MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
April 10, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER by Renee Sutton at 6:02

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kevin Brimmer	_____	___x_____
Kathryn Coletta	____x____	_____
Maya Patel	___x_____	_____
James Pfiffer	___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.

Staff challenge of 700 positive communications to families. Have met this goal and upped the challenge to 1000. The school has also surpassed this goal ahead of the deadline. The whole staff gets involved in this effort.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete one agenda item under Governance.

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Lots of positive feedback about the Dance Club. Spring Book fair will take place this month. FFC is working on teacher appreciation for May. The Fund A Day calendar fund raiser was very successful.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

Teachers enjoyed breakfast courtesy of FFC as a welcome back from break.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Did not meet this month.

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

Resolution: To approve the calendar for the 2023-2024 academic year, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the facilities use agreement with Soccer Shots.

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

B. FINANCE

Martina, Katie and Jim updated the board on a recent meeting with representatives from the ECSD regarding transportation. Came up with 3 options they will review. Martina sent them numbers about how many students ride the bus in the afternoon daily. The Board discussed next steps in resolving the transportation issue and asked Leadership to organize a town hall to communicate facts about the costs of transportation to the school and NYS charter law to Finn families.

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

Resolution: To approve the submission of the Form 990 for the year ended June 30, 2022 as prepared and presented.

Resolution: To approve the renewal of the contract with eSpark in the amount of $6,897.00.

Resolution: To approve the renewal of the contract with NWEA for the 23-24 academic year in the amount of $5,444.00.

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

C. ACADEMICS
Will meet this Thursday.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

Aimee reported that there will be a Lottery at 5 PM on Thursday, attended by our auditor to ensure inclusivity and verify the results.

State testing starts next week.

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: **Katie** **Seconded:** **Jim** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 8:04 PM

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

Opposed: None