APPROVED

Shining Rock Classical Academy

Minutes

Strategic Planning Matters and Vote

Date and Time
Wednesday February 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM

Location
2150 Russ Avenue, Waynesville, NC 28786.
If school is closed due to weather, notice of location change or date change will be posted.

Directors Present
A. Adeleke, A. Weimar, B. Bowser, B. Buckelew, B. Mullinix, J. Sims, R. Gevjan, S. Messer

Directors Absent
L. Davis

Ex Officio Members Present
J. Morgan

Guests Present
A. Anderson, Aaron Ray, Aerie V, Alex Anderson, Alex Varner, Alicia Ledford, Allen Wood, Amelia Childers, Anna Eason, Austin T, Autumn, Ayamaln, B. Nicholson, B. Weimar, Ben Weimar, Bianca Morris, Briana Gilliam, Brock Muri, C. White, Carol Constance, Carrie Griffin, Chelsea White-Hoglen, Chris N, Cynthia B, Daryl I, Dawn Buchanan, Doug S, Elin Alexander, Elizabeth Levy, Ella Wood, Emma Grace Paige, Eric Liautaud, Erin Norman, Ethan Morris, Evelyn Young-Scceratto, Faith Singleton, Gabe Dial, Gabreil Harris, H. Wilson, Hannah Mohr, Helen L, Hudson Moody, Jackson McCall, Jason Moody, Jeff Childers, Joey Messer, Karina Huber, Katie Carr, Kelsey Deilley, Kirby Phillips, Kyndra Postock, Landry Griffin, Lesley Stiggins, Luke Lafata, Lynda Mohr, Mae Hight, Mason Barnes, Maya Haynes, Michael Hernandez, Mollie Eason, Nevaeh Bradley, Pat Fresuno, Phil Mohr, Phillip Morgan, Randy Lynn, S. Jenkins, Sara

Jenkins, Sarah Carlson, Shannon Carlock, Stephan Liautaud, T. Gresham, T. Inman, Terry White, Travis Varner, William VanHook

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I. Opening Items

A. Record Attendance

B. Call the Meeting to Order

A. Weimar called a meeting to order on Wednesday Feb 11, 2026 at 6:00 PM.

C. Reminder of Public Comment Policy

A. Weimar gave a recap of the public comment policy

II. Review of Dellwood Report

A. Review of report

A. Weimar invited J. Morgan to proceed with the review of the Dellwood Report

J. Morgan spoke about

- The historical summary
- The enrollment summary
- Programming and results summary
- Finances summary
- Facilities summary
- Closing summary

W. VanHook spoke further about the report and CSP's part in forming it

A. Weimar thanked W. VanHook for his input and invited J. Morgan to speak

J. Morgan asked about the most optimistic hypothetical
W. VanHook spoke about the most optimistic hypothetical involving enrollment and funding from the county, state, and federal levels

A. Weimar invited board members to ask questions

B. Mullinix asked about LJA's interest in a sale of the Dellwood property
J. Morgan asserted that LJA has been generous with the lease and is not interested in a sale

B. Mullinix asked about possible refinancing.

W. VanHook spoke about refinancing in similar scenarios from his experience
J. Morgan noted that the current bond was formed at an exceptionally low rate and that contemporary rates would not be competitive

R. Gevjan asked about strategies that W. VanHook is familiar with that other schools may have considered in his past experience
W. VanHook shared his experience on that subject

A. Adeleke asked W. VanHook about hybrid structure of the 9-12 program
W. VanHook noted that J. Morgan and administration would have more plentiful information on that subject and said that it would require significant operational steps and state approval to provide that opportunity
J. Morgan clarified that the 9-12 program already embraces a hybrid structure in its working relationship with NCSSM and HCC
J. Morgan also noted that 9-12 programs require a higher staffing ratio than K-8 due to the academic structure
J. Morgan noted that the extraordinary flexibility and creativity of the high school staff has been critical for the hereto success of the program
Lastly, J. Morgan noted that virtual programming subtracts from the revenue of the high school

