MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
February 13, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kevin Brimmer	____x____	_____
Kathryn Coletta	___x_____	_____
Maya Patel	____x____	_____
James Pfiffer	___x_____	_____
Katie Stowell	_____	____x____
Holly Strickland	____x____	_____
Renée Sutton	____x____	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	_____x___	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	____x____	_____
Ryan Dunlap (Teacher Rep)	____x____	_____
Sabrina Morrison (Parent Rep)	_____	____x____
Jen Fetterman (Parent Rep)	_____	___x_____

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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.

Kayla Fivie shared that she was one of 25 teachers selected from the area to travel to Finland (community foundation) to learn about their education system.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

So Moved: Holly	**Seconded:**	**Maya**	**In Favor:** **Aye**
			Opposed: **None**

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

None

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

None

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Shared a brief overview of the last strategic planning meeting. And called for a full board and leadership meeting. Hope to continue working with Nicole in the next Academic Year.

Jim shared information from a recent webinar he attended hosted by the National Charter School Institute.

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the January meeting of the Board of Trustees.

So Moved: Jim	**Seconded:**	**Kevin**	**In Favor:** **All**
			Opposed: **None**

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B. FINANCE

Kevin has started his term as Treasurer. Martina is working to bring Angel to town to start the budgeting process for next year and to attend a transportation meeting with the district.

Kevin shared an idea about moving funds from checking to an interest bearing account that could return 4 or 5% interest. Jim asked if we could invest money. It is possible but there will be rules. We do have one reserve savings account that is our dissolution account.

Working on scheduling a meeting with the district after two board members attended a meeting with the district's school board. This meeting will happen the week after break.

Resolution: To approve the December financial statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

So Moved: Holly **Seconded: Maya** **In Favor: All**
Opposed: Opposed

C. ACADEMICS

So Moved: **Seconded:** **In Favor:**
Opposed:

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X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Update on summer session: approximately 105 scholars interested. Looking for confirmation from families by the end of the month. 20 confirmed staff members, similar to last year. Enough staff to cover the number of interested families. Following the same planning time-line as last year as that was found to be very successful.

Just had a big enrollment open house with approximately 30 people there. Aimee and Martina reviewed enrollment efforts to date.

Aimee reviewed the dashboard. Attendance is great. Discipline data are significantly lower than usual. Enrollment is at 347 scholars.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Maya **Seconded: Katie** **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

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

Opposed: None

Resolution: To approve the Personnel Packet as presented during Executive Session.

So Moved: Jim **Seconded: Holly** **In Favor: All**
Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 7:13

So Moved: Maya **Seconded: Kevin** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None

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