

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

April 4, 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 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Keeling, Mr. Dupuis, Ms. Henry, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Ferreira

Absent: Ms. Joyce

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

3. Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Approval of Minutes from the March 7, 2023 School Committee Meeting – Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the March 7, 2023 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the Check Register dated March 31, 2023 in the amount of \$459,559.99.

Motion passed 5-0-0

6. Finance Director's Report

Mr. Muccino reported that expenses and revenue for the current year are on track.

7. Town Council Update - Update on activities relating to the School Department

8. Update on Capital Projects

Mr. Gras updated the committee on the status of several capitol projects and emphasized the need to replace the old hardware on a couple doors at West Glocester Elementary. Additionally, he wants to install an eye in the cafeteria door at West so that staff is able to see who they are admitting prior to opening the door.

9. Revisions to Transportation Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve the revisions to the Transportation Policy as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

10. Approval of Revisions to 2023-2024 Budget

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the revisions to the 2023-2024 budget as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

Mr. Muccino reported that he is comfortable increasing the amount of State Aide budgeted by \$50,000.00. Ms. Henry suggested adding an additional \$25,000.00, if Mr. Muccino is comfortable doing that.

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to add an additional \$25,00.00 to the \$50,00 budgeted in State Aide. Motion passed 5-0-0

11. Revisions to School Committee Meeting Dates

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Ferreira, to move the December meeting date to December 12th and hold it at the Gloucester Town Hall.

For the remainder of 2023, only the December meeting is scheduled to be held prior to the Regional School Committee meeting at the high school. Consequently, Mr. Rizzo suggested keeping the original meeting date of December 5th, and revisiting meetings dates for 2024. Ms. Keeling reminded the committee that meeting dates are approved annually at the January meeting. The committee agreed to not change the December meeting date and meet on December 5th.

Mr. Dupuis rescinded his motion and Ms. Ferreira rescinded her second.

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

Ms. Henry suggested introducing American Sign Language into the curriculum.

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

14. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

Introducing American Sign Language into the Curriculum

15. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Ferreira, to adjourn at 6:37 pm.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk