

Glocester School Committee
Glocester Town Hall
1145 Putnam Pike
Chepachet, RI 02814

August 16, 2022
6:30 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Chair, Mr. Burlingame, at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Steere, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis
Ms. Worthy

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Muccino, Mr. Piccirilli

3. Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the June 21, 2022 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the July 5, 2022 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Check Register dated June 30, 2022 in the amount of \$167,997.39 and the Check Register dated July 31, 2022 in the amount of \$378,617.03

Motion passed 6-0-0

6. Superintendent's Report - Informational

7. Finance Director's Report

8. Town Council Update

9. Accomplishments/Recognitions of Fogarty Memorial and West Glocester Schools

10. RI Comprehensive Assessment System – Expenditures and Student Outcomes 2020-2021

A RI Comprehensive Assessment System – Expenditures and Student Outcomes report for 2020-2021 reflected that Glocester has a per pupil expenditure lower than average and a higher proficiency percentage in Math and English Language Arts than average.

11. Reaffirm Affirmative Action Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to reaffirm the Affirmative Action Policy.
Motion passed 6-0-0

12. Revisions to Policy for Executive Sessions and Maintenance of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the revisions to the policy for Executive Sessions and Maintenance of Minutes.
Motion passed 6-0-0

The committee discussed the value of having a recording of meetings and will use the new technology being installed in the town hall chambers and use a digital recorder for meetings held elsewhere.

13. Library Media Program Policy – 1st Reading

Mr. Dupuis and Mr. Piccirilli expressed concerns about the policy as written. Mr. Piccirilli recommended scheduling a meeting with the two principals and librarians to review and clarify the policy. Mr. Dupuis volunteered to attend the meeting. After discussion, this item was tabled.

14. Environmental Protection Agency Clean School Bus Rebate Application – Financial Analysis

Based on the research and financial analysis conducted by Mr. Muccino, the committee agreed that it was not prudent to move forward with this initiative.

15. Restructuring Director of Facilities Position for the Gloucester School District

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the proposed plan to restructure the supervision of facilities for the two elementary schools as presented.
Motion passed 6-0-0

Mr. Gras of the Gloucester DPW will oversee the building and grounds at both schools.

16. Contract with Northeast Water Solutions

This item was tabled. Gloucester DPW and Mr. Muccino will explore the possibility of the DPW handling the scope of work needed to upgrade the water system at Fogarty Memorial School at a lower cost.

17. Report on Transportation for the Start of the School Year

Mr. Dupuis wants to ensure there are enough drivers to run late busses, and to cover other bus runs in the event a driver has been exposed to Covid and needs to quarantine.

18. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (3) School Safety (2) Collective Bargaining - MOAs

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (3) School Safety (2) Collective Bargaining – MOAs

Motion passed 6-0-0

19. Reconvene to Open Session

Mr. Burlingame reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed school safety and three memoranda of agreements. No votes were taken.

20. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

21. Collective Bargaining - MOAs

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the MOA regarding Specialists for the 2022-2023 school year as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

The MOA prorating medical coverage for the 2022-2023 school year as discussed in Executive Session was tabled pending additional information.

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the MOA regarding the Interventionists positions for the 2022-2023 school year as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

21. Contract with ePlus Technology – This item was tabled.

22. Communications From/To Members of the School Committee and/or School District

23. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

24. Public Comment – Relating to Current or Future Agenda Items

25. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to adjourn.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk