

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 Ms. Joyce, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the September 28, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Check Register dated September 30, 2021 in the amount of \$138,878.75.

Motion passed 6-0-0

6. Superintendent's Report

Informational

7. Finance Director's Report

Mr. Muccino reported that the teachers' contract and transportation contracts have been negotiated and he is working with the Trust regarding insurance rates, which may be impacted due to a high number of deferred procedures.

8. Town Council Update

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

10. Revisions to Acceptable Use Policy – 2nd Reading

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the revisions to the Acceptable Use Policy as presented as a second reading.

Motion passed 6-0-0

11. Proposed Letter of Reprimand or Other Action Against Tim Duffy, Executive Director of the RI Association of School Committees

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the resolution to issue a formal response to recent activity of the Rhode Island Association of School Committees, as amended. Motion passed 6-0-0

Mr. Dupuis presented this resolution stating that the executive director of RIASC had overstepped his bounds by sending correspondence to Gov. Dan McKee without the committee’s knowledge or consent, and without seeking our input, requesting that the Governor issue a universal mask mandate for public schools. Further, RIASC allegedly pledged support for a particular candidate in a recall election. Additionally, in response to the National School Boards Association’s (NSBA) letter to the Biden administration requesting federal assistance regarding threats and disruptive events occurring at School Board meetings across the nation, RIASC immediately released correspondence indicating RIASC would cooperate with federal law enforcement to potentially adversely engage with our constituents. The resolution states that the committee would be doing a disservice to constituents if it did not evaluate the cost, benefit, and reputational risk of continued dues-paying membership in RIASC. Consequently, the committee resolved to express concerns surrounding RIASC’s governance, leadership, transparency, and failure to embrace non-partisanship and voted to we withhold membership dues until further notice.

12. 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 – Teachers’ Contract

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to 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 – Teachers’ Contract

Motion passed 6-0-0

13. Reconvene to Open Session

Mr. Burlingame reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed litigation, and the teachers’ contract. No votes were taken.

14. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.
Motion passed 6-0-0

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

16. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

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

18. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to adjourn at 6:57pm.
Motion passed 6-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk