MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL

610 Lake Street, Elmira, NY 14901

May 8, 2023

6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER by Katie Coletta at 6:02

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent/Excused
Kevin Brimmer	___X____	_____
Kathryn Coletta	___X___	_____
Maya Patel	___X___	_____
James Pfiffer	_____	____X____
Holly Strickland	___X___	_____
Renee Sutton	_____	____X___
Martina Baker (exoficio)	___X___	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (exoficio)	___X___	_____
Ryan Dunlap (Teacher Rep)	___X____	_____
Sabrina Morrison (Parent Rep)	_____	___X_____
Jen Fetterman (Parent Rep)	_____	___X____

IV. WELCOME AND MISSION MOMENT was shared. There was a celebration relating to core values and New York State Testing. Details about "Perseverance Pie" were described as the Finn Academy scholars celebrated setting goals, not giving up, and doing their best during state testing. Guest and potential Trustee Board member Jean Papandrea was introduced. She shared information about herself before submitting her application to the Board.

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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved: Maya P. Seconded: Kevin B. In Favor: All Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT - No public comment

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – No report

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORT – Ryan reported on Teacher Appreciation Week. “The cookies were great.” The breakfast and other gifts from the Finn Crew were appreciated. The testing for grades 3-5 is done. Grade 6 scholars’ testing will be completed soon.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Resolution: To approve the minutes from the March and April meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Resolution: To approve the change to the 2022-23 academic calendar, as presented. May 26, 2023 is designated Give Back Day.

Resolution: To approve the holiday calendar for the 2023-24 school year, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the agreement from Whiteman, Osterman, and Hanna, as presented.

So moved: Maya P. Seconded: Holly S. In Favor: All Opposed: None

B. FINANCE – The budget process will be balanced by the June 30 deadline and presented at the June 13 Board meeting.

Resolution: To approve the contract with Day Automation for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the contract with GST BOCES for the 2023-2024 school year, as presented.

Resolution: To approve payment to O’Conner Plumbing and Heating in the amount of $3,488.88.

So moved: Holly S. Seconded: Maya P. In Favor: All Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS – No meeting or report in April. The committee will meet in June and report at the next meeting.

X. REPORT OF LEADERSHIP TEAM – Testing and Evaluations are wrapping up. Lay teacher plans, meetings, and science investigations are done. Staff retention looks good for next year. Plans for the Grade 6 Trip, Field Day and Leave No Space chalk painting are underway. Donations are needed for freezer pops, T-shirts, and balloons. The current focus is on planning and preparing for the Summer Session.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So moved: Maya P. Seconded: Holly S. 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 of 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 money: **1. d**. Discussions regarding proposed, pending, or current litigation; **1. 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: Kevin B. Seconded: Maya P. In Favor: All Opposed: None

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

So moved: Maya P. Seconded: Holly S. In Favor: All Opposed: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 pm.

So moved: Maya P. Seconded: Holly S. In Favor: All Opposed: None

Respectfully submitted,

Holly Strickland

Board Secretary