

## **BOARD MEMBERS**

Heather Ward, Parent Member, Chair: Heather is an attorney with extensive experience in criminal and civil litigation. She has a bachelor's degree in Political Science and Art Theory & Practice from Northwestern University and a Juris Doctorate from UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law. She spent the beginning part of her career as a judicial law clerk in the New Hampshire Superior Courts and the New Hampshire Supreme Court. She then went into indigent criminal defense with the New Hampshire Public Defender prior to entering private practice. She currently works as a professor at UNH Franklin Pierce School of Law teaching Legal Analysis & Writing. She enjoys being outside with her family hiking, skiing, camping, and doing anything in nature. She lives in Durham with her husband and three kids.

Shannon Keyes, Community Member, Vice Chair: Bio coming soon!

**Theresa Stachow, Expertise Member:** Theresa has been part of the Seacoast Charter School community almost as long as the school has been open. After graduating from Boston College in 1990 with a bachelor's degree in philosophy and studio art, she joined the Peace Corps and then lived and worked in Zaire (now the Democratic Republic of Congo) for two years. While working as a teaching assistant at UNH, she discovered her love of teaching, and received her master's degree in education from Lesley University. She currently teaches grades 5 and 6.

Hannah Welsh, Parent Member: Bio coming soon!

Kathy Goodell, Parent Member: Kathy is a Registered Nurse at the Women and Children's Center at Wentworth-Douglass Hospital, where she works with laboring and postpartum mothers, and their infants and families. She also helps to manage the team as the charge nurse, trains new staff, is involved with the peer-to-peer support network, and has a specialty in lactation. Prior to her work at WDH, she spent time exploring the country as a travel nurse and working in the Finger Lakes of upstate NY. She has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree from Hartwick College, and her coursework included studies in Jamaica and Madagascar. She lives in Dover with her husband and two children, and can often be found on the hiking trails.

Maegan Adams, Teacher Member: Maegan has been a part of the Seacoast Charter School community for five years, first as a 1st/2nd grade assistant and then as a Kindergarten teacher. After graduating from UNH in 2012 with a degree in English and a minor in Elementary Education, she went on to teach Kindergarten at an early learning center in Epping, NH, as well as provide art enrichment to the entire school. After hearing about the philosophy of Seacoast Charter School, she was eager to apply and found a wonderful and welcoming community. She is a huge proponent of play-based learning and getting kids moving throughout the day. She lives in Dover with her husband Justin, her daughter Fiona, her dog Roger, and her two cats, Renly and Miri.

**Kayla Hoffman, Teacher Member, Secretary**: Kayla Hoffman has a bachelor's degree in Math and another in Adolescent Education, as well as a master's in Literacy. She has been a middle school teacher at Seacoast Charter School for over five years. She is head of the math and technology committees for the school, and often is the one troubleshooting any IT issues that

come up during the school day. She has taught many different enrichment courses, facilitates the student run yearbook committee, and is also the coordinator for the Gunstock ski/snowboard program. She loves this community and being a positive part of all the incredible things Seacoast Charter School does for students. At home, she enjoys reading, cooking, and canoeing with her dog Lily.

Chad Roberge, Parent Member: Bio coming soon!

Dennis McCann, Community Member: Dennis McCann was hired in 1997 to start up Strafford Economic Development Corporation (SEDC) from scratch. Now SEDC operates the largest business revolving loan fund in the state. Prior to SEDC, he had been the Economic Development Specialist at NH Office of State Planning. He oversaw \$50,000,000 in community facility, housing and economic development projects in 43 communities across the state within the Community Development Block Grant program. He originally became involved in Community Economic Planning and Development as a volunteer in the Recession of 1981. A lifelong entrepreneur, other employment experience includes manufacturing, journalism, technical and legal writing (NH Environmental Services), and collection and mapping of data (US Geological Survey). He also has an extensive record of community involvement at the municipal, regional and state levels as well as non-profit boards. He enjoys DIY projects, fishing, biking, most sports, reading, music and hanging out with his family.

Peter Sweet, Community Member: With more than thirty-five years of experience as a principal, Peter is an accomplished executive with a proven track record of building successful community-based schools in New Hampshire. Peter served most recently as Head of School for SCS for four years, principal of North Hampton School for 17 years, and before that he was the principal of Deerfield Community School for 18 years. He has a B.S. in elementary education from Framingham State College and an M.A. in elementary administration from Providence College. A longtime adjunct professor at the University of New Hampshire, he also served as a New Hampshire representative on the New England Association of Schools and Colleges Commission on Public Elementary Schools. He is the recipient of a New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award for best middle school, as well as a US Department of Education Blue Ribbon Award.

Josh Roberge, Trustee Emeritus: Josh works in Human Resources for a Portsmouth, NH-based non-profit organization focused on continuous improvement for K-12 educational institutions globally. His primary responsibilities fall in the areas of Talent Acquisition, Contingent Labor Management, and Employee Relations. Josh is a Certified Professional by the Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM-CP) and a certified Lean Six Sigma Green Belt. He received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from the University of New Hampshire and a Master of Human Resource Management degree from Southern New Hampshire University. A life-long resident of the New Hampshire Seacoast, Josh now lives in Dover with his wife and two children.

Nicole Outsen, Interim Head of School, Ex Officio Member: Bio coming soon!