

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL**

**610 Lake Street, Elmira NY 14901
12:10 PM**

September 2, 2015

CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 12:16 p.m. by Trustee Baker.

ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Martina Baker	___x___	_____
Jill Koski	__ x__	_____
Kevin Murphy	___x___	_____
Bill Lake	_____	___x___
Ada Robinson-Perez	___x___	_____
Katie Stowell	___x___	_____
Renee Sutton	_____	___x___
Lynn Winner	___x___	_____
Maggie Thurber (ex-officio)	___x___	_____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Trustee Koski made a motion to approve the agenda which was seconded by Trustee Murphy and unanimously approved.

PRESENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The Elmira City School District has only offered to accommodate the delivery of Finn Academy Scholars to the school in the morning, therefore Head of School and staff have explored alternative options for safe transportation of scholars. It has been complicated to estimate cost and viability of options because there isn't a final number for the amount of students that need bussing and therefore there is no determined route.

Option 1 includes entering into a 1 year contract with Bernie bus service which is located in Binghamton with an office in Corning. The estimated rate is \$700/hour.

Option 2 is purchasing busses. Empire Bus Sales has provided a quote of \$35,000 + tax per bus for two busses. However, the school would be responsible for hiring drivers and purchasing insurance.

RESOLUTION

Trustee Koski made a motion to authorize Head of School and staff to research supplemental transportation options for the 2016-2017 school year including all school districts, BOCES, and other providers and to approve the one year contract with Bernie not to exceed \$1,000 per day along with appropriate insurance to cover liability, and also to authorize the purchase of a bus not to exceed \$35,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Baker and unanimously approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Baker made a motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm, which was seconded by Trustee Koski and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted by Trustee Jill Koski, Secretary