

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

I. CALL TO ORDER: 6:19 p.m.

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.

Drama Club held a Spaghetti Supper last week and served almost 150 dinners to friends and family to raise funds for this year's production which is Cinderella Jr.

V. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

So Moved: Jean Papandrea

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE

VII. PARENT REPRESENTATIVES REPORT

Finn Family Crew held some nice events, Cookies & Cocoa at the holidays was good, they were also able to support with purchases for the Owl Tree. They will be holding the Book Fair in March.

VIII. TEACHER REPRESENTATIVE REPORT: NONE

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. GOVERNANCE

New Business: 2026 Summer Session

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

Resolution: To nominate Christopher Denton to the Finn Academy Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

Resolution: To re-elect Matthew Seybold to the Finn Academy Board of Trustees for a five-year term.

So Moved: Tyler Wilson

Seconded: Pat Richards

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

Resolution: To delay return of Summer Session until at least 2027 and to substitute/offer Finn Family Crew activities, Community Meet-Ups, and Activity Packs for scholars.

So Moved: Pat Richards

Seconded: Jean Papandrea

In Favor: All y

Opposed: None

B. FINANCE

New Business: June 30, 2025 990 Presentation: Karen Burhans, Kirisits and Associates

Note: change title Dean of Scholars to School Leader and change Board Chair name due to recent legal name change.

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

Resolution: To approve the estimate from DeMuth Electric in the amount of \$3,498.00 as presented.

Resolution: To approve the estimate from Schindler Elevator in the amount of \$4,472.52, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the renewal of group benefits with The Hartford, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the invoices for Day Automation in the amounts of \$1,488.24 and \$1,957.82, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the proposal from M.I.S of America, Inc. as presented.

Resolution: To approve the quote from CDWG in the amount of \$2,484.69, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the invoice from Reese HVAC and Mechanical in the amount of \$4,544.57, as presented.

Resolution: To approve the 990 for the year ending June 30, 2025 as presented by Kirisits and Associates.

So Moved: Matt Seybold

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

C. ACADEMICS

New Business: Committee Meeting Report: State Testing all scheduled for April and May, all grades will be tested on the computer; NWEA in process right now and should be completed soon to compare fall to winter data; Coaching Program still strong; 33% of Finn scholars receive RTI support, 14% receive Special Education Services; discussed a return to cursive instruction as is taking place in states like New Jersey.

X. REPORT OF THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

- Enrollment for 26-27 has kicked off, Open House to be held end of February, other enrollment

sessions being held throughout the community; advertising and billboard to advertise.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Resolution: To move into Executive Session for purpose 1.f (below): 7:34 p.m.:

So Moved: Tyler Wilson

Seconded: Matt Seybold

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 at 7:48 p.m.

So Moved: Jean Papandrea

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

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

So Moved: Matt Seybold

Seconded: Tyler Wilson

In Favor: All

Opposed: None

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Resolution to adjourn meeting at: 7:49 P.M.

So Moved: Tyler Wilson **Seconded:** Jean Papandrea

In Favor: All

Opposed: None