

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

**May 13, 2019  
6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:06 PM by Renee

**II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**III. ROLL CALL**

	Present	Absent
Kathryn Coletta	__ X __	_____
Jill Koski	__ X __	_____
Maya Patel	__ X __	_____
Cynthia Raj	__ 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 __	_____
Jeremy Wheeler (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.

Aimee highlighted some of the activities for Teacher Appreciation week.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

<b>So Moved:</b>	<b>Jill</b>	<b>Seconded:</b>	<b>Lynn</b>	<b>In Favor:</b>	<b>All</b>
				<b>Opposed:</b>	<b>None</b>

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

The Gala fundraiser was a big success – well planned and highly enjoyable. Some parents have been asking for next year’s school calendar. Nicole reported that announcements for expedition celebrations have been coming earlier and are more frequent.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE**

Lisa Kirisits reviewed reviewed the 990 and March Financial Statements with the board. She also previewed the 2019-2020 budget.

**Resolution:** To approve the quote from DeMuth Electric Inc. in the amount of \$14,880 to install a railing in the balcony of the Auditorium.

**Resolution:** To approve the draft March Financial Statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

**Resolution:** To approve the 990 as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

**Resolution:** To approve the proposal from Bullseye for Schools in the amount of \$7,800.

**So Moved:**

**Seconded:**

**In Favor:**

**Opposed:**

**B. GOVERNANCE**

No report – meeting next week

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

**Resolution:** To approve the school calendar for the 2019-2020 academic year with the edit to move the July 2020 board meeting from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 13<sup>th</sup>.

**So Moved:** Jill

**Seconded:** Katie

**In Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**C. ACADEMICS**

No report – meeting next week

**IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

**X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**So Moved:** Renee

**Seconded:** Katie S

**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:** Lynn

**In Favor:** All

**Opposed:** None

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution to adjourn meeting at:**

**So Moved: Lynn**

**Seconded: Katie S**

**In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**