AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
September 18, 2023
6:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kevin Brimmer	__X_____	_____
Kathryn Coletta	___X_____	_____
Jean Papandrea	____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.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

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

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

- Suggestions for first day of school—maybe staff wear a Finn Academy shirt or a badge that indicates they work here so that kids know who to go to if they need something that first week of school. One parent did want to recommend that maybe they send home something about the new teachers to their crews, i.e. something about them, what they look like, etc.
- FFC selling beef sticks! Fall Carnival in October. Looking for volunteers for anyone to help if possible.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Things are going well, feels like this year has kicked off smoothly and things going well so far. Looking forward to seeing what's ahead.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

So Moved: Seconded: In Favor:
Opposed:

B. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the audit engagement letter with Lumsden McCormick CPA.

Resolution: To accept a grant of $10,000 for General Operating Support from the Community Foundation of Elmira-Corning and the Finger Lakes.

So Moved: Jean Seconded: Kevin In Favor: All
Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

New Business: Schedule Academics Committee meetings as the first Thursday of each month, prior to the full Board meeting.

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

Opposed:

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- NYS Test Results released but are embargoed; will share with the Board as soon as possible.
- No updates on the transportation appeal.
- Still hiring for some support roles in the building.
- APPR due to SUNY in October.
- Gathering proofs of residence from Finn families, we have about 150 proofs remaining to collect.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

So Moved: Kevin **Seconded: Holly** **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 7:13 p.m.

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

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:14 p.m.

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

Opposed: None