



LIONHEART CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting May 11, 2026

MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 5/11/2026 at 10 Sharon Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Chair Bailey Sweet. Other board members present included: Treasurer Dave Somero, Trustee Ross Kukish, and Secretary Lori Finn. Vice Chair Brian Walsh and Trustee Ken Woods participated via Zoom. Executive Director Mike Harner and Principal Ken 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. Trustee Kukish read the mission statement. Principal Dobbs shared a mission moment: We hosted our 4th Annual Fundraising Gala at 700 Dublin Road, and we raised \$69,000 net.

I. **Public Comments:** None.

II. **Secretary's Report.** Trustee Finn presented the Secretary's Report. **Trustee Somero moved to approve the minutes from the 4/9/26 Regular Board Meeting. Trustee Kukish seconded. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh, (yea); Woods (abstain); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (5-0-1).

III. **Treasurer's Report:** Trustee Somero presented the [April 2026 Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Budget Analysis as of April 30, 2026](#). **Trustee Sweet moved to accept the financial reports, seconded by Trustee Finn. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh, (yea); Woods (yea); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

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

- A. Jaffrey Presbyterian Church approached the school about the possibility of renting the first floor of 700 Dublin for about five hours on Sundays. The rent would be \$300/week for a two-year term. They would like to start in June 2026. **Trustee Sweet moved to approve leasing of 700 Dublin Rd by Jaffrey Presbyterian as outlined in the contract upon attorney review. Trustee Kukish seconded.** Walsh, (yea); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Woods (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).
- B. ED Harner also discussed the proposed budget for FY2026-2027, based on 400 students. He expects there to be approximately 425 students at the start of the school year.

Trustee Walsh moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (a) The dismissal, promotion, or compensation of any public employee. **The motion was seconded by Trustee Kukish. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh, (yea); Woods (yea); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0). The non-public session began at 6:43 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 7:20 pm. **In the non-public session, Trustee Sweet moved to extend ED Harner's contract for one year, seconded by Trustee Kukish. Approved by roll call:** Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea), Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

Trustee Somero moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Trustee Woods. Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea), Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

Trustee Kukish moved to approve the FY2026-2027 budget presented by ED Harner, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea), Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

V. Board Business

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

1. 700 Dublin Rd Property

- Entryway has been paved
- Draft letter of intent for the vestibule has been sent to ED Harner for review
- Waiting on bids for water.

2. 10 Sharon Rd Multipurpose Room

- All-Temp will be able to use the two heating units for the school. Only the ductwork will still need to be completed. The system will not run air conditioning, which reduces the cost.
- The engineer has both drafts and is waiting on the HVAC information before presenting them. Two plans are still in limbo pending the HVAC details, so the permit has not yet been submitted. That information is needed first.

B. Academic / Organizational Committees

- [Grievance Process \(ACG\)](#) The revision to Policy ACG has been posted on the website for review and public comment for 30 days. **Trustee Somero moved to approve revised Policy ACG, seconded by Trustee Walsh. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh, (yea); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Woods (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

Mrs. Danielle Keplin submitted feedback on the policy revisions on

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 after the vote was taken.

C. **Board Succession Committee:** Will be setting up a schedule to interview the candidates.

VI. New Business

- A. [Annual Acknowledgement of General Assurances FY2027](#) - This is required by NHDOE annually. **Trustee Sweet moved that the board acknowledge the assurances, seconded by Trustee Somero. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh, (yea); Finn, (yea); Kukish, (yea); Woods (yea); Somero (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).
- B. **Hillsdale Member Status** discussed. LCA is currently a curriculum school. Curriculum schools can now apply to be a member school. Applications due in August 2026, and there is a two-year review.
- C. Board self-assessment results will be shared via email and discussed at June 2026 meeting.
- D. **Next meeting:** Thursday, June 17 @ 6 pm

Trustee Walsh moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (c). Trustee Finn seconded. [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] Chair Sweet recused herself from the session. **Approved by roll call:** Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea) (5-0-1). The non-public session began at 7:51 p.m.

The board returned to public session at 8:20 pm. In the non-public session the board made a decision regarding a grievance. **Trustee Walsh moved to seal the minutes from the non-public session, seconded by Trustee Somero. Motion approved by roll call:** Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea) (5-0-1).

Trustee Walsh moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Woods. Motion approved by roll call: Walsh (yea), Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish(yea), Finn (yea) (5-0-1).

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori L. Finn

Approved 6/11/26