

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
March 9, 2026
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:09 p.m.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

	Present	Absent
Kevin Brimmer	_____	___X___
Kathryn Coletta	___X___	_____
Christopher Denton	___X___	_____
Jean Papandrea	___X___	_____
James Pfiffer	___X___	_____
Patricia Richards	___X___	_____
Matthew Seybold	_____	___X___
Renée Sutton	___X___	_____
Tyler Wilson	___X___	_____
Martina Baker (ex-officio)	___X___	_____
Aimee Ciarlo (ex-officio)	___X___	_____
Pending (Teacher Rep)	_____	_____
Jennifer Wisneski (Parent Rep)	_____	___X___
Pending (Parent Rep)	_____	_____

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.

Over the past few weeks, several grades have celebrated their learning through Expedition Celebrations. It has been great to see scholars and staff sharing the results of their hard work. In addition, Finn's Drama Club is preparing to present Cinderella. Performances will take place on Friday, March 20 at 7:00 PM, Saturday, March 21 at 7:00 PM, and Sunday, March 22 at 2:00 PM.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Resolution to approve/amend/add/table/delete agenda items: Amend agenda to add resolution to elect Ryan Dunlap to position of Teacher Representative, move Teacher Representative report to after Governance Committee Report, remove Executive Session.

So Moved: Christopher Denton

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All
Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: NONE

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

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

So Moved:

Seconded:

In Favor:

Opposed:

IX. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: *Enrichment will be starting up again and planning is underway for the annual Talent Show.*

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the invoice for Day Automation in the amount of \$1,988.56.

Resolution: To approve the invoice for Bill's Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$1,229.95.

So Moved: Jim Pfiffer

Seconded: Christopher Denton

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

B. ACADEMICS

- *Jim shared information about the Eels in the Classroom Project, Finn is the only school in Chemung County that is participating. There will be an informational session on Saturday, March 28 at 9:00 AM at the River Friends Office (109 N. Main Street).*

XI. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- *A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be scheduled in the near future to celebrate the purchase of the building and the completion of the playground. More details will be shared once the date is finalized.*
- *Enrollment Update for 26-27: Strong enrollment so far for the upcoming school year, Lottery is scheduled for April 15th at 4pm.*
- *SUNY Visit is upcoming, gathering documents to be sent to them and can discuss/prepare further at April Board meeting.*

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:06 p.m.

So Moved: Jim Pfiffer

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All

Opposed: None