

Glocester School Committee  
Glocester Town Hall, Room 9  
1145 Putnam Pike  
Glocester, RI 02857

December 12, 2023  
6:30 pm

## APPROVED MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Chair, Ms. Keeling, at 6:30 pm.

### 2. Roll call

Present: Ms. Keeling, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis, Ms. Henry, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Ferreira (6:40)

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Piccirilli, Mr. Gras, Mr. Capuano

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

### 3. Approval of Minutes from the October 17, 2023 School Committee Meeting

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

Motion passed 5-0-0

### 5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Check Register dated October 31, 2023 in the amount of \$ 301,868.74 and the Check Register dated November 30, 2023 in the amount of \$382,894.82.

Motion passed 5-0-0

### 6. Superintendent's Report - Informational

### 7. Finance Director's Report

Mr. Capuano explained that, at this point, the numbers in the budget vs actual report are unaudited figures and responded to questions regarding overages in certain line items.

### 8. Facilities Director Report

Mr. Gras updated the committee on the status of purchasing a public announcement system, installing new doors at Fogarty Memorial School, a Bottle Filling Station at West Glocester School and the Inside/Out Grant Pavilions.

### 9. Town Council Update

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

Mr. Dupuis commended and thanked the principals and teachers for the schools' positive RICAS scores.

11. Review of Preliminary 2024-2025 Budget

Mr. Capuano distributed copies of the 2024-2025 school budget and reported that the Budget Subcommittee met the week prior and is scheduled to meet again on December 28. Approving the preliminary budget will be on the agenda for the January 16, 2024 meeting.

12. Recording School Committee Meetings

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve audio recording school committee meetings. Motion passed 6-0-0

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

It was brought to the attention of the committee that the transportation information on the Regional website should include a way to contact the Transportation Coordinator for issues that are time-sensitive.

14. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5 (a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Request (2) **A.** Collective Bargaining – MOA Regarding Department Heads; **B.** MOA Regarding Pro-Rated Medical, **C.** Legal Advice Regarding Consent Agreement with RI Department of Health (1) Job Performance of an Individual – **A)** Stipend for Director of Facilities **B)** Superintendent's Contract; (3) School Safety - Public Announcement Systems

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5 (a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Request (2) **A.** Collective Bargaining – MOA Regarding Department Heads; **B.** MOA Regarding Pro-Rated Medical, **C.** Legal Advice Regarding Consent Agreement With RI Department of Health (1) Job Performance of an Individual – **A)** Stipend for Director of Facilities **B)** Superintendent's Contract; (3) School Safety - Public Announcement Systems

Motion passed 6-0-0

15. Reconvene to Open Session

16. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

Motion passed 6-0-0

Ms. Keeling reported that in Executive Session, the committee discussed a request to Home School; MOAs regarding Department Heads and Pro-Rated Medical; a consent agreement with the RI Department of Health; increasing the salary for the Director of Facilities; the Superintendent's Contract and School Safety/ Public Announcement Systems. One vote was taken to approve the request to home school.

17. Vote on Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Department Heads  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Department Heads as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

18. Vote on Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Pro-Rated Medical  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement regarding Pro-Rated Medical as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

19. Vote on Consent Agreement with RI Department of Health  
Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to authorize the Superintendent and Chair to enter into a Consent Agreement with the Department of Health regarding PFAS chemicals detected at West Glocester Elementary School.

Motion passed 6-0-0

20. Vote on Stipend for Director of Facilities  
Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to approve increasing the allocation to the Town of Glocester for Buildings and Grounds services in the amount of \$10,000.

Motion passed 6-0-0

21. Vote on New Public Announcement Systems  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve purchasing new public announcement systems for both schools.

Motion passed 6-0-0

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

23. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

24. Adjournment  
Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to adjourn at 7:50.

Motion passed 6-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk