PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

Seacoast Classical Academy Chartered Public School
Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Tuesday, 30 June 2026, 4:00pm
53 Carlton E Sockwell Way, Newton, NH 03858

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

Trustees Present: Robert Chase, Cindy Lyons, William Nadeau, Kate Riddell, Terence Waldron, Simcha Weller
Trustees Present via Phone: Katelyn Marchessault
Trustees not Present: Linda Allard
Persons Appearing Before the Board: Eric Peterson / SCA Executive Director and Head of School; Mr. Bob Best, via phone, Jayme Rae in person

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1. **Call to Order** - RC called the meeting to order at 4:03pm.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance & Mission Reading** - RC led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance and read the Mission Statement of the Academy. CL volunteered to work on a more concise Mission Statement.
3. **Public Comment** - None.
4. **General Correspondence** - None.
5. **Minutes**
   a. **Non-Public Session of 12 May 2026 -** TW moved to approve the non-public minutes of 12 May 2026. KR seconded. Approved 7-0.
   b. **Public Meeting of 9 June 2026** - KR noted the HR Committee recommended comments be added to the Google Doc. Approved 7-0.
   c. **Non-Public Session of 9 June 2026** -TW moved to approve as written. KR seconded. Approved 7-0.

6. **Governance**
   a. **Consideration of a Motion to Appoint Dr. Kate Riddell to the regular Trustee position for the three-year term beginning July 1, 2026 and ending on June 30, 2029.** WN moved to appoint Dr. Kate Riddell to a three-year term. SW seconded. 6-0-1 (KR abstained), approved.
   b. **Consideration of a Motion to approve revisions to the SY2026-27 School Calendar.** The Board discussed that Kingston/Newton K-5 families would have 2 school days without SAU17 buses as a transportation option. CL recommended adding a second Parent-Teacher Conference day later in the year. EP indicated he wants to check with teachers after the July 14 meeting.
   c. **Other Governance Items Discussed:**

* *Conflict of Interest Forms:* The Board briefly discussed Conflict of Interest forms.
* *Title I Part A Provisional Award:* EP shared there is a provisional award of $52,000. Based on school lunch forms, 7.68% of scholars may qualify as underprivileged scholars. There is a September 1 application deadline which requires copious coordination and supervision. The funds must be geared towards those in need and can be utilized for before/after school programs. Title II, Part A funds are designated for Staff Development. CL noted the need for support with curriculum, rather than hiring a district-school style Title I professional, and suggested acting now instead of in September. Bob Best noted that the guidelines are usually expansive (permissive) regarding how those funds are spent.
* *Homework Policy:* CL relayed a request from faculty to change the homework policy in the handbook, recommending the change to allow homework within reason. This can be done by the Administration via a change to the Family Handbook.

7. **Human Resources - Non-Public Session**
   a. At 4:34pm, a motion was made to enter Non-Public Session pursuant to NH RSA 91-A:3, II(c) (matters which, if discussed in public, would likely affect adversely the reputation of any person). 7-0, approved. BB, JR, and EP were included in the Non-Public Session.
   b. The Board returned to Public Session at 5:54pm. KR moved to leave the Non-Public Session. TW seconded. 7-0, approved.
   c. KR moved to seal the minutes of the Non-Public Session. TW seconded. 7-0, approved.

8. **Public Comment** - None noted.
9. **Next Scheduled Meeting:** Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 6:00pm.
10. **Adjournment** - WN moved to adjourn the meeting. KR seconded. 7-0, approved. The meeting adjourned at 5:55pm

Member taking Notes and producing Minutes: Will Nadeau