

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901**

**March 12, 2018
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:02 PM by Jill Koski.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Jill Koski	___x___	_____
Kevin Murphy	_____	___x___
Maya Patel	___x___	_____
Katie Stowell	_____	___x___
Renée Sutton	___x___	_____
Lynn Winner	___x___	_____
Nichole Bocage (parent representative)	___x___	_____
Jenica Drehmer (parent representative)	___x___	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Katelin Woods (ex-officio)	___x___	_____

IV. WELCOME & MISSION MOMENT

At Finn Academy - An Elmira Charter School, we will engage students deeply in the arts, music, and in daily fitness. We will emphasize the importance of college attendance. We will nurture the character traits of leadership, scholarship, reflection, kindness, perseverance, and aspiration. We will strategically partner with community resources to be a model of best practice in education and to make a measurable difference in student learning. We seek to increase the number of college and career ready students our community launches into a life and a future- by better preparing them for demands and rigor of high school.

Featured presentation: Finn's Inaugural Spirit Week

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to **approve**/amend/add/table/delete agenda items

So Moved: Maya Seconded: Lynn In Favor: all

Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Parent asked about fire drills and lock down drills.

One parent asked how Finn Family Crew plans to spend the money raised during the book fair.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To accept the January financial statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates. We are now at the point where we are almost getting paid exactly what we're billing for.

Resolution: To approve the Draft 990 as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve a quote from Camfil USA, Inc. to purchase replacement filters for the school building in the amount of \$1,067.02.

Resolution: To approve the expenditure for a half day of Professional Learning to 1 Step Coaching & Consulting in the amount of \$1,495.00.

Leadership PL

Resolution: To approve the expenditure of funds raised by Finn Family Crew to purchase 70 laptop computers from CDW Inc. in the amount of \$10,001.35.

Resolution: To approve no more than \$4000 to send individuals to Teach Like a Champion Engaging Academics Train the Trainer Workshop in Albany, NY on March 22-23.

So Moved: Renee **Seconded:** Maya **In Favor:** all
Opposed: None

B. GOVERNANCE

Old Business: Parent Representative Terms
New Business: Testing Policy

Jenica and Nicole will connect with Finn Family Crew to determine how to transition new parent reps (or stay on for another term as parent reps).

Resolution: To approve the draft minutes and the Testing Policy as amended from the February 12, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

So Moved: Jill **Seconded:** Renee **In Favor:** All
Opposed:

C. ACADEMICS

Report from Tracey Kelley’s visit on Feb. 28th. Tracey is a consultant with SUNY and spent the day in the school observing instruction. She shared feedback with school leadership in the three areas requested by leadership: Differentiation, Open-Ended Questioning, and Transitions.

Report cards will go out to families on March 21.

A Math committee has been convened and includes representatives from all different grade levels and areas throughout the building. Purpose is to evaluate Jump Math as a program.

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Have started meeting with staff to project out where each teacher would like to be placed next year.

Applications have been coming in.

Two parents have come forward to take the lead on inquiring about transportation.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.f (below):

So Moved: Jill Seconded: Maya In Favor: All

Opposed:

(1.f. Upon a majority vote of its total membership, taken in an open meeting pursuant to a motion identifying the general area or areas of the subject or subjects to be considered, a public body may conduct an executive session for the below enumerated purposes only, provided, however, that no action by formal vote shall be taken to appropriate public moneys: f. the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation;)

Resolution: To return from Executive Session

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Lynn In Favor: All

Opposed:

Resolution: To approve the personnel packet as presented.

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Lynn In Favor: All

Opposed:

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at:

So Moved: Lynn Seconded: Jill In Favor: All

Opposed: