



LIONHEART CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTERED PUBLIC SCHOOL
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting August 6, 2026

DRAFT MINUTES

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of Lionheart Classical Academy Chartered Public School ("LCA") took place on 8/6/2026 at 700 Dublin Road, Peterborough, New Hampshire. The meeting was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Chair Bailey Sweet. Other board members present included: Vice Chair Ken Woods, Treasurer Dave Somero, Trustee Ross Kukish, Trustee Caleb White (Zoom), and Secretary Lori Finn (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 Woods read the mission statement. Principal Dobbs shared a mission moment about LCA staff and Seacoast Classical Academy meeting together at the Seacoast facility.

I. Public Comments: None

II. Secretary's Report. Trustee Finn presented the Secretary's Report. **Trustee Somero moved to approve the minutes from the [6.11.26 Regular Board Meeting](#), the [6.16.26 Special Meeting](#), and the [7.9.26 Special Meeting](#).** Trustee Woods seconded. Motion approved by Roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).

III. Treasurer's Report: Financials were submitted after completion of Board of Trustees meeting: [July 2026 Monthly Financial Report](#) and [Budget Analysis as of July 31, 2026](#).

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

- A. **Student and Family Handbook:** ED Harner reviewed the changes to the handbook for AY 2026-2027, including updated contact information and titles for staff, information on the new facility, and clarification of the dress code that prohibits piercings for boys as well as girls.
- B. **Athletics:** ED Harner noted that Mr. Sloan has agreed to return to LCA as Athletics Director for the upcoming year. A meeting was held with parents to discuss the role of athletics in classical education. ED Harner emphasized that athletics supports the mission, but it is not the mission.

- C. **Academic Update:** Principal Dobbs provided a brief overview of SAS results. Most notably, for 8th grade LCA greatly exceeds the state results in ELA, and also exceeds state results for 7th grade math. Areas for growth include 5th and 8th grade science.

V. Board Business

- A. **Finance Committee:** Trustee Kukish provided an update on the activities of the Finance Committee. There is no new information on the multipurpose room at 10 Sharon Rd.
Multipurpose Room (10 Sharon Rd): No update.

1. **700 Dublin Rd:** Waiting for the vestibule sketch for 700 Dublin Road. Lighting will be completed next week, and landscaping is planned.
2. **Fundraising:** The second annual golf tournament will be held on 8/24/26.
3. **Investments:** The Committee discussed the possibility of realizing a portion of investment gains and transferring funds to a money market account to provide a one-year financial buffer in the event of weaker market performance next year.
4. **Investment Policy Statement Revision:** Trustee Kukish discussed a proposed revision to the Investment Policy Statement that has been posted on the website. Following discussion, the Board agreed to revise the final bullet point of the Spending Policy section to specify that the Treasurer, rather than the Finance Committee Chair, will document the applicable Prime Rate. **Trustee Kukish moved to approve the draft Investment Policy Statement revision with this edit for release for public comment and further review, with final Board consideration and a vote to be held at the September Board meeting. Trustee Woods seconded. Motion approved by Roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).**

- B. **Academic / Organizational Committee:** Trustee Sweet provided an update on the Academic / Organizational Committee.

1. **Student and Family Handbook:** **Trustee Kukish moved to approve the 2026-2027 handbook with the revisions described by ED Harner, seconded by Trustee Woods. Motion approved by Roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).**
2. **Employee Handbook.** ED Harner noted there were no changes to the Employee Handbook. **Trustee Kukish moved to approve the Employee Handbook for AY 2026-2027, seconded by Trustee Somero. Motion approved by Roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea), Sweet (yea) (6-0-0).**
3. **Graduation Requirements Policy:** First draft provided by Mrs. Byrne. The Academic/Organizational Committee hasn't reviewed it yet.

The next meeting will be held on 9/10/26.

Trustee Somero moved to enter into non-public session under RSA 91-A:3, II, (c) 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 and **(I) Consideration of legal advice provided by legal counsel, either in writing or orally, to one or more members of the public body, even where legal counsel is not present. The motion was seconded by Trustee Woods. Motion approved by roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea), Sweet (abstain) (5-0-1).** Trustee Sweet recused herself from the discussion. ED Harner and Attorney Bob Best were invited to attend. The non-public session began at 7:09 pm.

The Board returned to public session at 8:24 pm. In the non-public session, The Board considered a parent grievance and voted not to hear the grievance.

Trustee Somero moved to seal the minutes of the non-public session, seconded by Trustee Kukish. **Motion approved by roll call: Woods (yea), Somero (yea), Kukish (yea), White (yea), Finn (yea) (5-0-0).**

Trustee Somero moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lori L. Finn', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lori L. Finn