

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

**Sept 3, 2020
12:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 12:04P 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_____	_____

IV. WELCOME & MISSION MOMENT

none

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to **approve**/amend/add/table/delete agenda to include vote on Lynn and to include a Committee Report from the Re-Entry Committee

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Several teachers and two parents addressed the board to express their support for the proposed shift in start dates for grades K-1 and grades 2-6, citing the need to be abundantly cautious about scholar and staff safety.

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

None

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Discussion: Aimee shared a summary of the proposed changes to the calendar. Martina addressed the changes from the operations perspective. Most importantly, some important and necessary materials for facilities readiness have yet to be delivered and installed. Jeremy addressed the proposed changes from the instructional perspective. Teachers have been working strenuously to prepare for both in-person and remote modes of instruction and will make good use of several more days to plan, prepare, and coordinate across modes. The proposed change will not cause Finn's school year to drop below the required 180 days nor will it extend the school year later in June. One day originally schedule as day off in April will be exchanged for a full day of instruction.

Resolution: To modify the start date for the Finn Academy 2020-2021 school year to begin not later than Sept. 14 for all scholars.

So Moved: Jill Seconded: Katie C In Favor: All
Opposed: None

IX. Adjournment

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 12:44 PM

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