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

May 10, 2021
6:00 PM

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

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

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the March financial statements as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve the contract from Doug's Landscaping.

Resolution: To approve proposal from Bobby K Entertainment in the amount of $1,245.00.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

Discussion: The board discussed which renewal consultant to hire, the scope of work, the amount of money to set aside for that contract, and contacting the consultant to arrange for the drawing up of a contract. Leadership team will determine what the audit should look like to find out how well we are doing and make the necessary arrangements. Once the budget process has advanced a bit more, we will determine who to engage as a renewal application writer.

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the April meeting of the Board, as presented.

So Moved:	**Maya**	**Seconded:**	**Cynthia**	**In Favor:**	**All**
				Opposed:	**None**

C. ACADEMICS

Academics committee will next meet 5.20.21

VIII. LEADERSHIP REPORT

Martina reviewed current status of enrollment for the Fall. There are still some spots open in K and waitlists for most grades, especially the younger grades. We are not yet fully enrolled in the upper grades. Martina

also asked the board to consider converting Friday May 28th to a day off for staff and scholars.

Jeremy updated the board on plans for Summer Session. Instruction will focus on particular ELA and Math skills so that we can progress monitor and view growth. Martina is investigating options for keeping the building within reasonable temperatures.

Resolution: To amend the calendar so that May 28th will be a school holiday.

So moved: Katie Coletta **Seconded: Katie Stowell** **In favor: All**
Opposed: None

IX. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

X. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Katie C **Seconded: Maya** **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: 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: Katie C** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None

Resolution: To accept the personnel packet
So Moved: Jill **Seconded: Cynthia** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:57

So Moved: Katie C **Seconded: Cynthia** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None