

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

**May 8, 2017  
7:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 7:10 PM by  
Jill Koski.

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Jill Koski	_x_	_____
Kevin Murphy	_____	_x_
Maya Patel	_x_	_____
Katie Stowell	_____	_x_
Renée Sutton	_x_	_____
Lynn Winner	_x_	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	_____	_x_
Nichole Bocage (parent representative)	_x_	_____
Jenica Drehmer (parent representative)	_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.

Featured presentation: Autism Awareness Month

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Jenica Drehmer hosted a fundraiser to purchase socks and undergarments for Finn scholars in need. Jenica raised enough funds to provide the clothing for all ages and sizes most needed.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. GOVERNANCE**

**Resolution:** To approve the draft minutes from April 3, 2017 meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Resolution:** To approve the “Adopt a Park” application to the City of Elmira, with request to adopt Ernie Davis Park for the current First Grade Expedition and to support Expedition work in subsequent years.

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

**B. FINANCE**

- **New Business: Presentation of 2017-2018 Draft Budget**

**Resolution:** To approve the March financial statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

**Resolution:** To approve the expenditure of \$1,713.61 to Gannett Central New York Media Group for staff recruitment advertising in regional print and electronic news outlets.

**Resolution:** To approve the Chair of Finance Committee and Chief Operations Officer, with advisement from Kirisits and Associates, to receive and execute additional funding agreement with Charter Asset Management to support continued cash flow.

**Resolution:** To approve the transfer of \$25,000 from the General Operating Fund to the Dissolution Account prior to June 30, 2017 as required by SUNY Charter Schools Institute.

**Resolution:** To approve the Board Chair, Chair of Finance Committee and Chief Operations Officer, with advisement from Kirisits and Associates and Whiteman Osterman and Hanna, to negotiate and execute repayment of loan proceeds to creditor in the amounts and at times yet to be determined.

**Move to accept the resolutions under Finance as stated and amended.**

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

**C. ACADEMICS**

- **New Business: Uniform Policy and Dress Code  
2017-2018 Academic Calendar**

**Resolution:** To approve the uniform policy as presented to take effect in the 2017-2018 academic year.

**Resolution:** To approve the school calendar for the 2017-2018 academic year.

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

**IX. REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF SCHOOL & LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**So Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**In Favor:**

**Opposed:**

(1.f. 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:**

**Seconded:**

**In Favor:**

**Opposed:**

**Resolution:** To approve the appointment of Aimee Ciarlo as Dean of Scholars and Katelin Woods as Dean of Academics for the 2017-2018 academic year.

**So Moved:**

**Jill**

**Seconded:**

**Lynn**

**In Favor:**

**All**

**Opposed:**

**None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution to adjourn meeting at 9:00 PM**

**So Moved: Jill**

**Seconded: Lynn**

**In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**