

Glocester School Committee  
Glocester Town Hall  
1145 Putnam Pike  
Glocester, RI 02814

September 28, 2021  
6:30 p.m.

## 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, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis,  
Ms. Worthy

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

## DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the Open Session minutes from the August 10 and August 23, 2021 School Committee meetings as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the Executive Session minutes from the August 23, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-1 with Ms. Worthy abstaining.

### 5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Ms. Worthy, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to approve the Check Register dated August 31, 2021 in the amount of \$ 202,395.18.

Motion passed 6-0-0

### 6. Superintendent's Report

Informational

### 7. Finance Director's Report

Mr. Muccino's report was in the school committee members' packets. There was no additional discussion.

### 8. Town Council Update

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

### **10. Revisions to Acceptable Use Policy – 1<sup>st</sup> Reading**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the revisions to the Acceptable Use Policy as presented as a first reading.

Motion passed 6-0-0

### **11. Appointments to Budget Subcommittee**

Mr. Burlingame appointed the following members to the Budget Subcommittee: Mr. Steere, Ms. Keeling, and Mr. Dupuis.

### **12. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests (3) Review School Safety Plan; (2) Litigation Regarding Council on Education; Potential Litigation Related to Governor’s Executive Order and RI Department of Health Emergency Rule Requiring Masks in Schools (2) Collective Bargaining – Teachers’ Contract; Transportation Contract**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests (3) Review School Safety Plan; (2) Litigation Regarding Council on Education; Potential Litigation Related to Governor’s Executive Order and RI Department of Health Emergency Rule Requiring Masks in Schools (2) Collective Bargaining – Teachers’ Contract; Transportation Contract

Motion passed 6-0-0

### **13. Reconvene to Open Session**

Mr. Burlingame reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed requests to homeschool, potential litigation, the teachers’ contract and the transportation contracts. Two votes were taken. One to approve requests to homeschool and one to authorize the attorney to move forward with litigation regarding the failure of the Governor’s Executive Order, and the RI Department of Health’s Emergency Rule regarding masks in schools, to follow the normal regulatory process to amend school health regulations.

### **14. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session**

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

Motion passed 6-0-0

**15. Collective Bargaining – Vote on Teachers Contract**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the proposed changes to the teacher contract as discussed in Executive Session:

- Two professional development days
- Eliminate health insurance deductible (\$500) effective July 1, 2022
- Eliminate 11% maximum increase on healthcare contributions
- 3%, 3%, and 2% salary increases from 2022-2025

Motion passed 6-0-0

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

**17. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items**

Letter of reprimand to the Executive Director of the RI Association of School Committees (RIASC)

**18. Public Comment – Relating to Current or Future Agenda Items**

**19. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to adjourn at 8:17.

Motion Passed 6-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk