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

I. CALL TO ORDER at 6:04 by Renee Sutton

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_____	_____

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.

Finn celebrated spirit week in which the school community commemorates the core values. Finn's first every theatrical performance Shrek Jr. was a resounding success.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Parent Representatives reported lots of positive feedback and amazing attendance from the play. Monies raised by ticket sales and concessions will support the Drama Club. In April there will be a free family event called Springo, the Scholastic Book Fair and a fund raiser at Red Robin.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Ryan reported that some teachers are inquiring about the idea of starting a pre-K at Finn. This is something the board is considering as it continues to develop its strategic plan and looking toward the next 5-year renewal application.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Resolution: To accept the resignation of Katherine Stowell from Finn Academy Board of Trustees

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

B. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the invoice from Kellogg Steam Way in the amount of $1,387.25.

Resolution: To approve the agreement with MicroSolutions for KnowB4 service in the amount of

$3,623.52.

Resolution: To approve the Professional Service Agreement with Integrated Solutions in the amount of $1,050.00.

So Moved: Maya Seconded: Jim In Favor: All
Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

Aimee updated the board on preparations for state testing in the next month. Scholars in 6th grade will take a computer based test. The science test has transition to 5th grade and will change in format to a computer based test about investigations performed in 3rd – 5th grades.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

On Wednesday the SUNY Board of Trustees will vote on charter school renewal applications in a live webcast. There will be an in-school celebration on Wednesday. Martina and Jim met to discuss a plan for outreach and communication of the news.

Martina updated the board on the status for enrollment for AY 23/24.

XI. REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Jim Seconded: Kevin 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: Jim Seconded: Kevin In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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

So Moved: Maya Seconded: Kevin In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at 8:00 PM

So Moved: Maya Seconded: Jim In Favor: All

Opposed: None