



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Seacoast Classical Academy Chartered Public School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 6:00pm
53 Carlton E Sockwell Way, Newton, NH 03858

Notice posted by 11 May 2026 on the door at 53 Carlton E Sockwell Way, Newton, NH 03858
and at <https://seacoastclassical.org>

Trustees in Attendance: Linda Allard, Robert Chase, Cindy Lyons, Katelyn Marchessault,
William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron, Simcha Weller

Members Appearing Before the Board: Eric Peterson / SCA Executive Director and Head of
School, Krystal LeBrun / SCA PC Vice President

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 6:03pm.
2. Pledge of Allegiance & Mission Reading - RC led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance. TW read the Mission Statement of the Academy.
3. Public Comment - None.
4. General Correspondence - None.
5. Minutes
 - a. Public Meeting of 14 April 2026 - WN moved to approve the public meeting minutes of 14 April 2026 as written. KR seconded. 6-0-1. Approved (Note: SW not present during the vote).
 - b. Non-Public Session of 14 April 2026 - WN moved to approve the non-public meeting minutes of 14 April 2026 as written. KR seconded. 6-0-1. Approved (Note: SW not present during the vote).
6. Head of School's Report - EP shared that male scholars in Grades 1–6 were reminded about stewardship of the restroom facilities, as well as participation in and respect for community standards. Additionally, the virtue of kindness was discussed with 7th grade scholars, including a reminder that words written on technological devices can have lasting consequences. Prior to April break, teachers received letters regarding continuation for the 2026–2027 school year. Changes in the front office are progressing well with KM and AB settling into their new roles successfully. EP also shared the recent enrollment report and provided updates on the 8th grade field trip, which will include cultural, historical, and entertainment experiences.

Note: SW joined the meeting at 6:13 PM.

The team is currently focused on summer events, calendar planning, incoming Kindergarten assessments, and summer professional development for staff. CL discussed additional schools participating in the Literacy Essentials summer professional development program and shared that the Hillsdale K-12 Office has hired a new coordinator for curriculum schools. Mr. Palmer remotely attended a live Hillsdale College lecture for history teachers. It was noted that it may be beneficial for him to share his learning with other members of the faculty.

7. Finance

- a. Treasurer's Report - TW reviewed the treasurer's report.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Parent Council - KM shared that this past week's Staff Appreciation theme, "You Are a Star," was a great success. The decorations, expressions of gratitude, and food were all very well received by faculty and staff. In April, the boys of the school enjoyed a memorable Mother-Son Game Night. This coming weekend the school community looks forward to the Father-Daughter Dance. The Talent Show (featuring nearly 40 acts!) will take place at the end of the month, followed by the Fun Run and Field Day in June. The proposed calendar of Parent Council events for 2026–2027 has also been completed. KR shared that at a recent meeting there was discussion regarding school calendaring. It was noted that when families are provided ample notice of half days or full days that differ from the SAU17 district's bus schedule, accommodations and understanding are often possible. It was suggested that this topic be included as a question on the Academy's Performance Survey. Lastly, Parent Council volunteer participation was discussed, with optimism expressed about welcoming new families and increasing involvement and engagement in the coming year.
- b. Curriculum Committee - CL shared that a new K–6 classroom Literacy Essentials tracker that has recently been made available. The tracker assists teachers with pacing and provides meaningful data to support family conferences. Hillsdale K-12 has also released new American History and Civics teacher resources that are clearly organized and designed to support pacing, accountability, and instructional monitoring. In addition, new History courses being introduced in May will feature lectures and live classroom demonstrations from teachers on how they are implementing the curriculum in their classrooms. EP discussed how these videos and instructional tools can be regularly incorporated into staff professional development. CL also shared information about a new program called, The Word Mapping Project, released in May. This program could help onboarding new older-scholars. The program takes the best of Literacy Essentials and boosts it up for the older scholar.
- c. Fundraising Committee - WN stated there were no updates.
- d. HR Committee - KR stated there were no updates.
- e. Facilities Committee - TW provided an update on the ADA Playground project, sharing that the team is currently awaiting the arrival of dowels to complete the work. He also expressed appreciation for the eager scholars and adult volunteers who contributed their time and effort to the project. Damage sustained over the

