MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
May 13, 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: Jim **Seconded:** Jean **In Favor:** All
Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: Upset about e-mail regarding no bus transportation during Memorial Day weekend.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: Penny Wars, half to family crew and half to neonatal unit. Staff member came to Ryan about uniform issue norms not being upheld across the board by staff members. Not all staff enforcing uniform rules. It's a pick and choose. Uniform rules been lax overall. Need to discuss expectations on what can be worn and what can't be worn.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

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

Resolution: To approve the 2024-2025 school calendar, as presented, and empower the School Leadership team to make any adjustments, as necessary.

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

B. FINANCE

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

Resolution: To approve the contract with GST BOCES for 2024-2025, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the contract with PNW BOCES Information Technology Services for OLAS (Online Application System) for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

C. ACADEMICS

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM: Aimee—illnesses continue to be an issue with attendance. Discipline 17 referrals, one school suspension and one out of school suspension. Aimee explained the difference between two suspensions. State science tests all that remains to be done. Teachers will begin working on class lists for next year and we are meeting with staff to find out if staff will return or not next year. Summer sessions planning in progress. 100 scholars signed up. Need to do a joint finance/government committee to discuss many issues.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

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

Opposed: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at:

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

Opposed: None