

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

**7:00 PM
December 14, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:20 PM. by Jill Koski.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Martina Baker	_____	__X__
Jill Koski	__X__	_____
Kevin Murphy	_____	__X__
Katie Stowell	__X__	_____
Renée Sutton	__X__	_____
Lynn Winner	__X__	_____
Maggie Thurber (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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

As amended to move public comment section sooner in agenda

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

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: That the Board approve payment of \$ to Streeter & Associates for work associated with readying the former Ernie Davis Middle School

Resolution: That the Board accept a \$150,000 line of credit from Charter Asset Management to cover the accounts payable until receipt of monies from the CSP grant and upcoming anticipated district payments.

Resolution: That the Board authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$ to Scholastic Books for the purchase of classroom libraries, 6+1 Writing Trait Crates, a subscription to Stora ebooks.

Resolution: That the Board authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$ for additional staff computers, 20 student laptops, a server, and 20 tablets for students.

Resolution: That the Board authorize a requisition for repairs to the roof to be coordinated with Hale Roofing and Streeter Associates.

PUBLIC COMMENT

B. FACILITIES

The Board of Trustees will enter into executive session to discuss issues pertaining to the acquisition of property, in accordance with the following provision of the New York State Open Meetings Law <https://www.dos.ny.gov/coog/openmeetlaw.html>):

h. the proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property or the proposed acquisition of securities, or sale or exchange of securities held by such public body, but only when publicity would substantially affect the value thereof.

Resolution to enter into Executive Session, with guests Scott Proudfoot and Jeff Streeter:

So Moved: **Jill Koski** **Seconded:** **Lynn Winner** **In Favor:** **All**
Opposed: **None**

Return to General Session:

So Moved: **Jill Koski** **Seconded:** **Lynn Winner** **In Favor:** **All**
Opposed: **None**

Resolution: To work with legal counsel to draft a letter of intent regarding facility of Ernie Davis Middle School.

C. ACADEMICS

Resolution: That the Board approve adding a day of professional development to the school calendar – January 19th, 2016, making this a day on which there would be no school.

Resolution: That the Board authorize the Head of School to investigate adding a Pre-Kindergarten program to Finn Academy for the 2015-2016 school year.

VIII. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

ACADEMIC DASHBOARD:

Report Cards

Expedition Night

Field Work

Terms

Student-Led Conferences

Enrollment

School Calendar 2016-2017

OPERATIONS DASHBOARD:

Boiler Operation/Day Automation

Roof

Winter Sing

Communications

FISCAL DASHBOARD:

Billing to Host Districts

Payment to Charter Asset Management

A/P

IX. Personnel Packet

Resolution: That the Board authorize the creation of an additional special education teacher position in anticipation of immediate special education needs.

Resolution: That the Board authorize the posting of general recruitment for teaching positions to begin the hiring process for the 2016-2017 school year.

So Moved: Jill Koski Second: Renee Sutton In Favor: All
Opposed: None

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 9:35.

So Moved: Lynn Winner Second: Jill Koski In Favor: All
Opposed: None