winter to the middle school GaGa Pit has been repaired. The Board also discussed the possibility of establishing volunteer hour commitments and/or suggested financial donation guidelines. LA raised her concerns with dividing the middle school history room to create two classrooms with a movable accordion-style room divider at a cost of \$59,000. She noted these classrooms would be around 420 square feet, 130 square feet less than the current first grade classroom, occupied by older scholars and would have occupancy limitations. LA suggested installing the divider into the multipurpose room, which is approximately 200 sf larger. The Board discussed pros and cons and asked the administration to build a model of the desk configurations at full occupancy.

9. Executive Director's Report

- a. Enrollment / Marketing - RC shared there were no net changes to enrollment this past month. The current enrollment is 192 scholars. Enrollment for next year is currently at 237. RC recommended that EP schedule information sessions for now through mid summer.
- b. Grants / Fundraising
 - i. Vote to Accept \$10,000 Grant from CrossFit Foundation - KR moved to accept the \$10,000 grant from CrossFit Foundation. TW seconded. 8-0. Approved. The Board noted that these funds will be used to purchase PE equipment that will complement the Iliad PE curriculum.
 - ii. Motion to approve 2026-2027 General Assurances - The Board discussed the General Assurances and the use of Federal Funds in the next year. TW moved to authorize EP and RC to execute the 2026-2027 General Assurances. KR seconded. 8-0. Approved.
- c. SY26-27 Budget Process & Status - The Board discussed the proposed budget.
- d. Facilities - *likely to be Non-Public Session at end*
- e. Human Resources - RC stated the Board will enter Non-public at the end of the meeting to discuss Human Resources.

10. 250th Anniversary of America - LA stated that Patriotism will be the virtue for May and June in preparation for the summer celebrations. KR has reserved a booth for SCA at the American Independence Festival on July 11th from 10a - 4p in Exeter. The Academy will be a sponsor for the First Annual Pursuit of Happiness 5k which runs from 8a - 10a. CL suggested featuring historical pieces and family learning resources in the Scroll and Newsletter to encourage shared learning at home. CL also shared that Hillsdale College's first full-length documentary, *Revolutionary America*, will be in theaters from May 31 through June 2nd.

KR moved to approve the flying the federally authorized America250 Flag on the schoolhouse flagpole. TW seconded. 8-0. Approved.

11. Future Agenda - WN shared that he and KR visited Gordon College for recruiting purposes. LA suggested that the website be refreshed, updated or rebuilt.
12. Public Comment - Krystal LeBrun inquired if the middle school room divider had to be accordion-style, or if there was a less permanent and less expensive option.
13. Next Scheduled Meeting: Tuesday, June 9 @ 6:00pm. RC thanked members of the public for attending, the Board will move into Non-Public Session.

14. Executive Directors Report - Human Resources - Non-Public Session

- a. Trustees in Attendance: Linda Allard, Robert Chase, Cindy Lyons, Katelyn Marchessault, William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron, Simcha Weller
- b. RC moved to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to NH RSA 91-!3,II(b) The hiring of any person as a public employee. KM seconded. Roll call vote: WN/Yes, KM/Yes, LA/Yes, RC/Yes, TW/Yes, KR/Yes, CL/Yes, SW/Yes. 8-0. Approved.
- c. The board entered into Non-Public Session at 7:54pm.
- d. The Board returned to Public Session at 8:31
- e. WN moved to seal the minutes of this Non-Public Session because it is determined that divulgence of this information likely would affect adversely the reputation of any person other than a member of this board. KR seconded. 8-0. Approved.

15. Adjournment - SW moved to adjourn. CL seconded. 8-0. Approved. The meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.