

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Vice Chair, Ms. Worthy, at 6:31 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

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

Absent for Open Session: Mr. Burlingame

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to appoint Jon Burlingame as Chair of the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to appoint Melissa Worthy as Vice Chair of the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

5. Annual Appointment of School Committee Clerk

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to appoint Kathryn Ritter-Smith as Clerk of the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

6. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the December 21, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

7. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Check Register dated December 31, 2021 in the amount of \$205,088.75

Motion passed 5-0-0

8. Superintendent's Report

Informational

9. Finance Director’s Report

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to accept the Finance Director’s Report as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

10 Town Council Update

No update

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

Mrs. Mokaba and Mrs. Zambarano reported.

12. Annual Posting for Superintendent’s Position

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to advertise for the superintendent’s position as has been done in the past. Motion passed 5-0-0

13. Resolution Supporting Public/Parent Input If the RI Department of Health Considers Modifications to K-12 Covid Vaccination Requirements

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the Resolution Supporting Public/Parent Input If the RI Department of Health Considers Modifications to K-12 Covid Vaccination Requirements Motion passed 5-0-0

14. Resolution Regarding Reduction in State Aide

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Resolution regarding reduction in State Aid as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

15. Stage II RIDE Necessity of School Construction Application

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Stage II RIDE Necessity of School Construction Application Motion passed 5-0-0

A. Indoor Air Quality Protocol

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Indoor Air Quality Protocol as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

B. Resolution on Compliance with the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the Resolution on Compliance with the Northeast Collaborative for High Performance Schools as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

C. Indoor Air Quality Position Statement

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the Indoor Air Quality Position Statement as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

16. Review of Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the preliminary 2022-2023 budget as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

Highlights from the review of the preliminary 2022-2023 budget:

Revenue:

- Local Appropriation of 1.48% increase over FY22 Town Appropriation
- State Aid is projected to be 18k below FY22 budget
- Increase in Transportation Pass -Through Funds
- ESSER (ARP) Funds
- Fund Balance- propose using:
 - \$321,000 of School Capital Fund balance
 - \$400,000 of school unrestricted fund balance
 - \$200,000 of Town of Glocester set aside

Expenses:

Projected increases in:

- Salaries
- Fringe Benefits
- Transportation

17. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (2) Update on: Litigation Regarding Council on Education; Litigation Related to Governor’s Executive Order and RI Department of Health Emergency Rule; Collective Bargaining: Glocester Association of Essential School Personnel Contract (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (2) Update on: Litigation Regarding Council on Education; Litigation Related to Governor’s Executive Order and RI Department of Health Emergency Rule; Collective Bargaining: Glocester Association Essential School Personnel Contract (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests Motion passed 5-0-0

18. Reconvene to Open Session

Ms. Worthy reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed Litigation Regarding Council on Education; Litigation Related to Governor’s Executive Order and RI Department of Health Emergency Rule; Collective Bargaining: Glocester Association of Essential School Personnel Contract; and Home School Requests. One vote was taken to approve the requests to home school.

19. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.
Motion passed 5-0-0

20. Vote on Gloucester Association of Essential School Personnel Contract

This item was tabled.

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

22. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

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

24. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to adjourn at 7:49 pm.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk