

**AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FINN ACADEMY: AN ELMIRA CHARTER SCHOOL
610 Lake Street Elmira, New York 14901
December 8, 2025
6:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:01 PM

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__	_____
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. Mission Moment: 500 gifts were donated for the Owl Tree! We also received a \$500 donation which covered the remaining gifts and wrapping paper/tape for families to wrap their own gifts.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

So Moved: Jean

Seconded: Kevin

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT: Revamp uniform "store" to have more availability so we can focus on "fun" outfits as gifts for the Owl Tree. A lot of families asked for uniforms rather than play clothes.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE: potential board member, Chris Denton, came and gave us some background information on why he is interested in joining the Finn board.

New Business: 2026 Summer Session - tabled until the January meeting. Sent staff survey a month ago. Low interest.

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

So Moved: Jim

Seconded: Tyler

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

B. FINANCE

Resolution: To approve the October financial statements prepared by Kirisits and Associates, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the estimate from Reese HVAC and Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$4,563.32 as presented.

So Moved: Kevin

Seconded: Katie

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

New Business: NYS Assessment Comparative Data - reviewed data and will have more details later once the LT reviews internally.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM - 26-27 app is now available! Already have enough to fill one Kinder classroom! Sessions upcoming, spread the word. Ask at sessions how people hear about us because we can't ask on the app. Can we send a short survey after the app process? Put QR code or link on a thank you letter to prospective parents.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.f (below): 7:01 PM

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: 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 - 7:11 PM

So Moved: Jim

Seconded: Jean

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Resolution to approve the personnel packet presented during executive session:

So Moved: Kevin

Seconded: Tyler

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:16 PM

So Moved: Jim

Seconded: Katie

In Favor: All

Opposed: None