Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School

Board of Trustees

Regular Meeting October 9, 2025

DRAFT MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 10/9/2025 at 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by Chair Bailey Sweet. Other board members present included: Vice Chair Brian Walsh, Treasurer Dave Somero, Trustee Ross Kukish, and Secretary Lori Finn. Trustee Ken Woods arrived shortly after the start of the meeting during the audit presentation. Trustee Jason Nero was excused. Executive Director Mike Harner and Principal Kenneth Dobbs 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 opened with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Chair Sweet. Principal Dobbs recited the mission statement and shared two mission moments: 1) Our school has started saying the pledge of allegiance together as a community over our walkie talkies. The students have shown respect for our country and its founding principles during this time of day. 2) A student greeted ED Harner by saying "Salve" demonstrating both knowledge of Latin and enthusiasm for the curriculum.

Chair Sweet expressed gratitude to the Henderson Foundation for its commitment of two $100,000 donations over the next two years. She also acknowledged contributions toward the new catch basin at 700 Dublin Road, thanking LaMarre Concrete for donating the structure and grate, Inspire Excavation for providing labor for the installation, and Productive Power for donating two loads of loam to be delivered for the project.

I. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

II. Secretary's Report: Secretary Finn presented the Secretary's Report. **Trustee Walsh moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2025, board meeting, seconded by Trustee Kukish. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).** Secretary Finn noted that the minutes from the May 6, 2025, special meeting—previously approved at the September 11 meeting—had not been posted in advance of that meeting. As they have now been posted for one month, they were brought forward for reapproval. **Trustee Sweet moved to approve the May 6, 2025, minutes, seconded by Trustee Finn. The motion carried (5-0-1), with Trustee Kukish abstaining.**

III. **Treasurer's Report:**

A. 2025-2026 Audit: Samantha Henrichon from Nathan Wechsler presented results from the audit: Audit Presentation

B. Trustee Somero presented Monthly Financial Report & Budget Analysis for September 2025. He noted that we are doing well on student count. Benefits costs remain higher than anticipated, as more employees elected coverage than originally projected. Printing and binding costs are not included in the budget. ED Harner indicated that they are working on decreasing those costs. **Trustee Kukish moved to accept the audit results and financial reports, seconded by Trustee Finn. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**

C. Two loans remain outstanding: the HEFA loan, due November 5, and the loan from the Founder's Academy Foundation. **Trustee Somero moved to authorize repayment of both loans and to permit Executive Director Harner to draw on the HEFA loan again if needed. Trustee Kukish seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**

IV. **Leadership Report:** ED Harner presented the Leadership Report. Principal Dobbs announced the clubs that are running this fall: crafts, aerospace, frisbee, board games, chess, Lego, drawing, and fiber art. They began today. Chair Sweet requested that they add the purpose of clubs to the family handbook.

V. **Board Business**

A. **Finance Committee.** Trustee Kukish provided an update on the activities of the Finance Committee.

a. Construction at 700 Dublin Road is on schedule for the beginning of the year. There are some minor changes (sidewalks, insulation, roof truss reinforcement, painting). All items are within the contingency budget. Looking into getting security cameras and door locks.
b. ED Harner and Trustee Kukish met with Warren St. architects to develop the building out plan for 10 Sharon Rd in case we need more space.
c. Six-year building plan in development. The building committee will create an RFP for a Master Plan for 700 Dublin Rd. This will be provided to different firms for an official proposal.
d. Continuing discussions on security for both buildings
e. Fundraising - Ashlee is currently running the Thanksgiving Pie fundraiser with Spring Village at SummerHill. Also working on a letter for qualified charitable donations for individuals 73 and older.
f. Trustee Somero mentioned that he was pleased to see the elevator being built at 700 Dublin Rd.
g. Builders liability insurance has been extended by three months. It originally ended 11/29.

B. Organizational Committee. Trustee Sweet provided an update on the activities of the Organizational Committee.

a. **Cell Phone Policy (JICJ)**: Draft policy has been posted on the website for the past month. **Trustee Finn moved to approve the policy as written, seconded by Trustee Walsh. There was no further discussion. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**
b. First draft of KBB Parent Bill of Rights policy has been developed. We are currently seeking feedback from a parent representative. The initial review is expected at next month's meeting. It is currently posted on the website.

c. JLDBB - Suicide Prevention & Response - initial review. It is currently posted and will be discussed at next month's board meeting.

d. Revisions to JICI, EBH, and DAF will be brought for initial review next month.

C. Academic Committee: No update

VI. New Business

- DOE Audit was rescheduled. They will visit the school at the end of October.
- ED Harner and Chair Sweet are scheduled to attend a DOE meeting in Concord on 11/19.

Next meeting: December 11, 2025 @ 6 pm.

Trustee Walsh moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (i). Trustee Kukish seconded. [(i)Consideration of matters relating to the preparation for and the carrying out of emergency functions.] Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Sweet (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea), Somero (yea). Motion passed. Executive Director Mike Harner was invited to attend. The non-public session began at 6:50 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:33 pm. Trustee Somero moved to seal the minutes, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Sweet (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea), Somero (yea). Motion passed. During the non-public session, the Board discussed options for building security.

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Trustee Somero made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori L. Finn