours and five snow days. ED Harner noted that we will be celebrating Presidents Day next year. Trustee Finn moved to approve the 2025-2026 Academic Calendar, seconded by Trustee Nero. All in favor (6-0-0). Motion passed.

b. **Parent Engagement.** Unfortunately, none of the speakers we invited to speak to parents about classical education were available on our April dates.

c. **Assessment.** This will be the first year we are conducting screening for incoming kindergarten students. ED Harner and leadership team will begin going through the Accountability Plan in the charter.

D. **Board Succession and Planning Committee:** Trustee Walsh and Trustee Greenwood are scheduling times to meet with the two applicants. We will discuss their recommendations at the next board meeting

**VI. New business**

A. **Board Training:** 7/16/25 @ 4-7:30 pm.

B. **Governing with Greatness, Chapter 2:** Discussion of the Bylaws. Need an updated version of bylaws on the website. We will review Accountability Plan at next board meeting.

C. ACTA Classical School Foundation has selected LCA to be their Model School. LCA also received a generous gift for that honor.

Chair Lavalley announced the next regular board meeting would be held on 5/8/25.

Trustee Walsh made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Nero. Public meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Finn