

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

**7:00 PM
March 14, 2016**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:01 PM. by Martina Baker.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Martina Baker	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jill Koski	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Kevin Murphy	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Maya Patel (nominated, ex officio pending approval)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Katie Stowell	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Renée Sutton	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Lynn Winner	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Maggie Thurber (ex-officio)	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

Present as nominated

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

Add to consent items

So moved: Martina Baker

Second: Jill Koski

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

VI. Head of School Report

Academics

Resolution for consideration: To amend the EEducation Contract to provide 2 additional days of support with Ann Kaminski, 3rd Grade School Designer (currently 5 days) , and to provide 5 people the opportunity to attend a site seminar (instead of 3).

Operations

Resolution for consideration: To request a draft memorandum of understanding with Family Services of Chemung County for the provision of mental health services for approximately 20 scholars.

Resolution: To establish the number of available seats as 32 for Kindergarten, 0 for First Grade, 0 for Second Grade, 0 for Third Grade, and 0 for Fourth Grade.

Fiscal

Resolution for consideration: To request a renegotiation of the terms and amount of line of credit with Charter Asset Management, in light of discrepancies in ECSD invoicing.

VII. CONSENT ITEMS

Resolution: To approve \$600 additional funding to support expert visit of Sarah Red-Laird, Bee Girl, on March 11, 2016, for additional time needed to make arrangements with local connections.

Resolution: To approve purchase of curriculum materials and books for Kindergarten Expedition and K-3 Literacy & Arts Curriculum materials from Amazon.com, in the amount of \$1941.57.

Resolution: To approve the addition of swimming to the 3rd Grade Physical Expedition curriculum and to approve a contract with the YMCA/YWCA not to exceed \$1000 for the delivery of such curriculum, in conjunction with staff.

Resolution: To approve the creation of business, tax-exempt on-line accounts with Amazon Business Prime, Walmart, Sam's Club, and Lowe's.

Resolution: To accept tax payment refunds from Amazon.com paid prior to the acceptance of tax exempt filings and creation of business accounts, and to apply, in concert with advisors from Kirisits & Associates, for any refunding of taxes paid due to local vendors not accepting the New York State tax exempt letter.

Resolution: To accept donation from American Association of University Women.

Resolution: To accept donation of piano from Widman Estate Sales, valued at \$2,000.

Resolution: To accept various donations of supplies, books, and materials from families, including bookshelves, books, playground balls and games, uniforms, tickets for family events, and uniform donations.

Resolution: To purchase 4 additional art tables from School Specialty.

Resolution: To establish April 7, 2016, as the lottery date, and The Steele Memorial Library as the Location of the Lottery.

Resolution to approve consent and other resolution items, as noted above:

So moved:	Jill Koski	Second:	Katie Stowell	In Favor:	All
				Opposed:	None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Academics

Resolution: To accept charter as drafted by the Committee on Academic Excellence & Accountability

B. Finance

Resolution: To review districts' invoices for accuracy

C. Governance

Resolution: To accept the nominations of parents from Finn Family Crew for Co-Parent-Representative to the Board of Trustees and to submit RFI's and Financial Disclosure forms, upon their receipt, to the SUNY CSI for approval.

D. 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.

N/A

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at:

So Moved:	Lynn Winner	Seconded:	Martina Baker	In Favor:	All
				Opposed:	None