

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

**August 10, 2020
6:03 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:03 P by Renee Sutton

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_____	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	_____x_____	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	_____x_____	_____
Jeremy Wheeler (ex-officio)	_____x_____	_____
Catie Hatch, Parent Rep (ex-officio)	_____	_____x_____

IV. WELCOME & MISSION MOMENT

At Finn Academy we promote an inclusive, rigorous and nurturing environment to best prepare our children for their future and to cultivate a community of scholars, leaders and friends.

All Finn staff continue to work very hard to prepare the school, classrooms, and instruction for the upcoming start of the school year.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete agenda to include the resolution under Governance renewing a trustee term of service and to include a committee report from the Re-entry Committee

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Katie Hatch reported that parents are simply waiting to hear from the school about re-entry plans. Some parents have asked about the school supplies list. Aimee assured her that this communication will come soon, once we are certain about the mode of instruction. Also, there are three information Zoom sessions scheduled for parents to get their questions answered coming up in the next week.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the quote from NewsELA in the amount of \$7,050.00.

Resolution: To approve the quote from Open Up Resources in the amount of ~~\$14,415.00~~. \$16,850

Resolution: To approve the purchase of SEL resources totaling an amount of \$11,570.40. Purchasing from 3 separate companies to make sure we have enough resources for curricula for all classrooms.

Resolution: To approve the purchase in the amount of \$3,200 for customized masks.

Resolution: To approve the COO to purchase staff and scholar computers, with the amount not to exceed the amount budgeted for the 2020-2021 school year.

So Moved: Jill **Seconded:** Maya **In Favor:** All
Opposed: None

B. GOVERNANCE

The Governance Committee will meet later in August to review new policies and policy amendments.

Resolution: To approve the renewal of Lynn Winner’s position on the Board of Trustees for another 2 year term from August 2020 through August 2022.

So Moved:	Maya	Seconded:	Katie S.	In Favor:	All
				Opposed:	None
				Abstained:	Lynn Winner

C. ACADEMICS

Academics Committee has not met this month so that academic staff and leadership can focus on Re-entry Committee work.

D. RE-ENTRY COMMITTEE

Aimee shared a chart showing enrollment, the number of scholars who have selected in-person preference in the most recent parent survey, what class size looks like, and the number of scholars opting for remote instruction instead. The goal is to try to get as many scholars as we can in person while keeping the class sizes small, and not overtasking teachers so that they are doing both. Once the school has verified and finalized the number of remote vs. in-person scholars, parents will be notified about mode of instruction (in person if enough scholars are in fact opting for remote instruction for most).

The board also discussed issues of transportation, including Wednesday transportation because the ECSD will not be in session on Wednesdays and therefore will not provide morning or afternoon transportation on that day. The school district has not promised any transportation for non-public schools this year.

The Re-entry Committee will continue to convene beyond the beginning of the school year to monitor how well adjustments are going.

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

See above discussion under Re-Entry Committee

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

(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:** Katie C. **In Favor:** All

Opposed: None

Resolution: To accept the Personnel Packet as presented.

So Moved: Lynn **Seconded:** Katie S. **In Favor:** All

Opposed: None

X.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:50 PM

So Moved: Katie S **Seconded:** Lynn **In Favor:** All

Opposed: None.