AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
February 14, 2022
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____	_____
Ashley Skiff	____x____	_____
Katie Stowell	____x____	_____
Holly Strickland	____x____	_____
Renée Sutton	____x____	_____
Lynn Winner	____x____	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	____x____	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	____x____	_____
Karen Kuty (Teacher Rep)	____x____	_____
Sabrina Morrison (Parent Rep)	____x____	_____
Jen Fetterman (Parent Rep)	_____	____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 wanted to celebrate that a school fundraiser raised over $6,800 to purchase a book vending machine.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

So Moved: Katie S	**Seconded: Holly**	**In Favor:**	**all**
		Opposed:	**none**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Parent Misty Twinning expressed concerns about an incident that occurred at the school that involved her son. She noted that although the situation was handled well by administrative staff, the camera in the area it occurred was not working and she has heard this has happened other times at Finn. Martina explained that Finn had a recent power outage and they are still trying to get a few cameras back up. BOCES has done some troubleshooting but the building internet, which controls the cameras, has been down intermittently. Martina will reach back out to the IT staff to see if they can get all cameras functioning again.

Parent Ron Stermer expressed concerns about the mask requirement for students, noting that he has pulled his son out of Finn because of this. Renee explained that the school's guidance comes from NYS Dept. of Ed. and Finn staff participates in a call with the Chemung County Health Dept. 2x weekly to keep abreast of updates. The mask mandate has been extended through the February break and will be reviewed again at that time.

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Sabrina shared that she has heard concerns expressed by a few parents on both the mask mandate and nonfunctioning camera issue. Also, the kids made valentines for seniors, and Red Robin is hosting a fundraiser for Finn on 2/17 where customers can get a donation for Finn equal to 20% of their orders when mentioning the school.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Karen expressed gratitude for all the Finn Family crew does for the school, noting that both teachers and students are excited about the book vending machine.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

New Business: Updates to Reopening Plan: Remove daily temperature checks at the school entry doors; allow for mixing of grade levels/cohorts.

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the December and January meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution: To approve the proposed changes to the Finn Reopening plan for school operation.

Resolution: To approve the Agreement with the Chemung County Sheriff's Office for staffing of a Special Patrol Officer for the 2021-2022 school year.

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

B. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the quote from CDW-G for headphone purchase in the amount of $4,348.19.

Resolution: To approve the quote from CDW-G for staff computers in the amount of $7,101.20.

Resolution: To approve the proposal from Park Outdoor for advertising in the amount of $1,500.00.

Resolution: To approve the quote from Kimball for installation of a sink in the amount of $6,470.00.

Resolution: To approve the quote from Hertz Furniture in the amount of $5,455.00.

Resolution: To approve the December Financial Statements as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

So Moved: Katie C.	**Seconded: Katie S.**	**In Favor:**	**all**
		Opposed:	**none**

C. ACADEMICS

Aimee sent out a slide deck presented at the meeting. The committee dove into the feedback from SchoolWorks and looked at the NWEA data. They also briefly discussed the summer session and where things stand with staff.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

A dashboard was sent out. Finn is currently in enrollment season and have hosted three sessions to date with additional sessions to come. These are held in all parts of the community.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.d and 1.f (below): Executive Session called at 6:53

So Moved: Jill	**Seconded: Katie C.**	**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 at 6:59

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

Resolution: To accept the personnel package as presented during Executive Session

So Moved: Katie C.	**Seconded: Holly**	**In Favor:**	**all**
		Opposed:	**none**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 6:59

So Moved: Holly	**Seconded: Ashley**	**In Favor:**	**all**
		Opposed:	**none**