

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

**July 8, 2019
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kathryn Coletta	___X___	_____
Jill Koski	___X___	_____
Maya Patel	___X___	_____
Cynthia Raj	_____	___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___	_____
Jeremy Wheeler (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.

Many incredible field studies have been planned for the 2019 summer session. This year scholars will be making trips to Elmira College, Ithaca College and Corning Community College for college aspiration.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete agenda items to include a resolution for Board officers vote under Governance.

So Moved:	Jill	Seconded:	Lynn	In Favor:	All
				Opposed:	None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Parents felt the ice cream social hosted by FFC was a nice way to end the school year.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the 2019-20 service agreement with Day Automation in the amount of \$1,663.00.

Resolution: To approve the renewal of services with NWEA for scholar benchmark assessments for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$5,818.50.

Resolution: To approve the MOU with Future Leaders Incubator for services in the amount of \$8,800.00.

Resolution: To approve the proposal from Houghton Mifflin in the amount of \$20,878.47 for GoMath! curriculum materials for the 2019-2020 school year.

Resolution: To approve and empower COO to facilitate purchase of furnishings for new classrooms,

not to exceed amount budgeted for the 2019-2020 school year.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

A board retreat for strategic planning has been scheduled for July 24 at 5 PM.

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the May and June Board of Trustees meetings.

Resolution: To approve the proposed slate of officers: Renee Sutton as Board Chair, Cynthia Raj as Vice Chair, Jill Koski as Chair of the Finance Committee, Maya Patel as Secretary and Chair of the Governance Committee, and Lynn Winner as Chair of the Academics Committee

So Moved: Katie S **Seconded:** Lynn **In Favor:** All
Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

Lynn and Jeremy summarized the recent Academics Committee meeting in which subcommittees, projected proficiencies, other data for board review, and special ed reporting were discussed.

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Finn now qualifies for free lunch program. Finn will be submitting a response to the SUNY report very soon. Staff have provided very positive feedback on the NYS retirement resolution.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM.

So Moved: Lynn Seconded: Renee

In Favor: All

Opposed: None