A. Weimar asked W. VanHook to speak more about the risk to the K-8 program if SRCA were to continue with the 9-12 program
W. VanHook stated that if the school were not compliant for more than one year then the bondholders would have authority, and often exercise it, to introduce a supervising representative to guide the school toward financial stability
W. VanHook then noted that J. Morgan and current administration already run a lean K-12 program and that such bondholder involvement would likely only yield detrimental cuts
A. Weimar then noted that the sustainability report is SRCA's in-house exercise in critically reviewing the performance and trajectory of the high school

W. VanHook noted that he empathizes with the plight that SRCA is facing as he has experience in instructing at the high school level himself

A. Weimar invited board members to ask any remaining questions of W. VanHook

No further questions were raised

III. Public Comment

A. Public Comment Opportunities

A. Weimar opened the public comment session

T. Inman spoke about the performance of the 9-12 academics and the personal experiences of the students and faculty

A. Ray spoke about his formative experience teaching at SRCA and the pride he feels as part of it

C. Constance, TA of EC class, spoke about her experience and impression of the 9-12 program and asked the board to pursue financing options

H. Moore, an SRCA student of 11 years and a junior at the HS, spoke about her experience at SRCA and its consistency and comforting influence

E. G. Paige, an SRCA student since kindergarten and now a sophomore at the HS, spoke about her positive experience and deep involvement in the school

E. Young, parent of a sophomore whom started with SRCA at its beginnings, expressed that the news of the possible HS closure felt sudden and invited leadership change

P. Moore, parent of a student whom has attended SRCA since 2020, noted that the 10 yr lifespan of the modular buildings at Dellwood was known at the time and suggested that planning could have been better; commended leadership

P. Travino, a grandparent of a student asked for a further pursuit of funding

E. Norman, school nurse at SRCA of 6 years, suggested tightening enrollment of K-8 to accommodate existing 9-12 students at the Russ Ave campus until their graduation (in the event of the closure of the Dellwood campus)

A. Eason, founding board member and former vice chair and chair of 10 years -- and parent of a student, expressed that there was a lack of notice of the sustainability report and suggested that pushing existing HS students out is inappropriate

S. Carlock, former board member present for the hiring of 3 school directors and the dismissing of 2 of them, expressed that the sustainability report left out legal fees and noted a lack of volunteers and fundraising and stated that the needed repairs are teachable moments and suggested that the help and money is out there

C. White-Hoglen spoke about terror of speaking up in fear of retaliation to students and about being impacted by reading about the legal controversy and public image of the school and expressed that the monthly school reports seem condescending toward the legal challenges against the school

J. Moody, former board member, expressed that he only knew about this meeting because of rumors and that if the meeting were better advertised, many more would be in attendance and expressed disapproval of voting by ballot

No further public comment

IV. Discussion and possible action

A. Motion to vote by ballot

A. Weimar made a motion to approve the closure of the SRCA High School and end serving grades 9 through 12 effective June 30, 2026.
R. Gevjan seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** to approve the motion.
A. Weimar invited board discussion before a vote by ballot

- R. Gevjan spoke about the difficulty of the situation and expressed appreciation to those in attendance
- J. Sims spoke to introduce himself to the attendees and acknowledged that availability to attend many school meetings is not common
- A. Weimar spoke about the lack of feasibility in continuing the 9-12 program and about the sustainability report
- B. Mullinix spoke about the financial position of SRCA and the challenges of the continuation of the Dellwood campus
- B. Bowser spoke about her experience at SRCA and commended those in attendance and who gave public comment

S. Messer made a motion to table the vote.
B. Mullinix seconded the motion.
The team **VOTED** to approve the motion.

V. 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 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
A. Weimar

Documents used during the meeting

- Sustainability_Report_1.28.26.pdf

- Sustainability Report Abstract.pdf
- 2500_Public_Comment_Policy.pdf