

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

**March 10, 2021
4:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER by Renee Sutton at 4:03

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

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the quote from Integrated Systems, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the quote from DeMuth Electric, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the quote from B&C Plumbing, as presented.

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

B. GOVERNANCE

• **New Business:** Summer Session 2021

Leadership team shared its recommendation for a Summer Session 2021 (focus is on this school year, changes do not impact Summer Session 2022). The recommendation is to have an optional summer session that serves as a targeted academic intervention for scholars based on need, as determined by a set of criteria formulated by leadership. Scholars meeting those criteria will be invited to participate in a shortened day (morning hours to avoid the hottest part of the day). The number of available slots will be determined in part by the availability of staff. Invited families can still opt out if they choose. The board asked that any empty slots be made available to other families who wish to participate.

The board considered feedback from two teachers:

Change made to summer session 2021 are happening because of circumstances extenuating from the COVID-19 pandemic (which was also the case last year). These changes do not remove summer session from Finn's calendar in future years. The Finn community should discuss what summer session should look like in future years.

It is important that those scholars invited to participate in summer session do not view the request to

participate as a stigma.

Resolution: To accept proposal put forward by leadership regarding Summer Session 2021 with the modification of opening up any unoccupied slots to additional families interested in participating.

So Moved: Katie S.

Seconded: Jill

In Favor: all

Opposed: None

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 5:05 PM

So Moved: Jill

Seconded: Katie S

In Favor: all

Opposed: none