AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
March 11, 2024
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_____	_____
Patricia Richards	___X_____	_____
Matthew Seybold	____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:	Jean	**Seconded:**	Pat	**In Favor:**	All
				Opposed:	None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

- Saturday was Bunny Bash, Easter bunny came in, free photos, activities. Finn wear fundraising, sweatshirts, tee shirts. Can wear Finnwear shirts on Fridays. Part of our positive consequences for kids to get money to purchase Finn wear.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

- Finn Crew Dinner was a big success. Fun. Difficulties with wi-fi. Good feedback on upcoming April 5 bowling for teachers fun activity. Few people asked about pre-K status. Our host district holds rights to pre-k programs—who can host one and who can't. Not likely district would give spots to Finn. Is it economically feasible to have a program for pre-K age kids but not an official universal pre-k program? Staff curious on update on insurance. Brown and Brown out of Rochester firm working with them on how they can help our benefits program working with other nonprofits. Not many brokers (2-3) in our area to work with. Paid time off benefits before and after holiday break. Shouldn't be limited when you can take it. We rarely deny personal time off.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

Old Business: Public Relations Update

JD Iles will do a hidden landmarks history tour and live video of the building and the role it played in promoting educational opportunities. Brandon Cooklin, will do inexpensive 15-second videos of us to post on Facebook. Monthly planning meetings for Lawn Fest celebration. Finn will apply for mini grants through Arts Council of Southern Tier and we sending out sponsorship requests. Sept. 14 noon until 4 p.m.

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

So Moved: Renee **Seconded:** Jean **In Favor:** All
Opposed: None

B. FINANCE

- Info on filing an appeal on the busing issue. Will have prelim budget meeting on Friday. Have until June 30th to pass the budget and submit it for next year. Need to hammer out enrollment.

Resolution: To approve the January Financial Statements as prepared by Kirisits and Associates.

Resolution: To approve the payment to DeMuth Electric, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the renewal proposal from KnowB4 software, as presented.

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

C. ACADEMICS

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Next month we kick off state testing that lasts to May. Teachers and scholars hard at work preparing for it. Doing "eggscellent effort" program to get kids excited and motivated to do their best on tests.
- Next Thursday 21 is business before business from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Networking event. Pay a fee to attend. Reception in café, greeting people, scholars lead them, short presentation. Scholars perform too. Provide coffee, tea light snacks. Door prizes.
- Data package: lost net of 12 scholars since beginning of year. Pulled in couple of other scholars to compensate for loss. There is a difference between who was budgeted to be enrolled vs who enrolls.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.d and 1.f (below): 6:55 p.m.

So Moved: Jim **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: Jean** **In Favor: All**

Opposed: None

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

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

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:24 p.m.

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

Opposed: None