

Glocester School Committee
Ponaganset High School Library
137 Anan Wade Road
Glocester, RI 02857

March 7, 2023
6:00 pm

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Chair, Ms. Keeling, at 6:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Keeling, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis, Ms. Henry, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Ferreira
Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Piccirilli, Mr. Muccino

3. Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Approval of Minutes from the January 17, 2023 School Committee Meeting – Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the January 17, 2023 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve the Check Register dated January 31, 2023 in the amount of \$295,959.28, and the Check Register dated February 28, 2023 in the amount of \$337,806.31.

Motion passed 6-0-0

6. Superintendent's Report - Informational

7. Finance Director's Report

Mr. Muccino distributed copies of the proposed 2023-2024 budget and reported that spending for the current budget is on track with the exception of unanticipated special education costs. He is working with Ms. Dubois to lower those costs.

8. Town Council Update

Ms. Henry volunteered to be the School Committee liaison to the Town Council.

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

10. Update on Capital Projects - Tabled

11. RIDE Memorandum of Agreement for Arts Initiative

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the RIDE Memorandum of Agreement for Arts Initiative. Motion passed 6-0-0

12. RIDE Initiative: Learning Inside Out – Connecting Education to the Natural Environment

Ms. Ferreira volunteered to spearhead submitting an application for this initiative.

13. Review of Transportation Policy - Tabled

14. Approval of Revisions to 2023-2024 Budget - Tabled

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

16. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (1) Job Performance of an Individual - Contracts: Superintendent and School Nurse (2) Legal Advice Regarding Transportation Contract (3) School Safety

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (1) Job Performance of an Individual- Contracts: Superintendent and School Nurse (2) Legal Advice Regarding Transportation Contracts; (3) School Safety

Motion passed 6-0-0

17. Reconvene to Open Session

18. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

Motion passed 6-0-0

Ms. Keeling reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed Contracts for the Superintendent and School Nurse, Legal Advice Regarding Transportation Contracts and School Safety. No votes were taken.

19. Annual Appointment of Superintendent

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to reappoint Pat Dubois to the position of Superintendent for the Gloucester School Department for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion passed 6-0-0

20. Approval of Contracts- Superintendent and School Nurse

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to approve the Superintendent's contract as presented and discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the School Nurse contract as presented and discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

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

Mr. Rizzo stated that he would prefer not meeting prior to a Regional School Committee meeting as that does not allow sufficient time to thoroughly discuss agenda items. Ms. Henry concurred.

22. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

- School Committee Meeting Schedule
- Update on Capital Projects
- Review of Transportation Policy
- Approval of Revisions to 2023-2024 Budget

23. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to adjourn at 6:42pm.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk