

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

**November 9, 2020  
6:00 PM**

**I. CALL TO ORDER by Renee Sutton at 6:03**

**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__	_____
Michelle Augustine (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.

Aimee provided an update on Finn's plans to host a grab and go breakfast for Veteran's Day and a live stream of the flag ceremony.

**V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT**  
None

**VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT**

Michelle reported hearing from a parent of a remote student seeking workbooks, further enrichment, and more feedback for remote scholars to work on during their off-line time in the school day.

**VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. FINANCE**

**Resolution:** To approve expenses for Bills Plumbing and Heating in the amounts of \$1,790.90 and \$9,547.50.

**Resolution:** To approve the new proposal from Goldhawk HR Consulting in the amount of \$425.00 per month beginning January 1, 2021.

**So Moved:** Katie                      **Seconded:** Jill                      **In Favor:** all  
**Opposed:** none

**B. GOVERNANCE**

**Resolution:** To approve the 2020-2021 holiday calendar as presented.

**So Moved:** Maya                      **Seconded:** Jill                      **In Favor:** all  
**Opposed:** None

**C. ACADEMICS**

Jeremy summarized the most recent academics committee meeting and shared summary results from the Fall 2020 NWEA assessment. The Academics Committee was happy to see that in most cases there was little to no noticeable regression in ELA and in Math. Theresa reviewed the school's most current RTI statistics. The board discussed ideas for supporting scholars' math skills development in light of the on-going search for a math interventionist.

**IX. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM**

Martina reported about COVID-related issues. She indicated that Hilary Austin has been extremely helpful in keeping her in the loop regarding health services, as Finn's health services are offered by the district: testing kits, personnel, time line, resources and capacity. There is currently no date slated for return to in person instruction. As we are still in the Orange Zone and would have to test all staff and scholars before returning. Community spread has to decrease before Chemung County returns to the yellow zone.

The next Re-entry Committee meeting is scheduled for 5:30 on Thursday.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:28 PM**

**So Moved: Jill**

**Seconded: Katie S.**

**In Favor: All**

**Opposed: None**