

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

**May 11, 2020
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:07 by Renee Sutton.

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_____	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	_____X_____	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	_____X_____	_____
Jeremy Wheeler (ex-officio)	_____X_____	_____
Catie Hatch, Parent Rep (ex-officio)	_____X_____	_____

IV. WELCOME & MISSION MOMENT

At Finn Academy we promote an inclusive, rigorous and nurturing environment to best prepare our children for their future and to cultivate a community of scholars, leaders and friends.

Today’s mission moment focused on celebrating Finn’s teachers during Teacher Appreciation Week.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Catie Hatch, Parent Representative shared that parents seem to be adjusting, but some better than others. Some parents are still struggling and that for some scholars in older grades school-work is taking 5-6 hours a day. Catie is also concerned about what to expect when she and her husband go back to work in a few weeks and her kids are in daycare, rather than in school. Some families also have very limited internet.

Some parents have been asking when they can come to the school to collect their child’s belongings from the classroom and locker. Others are asking about whether scholars can go back to school for summer session.

Aimee will be sending out a survey to families to address some of these questions.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Martina reported on her most recent budget meeting with Lisa Kirisits and a recent meeting with persons from the Elmira City School District about transportation for Fall 2020.

Lisa Kirisits reported that she has been following SUNY’s meetings. Though SUNY has advised schools keep state aid flat for their budgeting process, Lisa reduced it by 2%in her budgeting process to be cautious. SUNY has asked all schools to add a line called COVID reserve (2-5%).

Finance committee will meet next week.

B. GOVERNANCE

Governance committee will meet next week

Resolution: To appoint Jeremy Wheeler as Data Privacy Officer for Finn Academy.

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the March and April Regular Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution: To create a Reentry Planning Committee as an ad hoc committee of the Board of Trustees.

So Moved: Kaitie

Seconded: Lynn

In Favor:

All

Opposed:

None

C. ACADEMICS

The Academics Committee met this afternoon and focused on what data points are needed to inform how we successfully return to school. Finn needs to gather information from parents, teachers, and other stakeholders and consider/develop multiple scenarios.

IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Aimee shared attendance data for the first week of remote teaching/learning. Teachers are tracking student attendance through daily check ins. Overall attendance has been very good.

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Katie

Seconded: Jill

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

(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: d. discussions regarding proposed, pending or current litigation; 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: Cynthia

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Resolution: To approve the personnel resolution as presented in executive session

So Moved: Jill

Seconded: Katie

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XI.

ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 8:10

So Moved: Maya

Seconded: Cynthia

In Favor: All

Opposed: None