

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

**February 12, 2018
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:08 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: 100th day of school and Valentines for Veterans. Finn collected 1110 food items for the Salvation Army as part of the 100th day of school celebration, led by the Kindergarten. For Valentine's Day, scholars made cards in Art and Grade-level classes for veterans in local hospitals.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete agenda items to include discussion of Board composition under Governance and Library under Academics

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Parents have expressed enthusiasm and appreciation for the mid-year progress reports. There is also a lot of excitement surrounding the new video advertising the school and the new school year. Almost \$700 were raised by the most recent Finn Family Crew fundraiser (Family bowling night at Rossi Lanes). Some parents are looking for help with math homework on Facebook.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To accept the November and December financial statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve the proposal from Gannett/USA Today Jobs for advertising for employment for the 2018-2019 academic year in an amount not to exceed \$4,895.29.

Resolution: To approve the purchase of a convection oven and gas range from Wilsons Restaurant Equipment in the amount of \$4,980.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

New Business: Parent Representative Terms, discussion of Board composition

Resolution: To approve the addition of three (3) kindergarten classes and one (1) second grade class for enrollment for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Resolution: To approve the 2018 Lottery Date as April 10, 2018.

Resolution: To approve the draft minutes from the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

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

C. ACADEMICS

Old Business: Discussion re: 6th Grade at Finn Academy; Library

We expect to have a space to serve as a school library prepared by the start of the next academic year (F 2018).

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Enrollment, space, staffing, SUNY SSF Facilities Grant, most recent NWEA results and projected proficiencies, transportation, fundraising

X. PUBLIC COMMENT

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Resolution: To approve the personnel packet as presented.

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

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 8:30 PM.

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