

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

**January 8, 2018  
6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:05 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___	_____
Nichole Bocage (parent representative)	___x___	_____
Jenica Drehmer (parent representative)	___x___	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	_____	___x___
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	___x___	_____
Katelin Woods (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.

Featured presentation: 10 families for Christmas plus donated goods for EOP

**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**

A Parent addressed the board to provide positive feedback about family services counseling now available at Finn and to express interest in potentially continuing past 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Parent representatives report that community members have been inquiring of her about whether Finn will offer Pre-K in Fall 2018. She has also been receiving lots of requests for applications from community members. They also report that there is a lot of positive feedback on the new 1<sup>st</sup> grade classroom.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE –**

**B. GOVERNANCE -**

**C. ACADEMICS –**

**IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Five enrollment sessions have been scheduled. The deadline for applications is April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Finn representatives will attend several different recruitment sessions in the area for recruitment of new staff.

The second round of NWEA testing for the academic year will begin in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January. A second progress report will also go home to families in January.

Aimee shared data collected on the number of referrals made to the office regarding discipline. The numbers of such referrals have dramatically decreased as new policies, procedures, and trainings regarding classroom behavior management have been put into effect.

**X. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**So Moved: Lynn                      Seconded: Maya                      In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**

(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: Maya                      Seconded: Lynn                      In Favor: all**

**Opposed: None**

**Resolution: To approve the personnel packet as presented.**

**So Moved: Jill                      Seconded: Renee                      In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:42**

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**So Moved: Renee                      Seconded: Jill                      In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**