

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. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

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

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

Absent: Ms. Joyce

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the minutes from the July 6, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the Check Register dated June 30, 2021 in the amount of \$290,753.17 and Check Register dated July 31, 2021 in the amount of 256,019.78.

Motion passed 4-0-0

6. Superintendent's Report

Informational

7. Finance Director's Report

In addition to providing an update on the budget, Mr. Muccino reported that contracts have been awarded to begin work on the renovations at Fogarty School and on upgrading the security system at West Glocester School.

8. Town Council Update

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

10. Annual Reaffirmation of Affirmative Action Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to reaffirm the district's Affirmative Action Policy.

Motion passed 4-0-0

11. Discussion and Possible Adoption of School-Based Testing and Masking Policies & Procedures in Accordance with RI Department of Education Directive
(This item was moved to be the first item on the agenda.)

Several parents, grandparents, and taxpayers spoke about the detriments of younger children wearing face coverings and urged the school committee not to pass a policy mandating face coverings. After allowing for public comment, Mr. Burlingame read the following excerpt from the policy statement:

” While the RI Department of Health, Department of Education, Governor’s office and the Glocester School Committee strongly encourages that all students and staff wear face coverings in the school setting, the School Committee will not mandate such face coverings at this time. If state or federal law or regulations require such face coverings to be worn, the School Committee will follow any such mandate. Unless extended, modified or rescinded by the School Committee earlier, the policy statement shall expire at the end of the 2021-22 school year.”

Motion by Ms. Worthy, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to Adopt School-Based Testing and Masking Policies & Procedures in Accordance with RI Department of Education Directive.
Motion passed 5-0-0

(Ms. Worthy left the meeting after this vote.)

12. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests (2) Collective Bargaining-Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers’ Association Regarding Covid Policies and Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers’ Association Regarding Math Literacy Position

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to Seek to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests (2) Collective Bargaining-Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers’ Association Regarding Covid Policies and Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers’ Association Regarding Math Literacy Position

Motion passed 4-0-0

13. Reconvene to Open Session

14. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.
Motion passed 4-0-0

15. Vote on Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers' Association Regarding Covid Policies

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers' Association Regarding Covid Policies as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0

16. Vote on Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers' Association Regarding Math Literacy Position

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling) to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Teachers' Association Regarding the Math Literacy Position as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0

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

18. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

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

20. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to adjourn at 7:40 pm.

Motion passed 4-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk