

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

**May 27, 2020
5:05 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:04 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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

The Board discussed the possibility of applying for the Payroll Protection Plan. Lisa Kirisits presented facts about the program and the amount of money for which we could apply. Martina reported on her conversation with our lender and the paperwork involved in applying for the loan. She also reported on her discussion about applying for PPP money with Empire Charter Consultants.

Resolution: To authorize the Chief Operations Officer, in consultation with our attorneys, Whiteman, Osterman and Hanna LLP, and our Chief Financial Officer, Lisa Kirisits and Associates, to submit an application for the Payroll Protection Plan in an amount not to exceed \$650,000 should the program requirements change such that Finn Academy An Elmira Charter School becomes eligible after June 30th.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

The Board discussed moving the end date for the current school year to an earlier date. All of the other local school districts have elected to end the school year in the middle of June. Teachers and scholars worked through what would have been spring break. Moving the end date for Finn's current AY to June 17 still meets the 180-day requirement.

The Board also discussed cancelling Summer Session for scholars for this year. Were we to continue with the plan for Summer Session 2020, it would have to be through remote learning. School leaders recommended that this time could be better spent in professional development and planning for teachers to better prepare everyone for re-entry and a blended learning environment for the next school year.

