



LIONHEART CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting February 22, 2026

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 2/12/2026 at 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Chair Bailey Sweet. Other board members present included: Treasurer Dave Somero, Trustee Ross Kukish, Trustee Jason Nero, Trustee Ken Woods, and Secretary Lori Finn. Trustee Brian Walsh was unable to attend due to a death in the family. Principal Ken Dobbs was 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. Trustee Nero read the mission statement. Chair Sweet shared a mission moment. The fourth grade students were electing a class president while studying their Constitution unit in history class. The class president was asked the final question: Do you practice and follow the virtues of our school? It was a wonderful example of the civic responsibility and the cultivation of morals our curriculum fosters, and how well our students embody these aspects.

Chair Sweet reviewed [Policy BEDH](#).

I. **Public Comments:** Kim Lavalley shared a conversation she had with a contractor working at her house. In response to her question about his thoughts about his local school district, he shared that his children all attended LCA. He talked about how happy he and his family are with LCA. They love the mission—it aligns with their family values. The children are thriving. They all appreciate the structure, the uniforms, the teachers, and the curriculum. He said that every person at LCA is friendly, supportive, and in support of the students. He said it is as close to perfect as it can get.

II. **Secretary's Report.** Trustee Finn presented the Secretary's Report. **Trustee Nero moved to accept the minutes from the [1/22/26 Regular Board Meeting](#). Trustee Woods seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Caitlin Blundell presented the Monthly Financial Report and Budget Analysis for January 2026. **Trustee Woods moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Trustee Nero. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).**

IV. **Leadership Report:** Principal Dobbs presented the [Leadership Report](#). Seacoast Classical will be sending four teachers to attend our Numeracy Night.

Chair Sweet announced that LCA has been awarded a \$13,500 ACTA matching (challenge) grant. The school has one year to raise matching community funds. The grant will support Latin, music, art, and the Washington, D.C. trip.

V. Board Business

- A. **Finance Committee:** Trustee Nero provided an update on the activities of the Finance Committee. They are continuing to work on a 6-yr plan for the school. Trustee Kukish is continuing to work on getting plans and proposals for 10 Sharon Rd (multipurpose room) and 700 Dublin Rd.

Trustee Kukish presented HVAC and electrical/fire alarm proposals for the Sharon Road property and distributed proposals for the master plan, along with the RFP that was issued. Three estimates were solicited; two firms responded. Architectural plans will be sent to three general contractors for RFPs, with electrical plans to be added to the scope subsequently. Trustee Kukish recommended WV Engineering, noting that they are less expensive and based in Keene; both firms were described as reputable and experienced with similar projects.

Trustee Somero moved to approve WV Engineering for HVAC services, pending approval by ED Harner regarding budget considerations. Trustee Nero seconded. The motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

ED Harner and Caitlin Blundell have begun working on the budget for 2026-2027.

- B. **Organizational Committee:** Trustee Sweet provided an update on the Organizational Committee.
- a. [Confidentiality & Student Privacy Policy](#) - Trustee Nero moved to approve, seconded by Trustee Woods. Motion approved unanimously (6-0-0).
 - b. [Investment Policy Statement](#) - Trustee Somero moved to push final approval to the March board meeting, seconded by Trustee Sweet. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).
- C. **Academic Committee:** Trustee Finn provided an update on the Academic Committee. They discussed ninth grade courses and structure and began discussion of graduation requirements.

VI. New Business

A. **Board Succession** - We will be sending out a letter to invite applications to join the Board. Trustee Sweet moved to form a Board Succession and Planning Committee through July 2026. Trustee Woods seconded. Motion passed unanimously (6-0-0).

B. **School Safety Zone** - Discussion around establishing safety zones/lower speed limits near both campuses.

C. **Governing for Greatness:** The Board discussed Chapter 9 (Academics)

D. Next meeting: Thursday, March 12 @ 6 pm

Trustee Somero moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Sweet. Meeting adjourned at 7:18 pm

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lori L. Finn", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lori L. Finn

Approved 3/12/26