

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

**April 9, 2018
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:10 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: NYS Testing

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

So Moved:	Renee	Seconded: Jill	In Favor:	All
			Opposed:	none

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Discussion: Some families have questions about the uniform policy for next year, the school's peanut policy, the first day of Kindergarten for the next school year, and whether the school will contract with EOP again for the summer session.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Discussion: State auditors will be on the premises for several weeks. Most school are audited on a 5-year cycle.

Resolution: To accept the February financial statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve the proposal from DeMuth Electric in the amount of \$2,280.00 to upgrade gymnasium lighting.

Resolution: To approve, in consultation with Kirisits and Associates, the transition from PowerSchool to SchoolTool as the Finn Academy Student Management System for the 2018-2019 school year, and contract through GST Boces in an amount not to exceed \$14,538 prior to June 30, 2018 in order to prepare the data transition.

So Moved:	Maya	Seconded:	Katie	In Favor:	All
				Opposed:	None

B. GOVERNANCE

Discussion: Packets for prospective trustees have been distributed to the board and will be sent to SUNY.

C. ACADEMICS

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Discussion: Transportation: Katie spoke with a person in the ECSD office and was told that while the cutoff date to submit forms requesting transportation for the next academic was April 1, they will continue to accept forms until the 15th, and perhaps longer.

Action items:

- Encourage families who did not make the April 1st deadline to submit their transportation request form to the district.
- Board chair and School Leaders will arrange meetings with key parties from the ECSD for further discussion.
- Contact Northeast Charter Schools Network.

An enrollment lottery will take place on April 11 for grades 1 and 3-6. There are still a few seats available in Kindergarten.

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Maya In Favor: All

Opposed: None

(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: Katie In Favor: All

Opposed: Carried

Resolution: To approve resolution as presented under executive session.

So Moved: Maya

Seconded: Lynn

In Favor: Katie, Jill

Opposed: Renee

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at:

So Moved: Maya

Seconded: Jill

In Favor: All

Opposed: None