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## Shining Rock Classical Academy

### Minutes

#### Monthly Board Meeting

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##### **Date and Time**

Wednesday February 25, 2026 at 6:30 PM

##### **Location**

SRCA

**2150 Russ Avenue, Waynesville, NC 28786.**

\*If school is closed due to weather, the board meeting will be remote at the provided link.

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SRCA regular board meetings occur the 4th Wednesday of the month.

In person and remote.

If the school is closed due to weather conditions, the Board Meeting may be held via Zoom, or communications of cancellation will be sent.

##### **Join Zoom Meeting**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83602558461?pwd=tjdBEUunKUXAaF1Vup0skuPrO28m0O.1>

**Meeting ID:** 836 0255 8461

**Passcode:** 799970

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##### **Directors Present**

A. Adeleke, A. Weimar, B. Bowser, B. Buckelew, B. Mullinix, J. Sims, L. Davis, R. Gevjan, S. Messer

##### **Directors Absent**

None

##### **Guests Present**

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A. Anderson, B. Weimar, C. White, H. Wilson, S. Jenkins, T. Gresham, T. Inman

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## I. Opening Items

### A. Record Attendance

### B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Weimar called a meeting of the board of directors of Shining Rock Classical Academy to order on Wednesday Feb 25, 2026 at 6:31 PM.

### C. SRCA Mission Statement

A. Weimar read aloud the SRCA mission statement

### D. Announcements

A. Weimar stated

- The date and time of the next regular board meeting: Mar 25 @ 6:30 PM
- A reminder that committee meetings are an important way to partake in the direction of the school

## II. Public Comment and Records

### A. Public Comment Extension to 30 minutes total

L. Davis made a motion to extend the public comment period to 30 minutes.

S. Messer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. Public Comment

- Cici Ledford, student at SRCA high school, participates in sports, spoke highly of HS staff and friends and noted the importance of the education, safety, encouragement, and bonds.
- Shannon Carlock, served 2 terms as a board member, said that closing of the HS is a consequence of something larger, and that without the HS, the middle school is at risk and urged the board and administration not to be complacent
- Sam Ashcraft, student of 8 years, noted the small community of the HS as exceptional and beneficial and warned of the overflow to other schools should the HS be closed
- Oliver Kalra, student of HS, since 9 years old, recognized the value of his relationships with his peers and teachers

- Anna Eason suggested that there may be alternate places to host the HS while waiting for funds, stated that another endangered HS suffering low enrollment restructured its debt to continue on, spoke of difficulty in accessing board agendas and minutes, and commended the integrity of the current board members
- John Lafata implored the board to reflect on how we arrived at this point and expressed hope that the board and administration can strengthen the reputation of SRCA for the future
- Hannah Moore, student at HS, said that the HS is not easily replaced and that students are upset, and expressed concern for the future of the students post HS closure; Hannah recognized that the board is trying and that she is aware of the financial situation
- Kaiden Dial, senior at SRCA, attended since sophomore year, expressed his love for the school, said that closure will be a shame for the lower classmen, and expressed concern for his autistic younger brother's potential attendance at a different HS
- Lesley Stiggins, a parent of a HS student and an occasional substitute teacher, commended T. Inman and other HS staff, acknowledged the weight of the decision and that many are asking not to close the school, and recognized the responsibility to the stability and sustainability of the larger organization

### **III. Head of School Report**

#### **A. February School Report**

S. Jenkins spoke

- She is stepping in for J. Morgan who is caring for his ailing mother who may be at end of life
- Expressed appreciation to those who are stepping up in his absence
- Recognized
  - The recent Math Olympics night
  - The WCU science fair and those students who participated and those who won
  - The recent 5th grade "muddy sneakers" trip to Pinnacle Park
  - The inception of the Dungeons and Dragons club
  - The recent middle school art installation
  - MS girls and MS boys basketball seasons
  - HS girls and HS boys basketball seasons

### **IV. School Culture / NEST Committee**

#### **A. Updates**

Monthly meeting - open to the public - welcome to attend!

World Finest Chocolate upcoming  
Bingo this Friday!  
Uniform sale was a success!  
Bookfair upcoming

## V. Policy Committee

### A. 5550 Graduation Requirements (2nd read)

L. Davis made a motion to approve policy 5550 Graduation Requirements.  
B. Bowser seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### B. 7900: Student Privacy, Education Access and Immigration Enforcement (2nd Read)

R. Gevjan made a motion to approve policy 7900 Student Privacy, Education Access and Immigration Enforcement.  
L. Davis seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### C. 9501: Homeschool Athlete Participation (2nd Read)

S. Messer made a motion to approve policy 9501 Homeschool Athlete Participation.  
B. Mullinix seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### D. 7000: School Records Retention (2nd Read)

J. Sims made a motion to approve policy 7000 School Records Retention.  
B. Buckelew seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## VI. Other voting items

### A. 26-27 Calendar

A. Weimar noted that no change exists since the last vote on the 2026-2027 academic calendar and thus no vote shall be held

### B. Graduation Date (2nd vote)

A. Weimar made a motion to approve the high school graduation date amendment to the 2026-2027 academic calendar.  
R. Gevjan seconded the motion.  
The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

### C. Handbook (2nd vote)

- R. Gevjan made a motion to approve the updated board handbook.
- S. Messer seconded the motion.
- The board **VOTED** to approve the motion.

