

Glocester School Committee  
Glocester Town Hall  
1145 Putnam Pike  
Glocester, RI 02857

September 19, 2023  
6:30

## 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, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Ferreira

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Piccirilli

Absent: Ms. Joyce, Ms. Henry

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

### 4. Approval of Minutes from the August 15, 2023 School Committee Meeting

The agenda incorrectly listed the date of the meeting minutes to be approved.

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo to table approval of the minutes.

Motion passed 4-0-0

### 5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the Check Register dated August 31, 2023 in the amount of \$178,956.15.

Motion passed 4-0-0

### 6. Superintendent's Report - Informational

### 7. Finance Director's Report

Ms. Dubois reported that a Finance Director has been hired and will provide a report to the committee at the next meeting.

### 8. Town Council Update

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

10. Capital Projects Update

Mr. Gras reported on the progress of several projects including the new boiler and hot water heater and getting bids to replace exterior doors at Fogarty.

11. Transportation Update a. Update b. Possibility of adding another bus

Ms. Dubois and Ms. Busald explained that transporting a large number of children from Harmony Child Care back and forth to the schools results in overcrowding (three students to a seat) and poses a safety threat and potentially an unanticipated expense (adding additional busses) to the district. Mr. Piccirilli reminded the committee that addressing this issue is procedural and handled by administration.

12. Approval of Revised 2023-2024 school calendar

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the revisions to the 2023-2024 school calendar. Motion passed 4-0-0

13. Health Curriculum Scope and Sequence

Ms. Zambarano and Ms. Mokaba gave a brief overview of the Health curriculum and explained that the full Scope and Sequence for Health is on the website.

14. Plan to Introduce American Sign Language into the Curriculum

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Ferreira, to approve the plan to introduce American Sign Language into the curriculum as presented.

Ms. Mokaba requested a video teaching the inclusion pledge. After discussion, motion and second rescinded.

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to authorize the Superintendent to contract with Posner Inclusion to develop ASL instruction videos not to exceed \$3,000 per year. Motion passed 4-0-0

15. School Resource Officer/School Security Officer

The committee reviewed costs associated with a School Resource Officer and agreed to pursue having an SRO at each school if the positions are funded by the Town. Mr. Rizzo will present this to the Town Council for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Town budget.

16. Approval of Revisions to Long and Short-Term Substitute Teacher Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve revisions to the Long and Short -Term Substitute Teacher Policy, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 4-0-0

17. Approval of Revisions to Rate of Pay for Substitute Classified Employees Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve revisions to the Rate of Pay for Substitute Classified Employees Policy, as recommended by the Superintendent. Motion passed 4-0-0

18. Approval of Revisions to the Transportation Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the revisions to the Transportation Policy as presented by the Superintendent.

Motion passed 4-0-0

19. Approval of Revisions to Access to Public Records (APRA) Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to approve revisions to the Access to Public Records (APRA) Policy. Motion passed 4-0-0

20. Approval of Truancy/Residency Officer Rate of Pay

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to authorize the Superintendent to pay the Truant/Residency Officer up to \$50/hour. Motion passed 4-0-0

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

22. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5 (a) (1)

Job Performance of an Individual – Facilities Director Salary Adjustment (3) School Safety

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (1) Job Performance of an Individual – Facilities Director Salary Adjustment (3) School Safety Motion passed 4-0-0

23. Reconvene to Open Session

24. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

Motion passed 4-0-0

Ms. Keeling reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed adjusting the Facilities Director salary and School Safety. No votes were taken.

25. Facilities Director Salary Adjustment

This item was tabled.

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

27. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

28. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to adjourn at 7:47.

Motion passed 4-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk