# PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Seacoast Classical Academy Chartered Public School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, 13 January 2026, 6:00pm
53 Carlton E Sockwell Way, Newton, NH 03858
Notice posted by 12 January 2026 on the door at 53 Carlton E Stockwell, Way, NH
and at https://seacoastclassical.org

Trustees in Attendance: Linda Allard, Robert Chase,William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron
Trustees attending remotely: Cindy Lyons
Trustees not in Attendance: Simcha Weller
Persons Appearing Before the Board: Joe Patuleia - SCA Principal, Mary Borne - SCA Art & Music Teacher, Lindsay Goldstein - SCA Guidance Counselor, Benjamin Brandon - SCA Dir of Curriculum & Instruction, Krystal LeBrun - SCA Parent Council/VP

Non-Public Session may be called at any time in accordance with RSA 91A:3 II.

1. Call to Order - RC called the meeting to order at 6:05PM. Trustee CL participated remotely. No persons were present with CL. All votes will be by roll call.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comment - JP requested that the Faculty presenters portion of the Principal's Report be moved earlier in the agenda to accommodate presenters. RC allowed this change.
   Mary Borne, SCA Art and Music Teacher, teaches grades K–9 and meets with scholars twice a week. She highlighted the recent winter performance, which featured scholars in grades K–5, the middle school choir, and String II. She shared her desire to incorporate a spring art show to showcase scholars' work. Ms. Borne expressed that she truly enjoys her classes and the staff she works with. JP added that Ms. Borne teaches at a high level, is able to translate material in ways scholars clearly understand, and maintains a strong, well-structured classroom environment.
   Lindsay Goldstein, SCA Guidance Counselor, shared that her work centers on helping scholars develop healthy perspectives—embracing all feelings while guiding all behaviors. She came to SCA because she was raised in a classical tradition and feels strongly about building foundational knowledge in scholars. She is deeply committed to a community of families and staff who share common values, seek character development, and respect family rights.
4. General Correspondence - KR shared that a proceeds donation check from LaBelle Lights came via mail for $256.00.

5. Minutes
    a. Public Meeting of 9 December 2025 - WN moved to approve the Public Meeting Minutes of 9 December 2025 as written. KR seconded. Roll call vote: CL/Yes, TW/abstain, LA/Yes, RC/Yes, WN/Yes, KR/Yes 5-0-1.
    b. Non-Public Meeting of 9 December 2025 - WN moved to approve the Non-Public Meeting Minutes of 9 December 2025 as written. Roll call vote: CL/Yes, TW/abstain, LA/Yes, RC/Yes, WN/Yes, KR/Yes 5-0-1.
6. Principal's Report - JP continued the Principal's Report, sharing that the landlord's Siemens weather-proofing project throughout the schoolhouse building envelope has been completed, and improvements are already being felt in many of the classrooms. The next phase of the project will be the LED lighting upgrade, where all fixtures will be replaced in the coming weeks. Additionally, SCA is awaiting a response on a NH Safe Grant that would allow the locks on classroom doors to be replaced. WN inquired about why the play structure in the north playground has been roped off. BB shared that it is due to a broken board. JP will follow up with LD to learn its status and see if WN may be of assistance with its repair. In recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, teachers will discuss his life and legacy with scholars in their individual classrooms. MLK day nicely connects to SCA's featured core virtue of January: Courage. Spelling Bee's are currently taking place in grades 5-8, and a Final Spelling Bee will be held on Monday, January 26th at 1:50PM. This Thursday, January 15th, the school will have a Red, White and Blue, "Patriots" dress down day. JP shared that teachers will be participating in a full day of Professional Development on Friday, January 16th, focusing on Literacy Essentials strategies, in-house teacher coaching, behavior management and partnerships. JP turned the meeting over to BB who discussed Principles of Classical Pedagogy, courses the staff have taken since the beginning of the year through Classical U and the HIllsdale K-12, as well as ongoing scholar assessments.
7. Finance
    a. Treasurer's Report - TW shared SCA Treasure's Report, noting the addition of a new line item reflecting Total Statement Ending Balances, all accounts reported of: $826,931.32. He will work with LD to transfer funds to higher interest bearing Money Market accounts.
    b. Line of Credit Update - RC stated that he declined the Line of Credit offered by St. Mary's Bank this year because it was less attractive than the existing Primary Bank Line of Credit that we currently have. We will reassess annually.
    c. Payroll - RC stated that payroll transition from ADP to Trivantus at the first of the year and that the transition went smoothly.
    d. SAU17 Building Envelope and LED Lighting Project - was discussed in the Principal's Report. Projected energy savings are $6,000-$10,000 annually. The first payment for the project is scheduled for October 2026.
8. Committee Reports
    a. Parent Council - KL shared that the Winter Concert Raffle Baskets raised $2,100. The next Parent Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 27, this is a date change. The Parent Council is planning the Mother/Son Game Night, Daddy/Daughter Dance, Book Fair, and Fun Run. The Ski and Snowboard

Enrichment Activity started last week and Board Games Enrichment has half of the middle school scholars signed up.

b. Curriculum Committee - KR reported for CL as she was attending remotely. The Curriculum Committee met last week to discuss continuing to improve all scholar reading levels by the end of the year.
c. Fundraising Committee - WN shared that a dining night was held at Street in Exeter, the LaBelle Lights evenings was previously discussed and they are planning an event at a cigar bar in Plaistow. WN is also looking into having a March Madness fundraiser.
d. HR Committee - KR stated no updates.
e. Facilities Committee - TW stated no updates.
f. HoS Search Committee - *discussed in Non-Public Session at end.*

9. Executive Director's Report
    a. Audits
        i. Federal Single-Year Audit (CSP over $750,000/yr) - RC shared that Nathan Wechsler is completing this single year audit, which is due March 31st.
    b. Enrollment / Marketing - RC shared an enrollment/unenrollment report. There are ongoing efforts to enroll scholars for this academic year as well as accepting applications for the 2026/27 school year for the upcoming Enrollment Lottery. Current scholars were offered re-enrollment for the 2026/27 academic year, with responses requested back by February 15th.
    c. Facilities - *discussed in Non-Public Session at end.*
    d. Grants / Fundraising - NH Safe Grant was discussed during the Principal's Report.
    e. Human Resources - *discussed in Non-Public Session at end.*
10. New Business - Activities for the 250th Anniversary of America in 2026 - The Board discussed this effort, LA will oversee an initial update.
11. Future Agenda
12. Public Comment - None.
    The Board took a recess at 7:35pm.
    The Board Came back from recess at 7:42pm.
13. Executive Director's Report/Facilities - Non-Public Session
    a. Trustees in Attendance: Linda Allard, Robert Chase, Cindy Lyons (via phone) William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron
    b. KR moved to enter nonpublic Session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3II(d) consideration of the acquisition, sale or lease of real or personal property which, if discussed in public, would likely benefit a party or parties whose interests are adverse to those of the general public. WN seconded. Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.
    c. The Board entered into Non-Public Session #1 at 7:43PM.

d. WN moved to come of Non-Public Session. KR seconded. Roll call vote to come out of Non-Public Session: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.
e. The Board returned to Public Session at 8:36PM.
f. KR moved to seal the minutes of this Non-Public Session because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely render a proposed action ineffective. WN seconded. Roll call vote: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.

14. Executive Director's Report/Human Resources - Non-Public Session
    a. Trustees in Attendance: Linda Allard, Robert Chase, Cindy Lyons (via phone) William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron
    b. KR moved to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3II(b) the hiring of any person as a public employee. WN seconded. Roll call vote to enter Non-Public Session: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.
    c. The Board entered into the Non-Public Session #2 at 8:37PM.
    d. WN moved to come of Non-Public Session. KR seconded. Roll call vote to come out of Non-Public Session: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.
    e. The Board returned to Public Session at 9:03PM.
    f. KR moved to seal the minutes of this Non-Public Session because it is determined that divulgence of this information would likely render a proposed action ineffective. WN seconded. Roll call vote: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved.
15. Adjournment - TW moved to adjourn. LA seconded. Roll call vote: KR/Yes, WN/Yes, RC/Yes, LA/Yes, TW/Yes, CL/Yes. 6-0. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.