

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

**February 8, 2021  
6:00 PM**

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

**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___ | _____  |
| Michelle Augustine (ex-officio) | ___X___ | _____  |



The board discussed continue with COVID testing of scholars and staff thought Chemung County is no longer in an orange zone and agreed that his is a good idea to continue to ensure the safety of all and continuity of instruction. The board also discussed options for a make-up day of instruction to compensate for the last snow day – we had three in a row and this put is under the 180 day minimum. After weighing the various options, the board agreed that converting the first Friday of Spring Break (April 2) to an instructional day was a good compromise. The board also discussed engaging a consultant to facilitate the next charter renewal application. Maya, Katie S, and Cynthia each have a potential consultant to contact. The next strategic planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for Saturday March 6 (time to be determined).

**Resolution:** To empower school leaders to revise the school calendar to make Friday April 2, 2021 an instructional day (in person if transportation is available, otherwise remote) if deemed necessary upon consultation with our authorizer.

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

**Resolution:** To approve minutes from the January meeting of the Finn Academy Board of Trustees.

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

**Resolution:** To continue random testing of the school population subject to availability of resources and review by our general counsel.

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

**C. ACADEMICS**

See Report of the Leadership Team

**IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Aimee reviewed the number of suspensions and referrals (very low numbers for January) and enrollment. Martina shared a summary of the status of our filed intercepts.

Jeremy reported that the K-2 classrooms are finishing up NWEA testing. Grades 3-6 are finishing up their mock NY State tests. These grades will take their NWEA tests after the upcoming winter break. Jeremy will share available data from these and other assessments at the March 4 Academics meeting.

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**So Moved: Maya**

**Seconded: Katie S**

**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: Lynn**

**Seconded: Maya**

**In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:27**

**So Moved: Lynn**

**Seconded: Jill**

**In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**