## **VII. Dellwood/HighSchool Sustainability**

### **A. Committees and Timeline Presentation**

A. Weimar spoke

- Noted the review of previous emails, documents, and minutes produced by previous board members
- Expressed that the presentation seeks not to cast blame, but to clearly explain the timeline leading up to consideration of the closure of the high school
- Gave a walk-through of the timeline presentation

### **B. Facilities Committee**

A. Weimar spoke

- S. Messer, B. Mullinix, and B. Buckelew are part of the facilities committee as are members of the SRCA faculty
- Invited the three aforementioned board members to walk through the presentation of the operating costs of the Dellwood campus, particularly as compared to those of the Russ Ave campus

B. Mullinix spoke

- Stated that the facilities committee met last week
  - Reviewed items needing repair
  - Tried to put together outside funds
- Noted the challenge in seeking philanthropy for land that SRCA does not itself own
- Noted community members offering labor and appreciation of that, and noted that labor is not what is most needed
- Alternatives of where to house students not feasible
- Recognized the value in taking the extra time between last meeting and this meeting to explore options

### **C. Finance Committee**

R. Gevjan spoke about

- ADM projections as compared with actual
- Expectations of bondholders and consequences of not meeting those expectations

- Read aloud a personal statement about the hardship of taking care of something cherished and loved that needs adjustment

#### **D. Academic Committee**

A. Weimar spoke

- Invited C. White to walk through the presentation

C. White spoke and invited H. Wilson to speak (and so the two)

- Gave a walk-through of the deliberated pathway for the most vulnerable population, rising seniors
- Commended staff who helped in deliberating the proposed pathway

A. Weimar invited board members to discuss

L. Davis asked how many juniors are currently enrolled to which H. Wilson replied

J. Sims asked if the minimum threshold of 8 enrolled students (as specified in the proposal) was met by the beginning of the semester, but not sustained, would the program continue for those students remaining to which C. White replied that it would

B. Mullinix asked about the results of the poll targeting rising senior enrollment intent to which H. Wilson replied

A. Weimar asked from where the minimum of 8 enrolled students arose to which C. White replied that it arose from internal budget calculations

C. White lastly noted that because biology is the only state tested subject, students would take that EOC exam in December but we would not typically get the results back until January in which case those students could graduate with their peers, but would not receive a finalized transcript and GPAs until the receipt of the biology exam results

#### **E. Votes related to high school and Dellwood closure**

A. Weimar made a motion to withdraw from the table the motion regarding closure of grades 9-12 effective June 30 2026.

L. Davis seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

R. Gevjan made a motion to close grade 12 following the Fall 2026 semester, with the specific final date to be set by future Board action.

L. Davis seconded the motion.

A. Weimar suggested not including a minimum enrollment threshold for grade 12

J. Sims asserted agreement

No board member expressed disagreement with said non-inclusion

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

S. Messer made a motion to close grades 9-11 effective June 30 2026.

B. Mullinix seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

L. Davis made a motion to authorize the Head of School and the Facilities Committee to assess and take action regarding facility disposition on any real property associated with the Dellwood campus with the intent of fulfilling terms of the current land lease.

R. Gevjan seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

R. Gevjan made a motion to authorize the Head of School and the Finance Committee to assess and take action regarding contracts associated with the Dellwood property beyond July 1, 2026.

S. Messer seconded the motion.

The board **VOTED** unanimously to approve the motion.

## **VIII. Other Business**

### **A. Open Discussion- Other Business (Board Members)**

None

## **IX. Closing Items**

### **A. Adjourn Meeting**

There being no further business to be transacted, and upon motion duly made, seconded and approved, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

A. Weimar

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## **Documents used during the meeting**

- School Report February 2025.pdf
- 5550\_Graduation\_Requirements\_rev\_2026\_\_Clean\_.pdf
- 7900\_Student\_Privacy\_\_Education\_Access\_and\_Immigration\_Enforcement.pdf
- 9501\_Homeschool\_Athlete\_Participation.pdf
- 7000\_School\_Records\_Retention.pdf

- Jan\_26\_Revisions\_Board\_Handbook\_Draft\_2.pdf