

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

**January 14, 2019
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:09 PM by Renee Sutton.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kathryn Coletta	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jill Koski	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Maya Patel	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Cynthia Raj	<u> </u>	<u> x </u>
Katie Stowell	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Renée Sutton	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Lynn Winner	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Nichole Bocage (parent representative)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jenica Drehmer (parent representative)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>
Jeremy Wheeler (ex-officio)	<u> x </u>	<u> </u>

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Several families have asked Nicole about the date by which a child must turn 5 in order to enroll in kindergarten. Aimee confirmed that the date for Finn is still Dec. 31.

She also pointed out that during the school’s winter break in February, which is an entire week, all of the local day camps are available for only the first 2 days – meaning that there are three whole days that parents need to find activities for their kids. Martina suggested the school reach out to some of these and inquire about extending the camp for the full week.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Presentation and Question and Answer Session with Acting Sheriff William A. Schrom re: School Resource Officer program**

Discussion: Bill Schrom from the Chemung County Sherriff’s office described the County’s School Resource Officer Program, which has been in existence since the mid 1990’s. The Elmira City School District is currently considering placing a Special Patrol Officer (part time, retired officers) into each elementary school. The school district pays the Sherriff’s Office for the SPO’s salary (which is capped at \$30,000 yr). Though part time, the SPO is on school premises for the entire school day. Mr. Schrom also indicated that the Sherriff’s office would be happy to do a walk through with school officials, make a safety assessment, and conduct an active shooter training even if Finn decides not to seek an SPO for the school. SPOs are assigned as available on a first-come, first served basis. Lisa Kirisits will look into billing and entitlement.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Discussion: Lisa Kirisits reviewed the October, November and December financial statements with the board. School financial status continues to be stable and healthy. The Elmira City School district just sent the school a large check to cover per pupil monies for students whose proofs of residence had been previously deemed unacceptable. There are still sums of money owed us by the ECSD that we continue to pursue, making cash for December low.

Resolution: To approve the October, November and December Financial Statements as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve the quote from MicroSolutions for the HPE Foundation Care 3 Year Extended Service in the amount of \$1,423.71.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the December meeting of the Board of Trustees.

So Moved: Katie S **Seconded:** Katie C **In Favor:** All
Opposed: None

Tabled: To approve the participation of Finn Academy scholars in the YAP program.

Discussion: Board members would like to learn more about the YAP program and will set up a discussion with some of the teachers who have experience working with the program to get a better sense of the program and its impacts.

C. ACADEMICS

Discussion: A committee is being formed to plan curriculum and logistics for the 7th grade for the next academic year.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Discussion: NWEA testing will begin again soon. The last professional learning session was led by Katelin and covered state test prep and expectations.

Upon suggestion by Nicole, one of our parent reps, Aimee investigated the possibilities and now portable dental services will soon become available at the school, providing more access to families who are in need.

There is no update on negotiations for afternoon transportation with the ECSD. The district now has a new attorney and attorneys are still in the process of coordinating to find a time to meet.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Katie C 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: Renee In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Resolution: To approve the personnel packet as presented under Executive Session.

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Lynn In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 8:45:

So Moved: Renee Seconded: Katie C In Favor: Aye

Opposed: None