

Glocester School Committee
Via Zoom

January 19, 2021
6:15 p.m.

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Vice Chair, Ms. Worthy, at 6:15 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Keeling, Mr. Steere, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis,
Ms. Worthy

Absent: Mr. Burlingame

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

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to nominate Mr. Burlingame as Chair of the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to nominate Ms. Worthy as Vice Chair of the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

5. Appointments to School Building Renovation Subcommittee

Mr. Steere volunteered to serve on the School Building Renovation Subcommittee.

6. Annual Appointment of School Committee Clerk

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Dupuis to appoint Kathryn Ritter-Smith as Clerk to the Glocester School Committee.

Motion passed 5-0-0

7. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2020 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-1 with Mr. Dupuis abstaining

8. Approval of Bills

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Check Register dated December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$339,258.45.

Motion passed 5-0-0

9. Superintendent's Report - No report

Informational

10. Finance Director's Report

There were no questions on Mr. Muccino's written report.

11. Town Council Update

No report.

12. Annual Posting for Superintendent's Position

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to advertise for the superintendent's position as has been done in the past.

Motion passed 5-0-0

13. Approval of School Committee Meeting Dates for 2021

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Steere, to approve the 2021 school committee meetings dates as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

14. Review of 2021-2022 Preliminary Budget

There was a discrepancy with numbers in the budget. Mr. Muccino will research the figures and review with the Budget Subcommittee when they meet again.

15. Vote to Approve Fund Balance for the 2020 Fiscal Year

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve assigning fund balance for the 2020 fiscal year as recommended by the Business Manager and Superintendent.

Motion passed 5-0-0

**16. Revisions to Long and Short-Term Substitute Teacher Policy
- 2nd Reading**

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the revisions to the Long and Short-Term Substitute Teacher Policy as a 2nd Reading

Motion passed 5-0-0

17. Revisions to Rate of Pay for Substitute Classified Employees Policy- 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the revisions to the Rate of Pay for Substitute Classified Employees Policy as a 2nd Reading.

Motion passed 5-0-0

18. Approval of Hopkins Transportation Contract

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to amend Section B(1) of the Hopkins Transportation contract base price - representing 7 elementary routes, 11 regional routes, and no late buses - for the 2020-21 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent and Business Manager.

Motion passed 5-0-0

19. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (2) Job Performance of an Individual-Administrator Contract-Superintendent

Motion by Ms. Worthy, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (2) Job Performance of an Individual-Administrator Contract - Superintendent

Motion passed 5-0-0

20. Reconvene to Open Session

21. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

Motion passed 5-0-0

Ms. Worthy announced that in Executive Session the committee discussed the Job Performance of an Individual-Administrator Contract-Superintendent. No votes were taken.

22. Job Performance of an Individual-Administrator Contract-Superintendent

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the changes to the Superintendent's contract as discussed in Executive Session, and in accordance with Executive Order 21-110, to amend her contract to work no more than 120 days for the duration of the 2020-21 school year only, necessitated by the good faith belief that the skills, training, or knowledge of such retiree is needed to address the public health crisis caused by COVID-19.

Motion passed 5-0-0

23. Accomplishments/Recognitions of Fogarty Memorial and West Gloucester Schools

Ms. Mokaba and Ms. Zambarano reported that things are going well with benchmark testing and that faculty, staff and students are looking forward to moving forward.

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

**25. Future Agenda Items
Budget**

26. Public Comment

27. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to adjourn at 6:48pm.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk