

Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School

**Finance Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday March 25, 2026 @ 6:00 pm**

**1) Meeting Called to Order & Attendance**

The meeting was called to order at 6:08pm, attendance confirmed, Trustee Jason Nero, Trustee Dave Samero, Trustee Ross Kukish, Executive Director Mike Harner, Kristen Duncan, Amy Evans, Caleb White, Vicki Gala, The Pledge of Allegiance recited.

**2) Public Comment**

No public comment

**3) Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Previous meeting minutes for January were reviewed and approved, motioned by Trustee Nero and Second by Trustee Somero.

**4) Facilities Update/Real Estate**

1. Sharon St.
  - a. We have the construction documents from Warren street on the build outs at Sharon St. We extended bids to Hutter, Cheshire Builders, Schrolder. Both Cheshire Builders and Schrolder declined to bid due to work load. We obtained Hutter's price and are reviewing it.
  - b. We have received the draft HVAC plan and reviewed it along with sending it to the electrical engineer who is working on their draft plans.
  - c. We hope to have all the plans completed by mid-April to submit the entire package to the town inspector for a permit by end of April.
2. 700 Dublin Rd:
  - a. ED Mike Harner obtained the CO on March 24<sup>th</sup> !!!!!
  - b. ED Mike Harner is working on the well and getting all the items done that is necessary for converting a public well to a private well.
    - i. Trustee Kukish to get a proposal for a filtered water bubbler for the building
  - c. Working on the final budget and numbers for the new school. We went over that and there is approx. \$150,000 left in the contingency after the final construction items are completed and the pay off of the second loan to Community Loan Fund. The other projects were presented with initial bids:
    - i. Paving/line striping: 1750 with 3 ADA spots, Ross to donate the handicap signs

- ii. Vestibule: Budget number all included of \$55,000
  - iii. Exterior lighting: Obtained a pole price of \$1150/pole and the precast concrete bases are approx. \$625/base. The light heads were donated by Trustee Kukish
  - iv. Repairs to the guard rail
  - v. Paving up the drive to parking lot: approx. \$36,000. And then another \$7500 for the excavation of the existing pavement.
    - 1. Looking at pricing for just the entrance of the school by route 101.
  - vi. Athletic needs
  - vii. Additional misc. school needs
  - viii. Next steps are to obtain any additional proposals for the April 9<sup>th</sup> board meeting.
  - ix. Trustee Nero & Mike H will talk with Kirk from the state DOT about the turning lane and next steps there.
  - d. We have awarded the Master Plan of Dublin Rd to Warren Street Architects, we will be having a kick off meeting with them next week.
3. Capital Campaign: still in the works.
  4. Construction committee for the 6 year plan:
    - a. Trustee Nero put together a draft plan for the next 6 years and we are working through it as the master plan with the architect.
  5. Security:
    - a. Currently working on it, more updates in the coming meetings.
  6. Finance Update: Completed by Trustee Somero

## 5) Fundraising

- Discussed the Annual Event on April 18<sup>th</sup>. Went over attendees, gift baskets, etc.
  - o Discussed the layout which will be at 700 dublin rd. Catering, etc.
  - o Discussed the sponsorships and what the event will have for an agenda
- Amy Evans discussed Cub Club and how it could fit within the existing fundraising activities. We continued conversations about all the options.
- Discussed the fact that ED Mike Harner found a grant writer part time that will work towards writing grants for the school.

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## 6) Sports

- Discussed the importance of sports and what is needed.
- Trustee Nero had a discussion with a friend in Florida of another classical school and how we can continue to work towards the sports for high school level, and the importance of having sports as a way to retain students at the high school level.

- Discussed the district to charter school participation and that fact that there is a restriction on students ability to play in both leagues due to a law. Vicki Gala offered to draft a bill that could prevent that.
- Next finance meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6pm
- Public Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm. Motioned by Trustee Nero and seconded by Trustee Somero.