

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

December 21, 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. Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Steere, Mr. Dupuis, Ms. Worthy

**Absent:** Ms. Joyce

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Muccino

### **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:**

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the October 19, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

### **5. Approval of Bills**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Check Register dated October 30, 2021 in the amount of \$279,885.98 and November 30, 2021 in the amount of \$312,683.52.

Motion passed 5-0-0

### **6. Superintendent's Report**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the request for an unpaid leave of absence as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

### **7. Finance Director's Report**

Mr. Muccino reported that the State reduced the School Department budget by \$95,000 because of an enrollment reduction of 18 students due to Covid and students being homeschooled.

### **8. Town Council Update**

No update.

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

#### **10. Approval of School Committee Meeting dates for 2022**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the meeting dates for 2022 as presented. Motion passed 5-0-0

#### **11. Report on RI Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS) Scores**

Ms. Dubois reviewed the RICAS scores for the district and reported that scores for Reading increased and scores for Mathematics decreased slightly. Ms. Dubois explained that teaching Math remotely is more difficult than teaching Reading remotely.

#### **12. Review of Preliminary 2022-2023 Budget**

The Budget Subcommittee will meet again on January 6, 2022 and a preliminary budget will be available at the next meeting in January for the committee to review.

#### **13. Public Input and Review of American Rescue Plan/ Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) Funds Application**

Ms. Dubois reviewed the process for applying for ESSER III funding and what ESSER II funds have covered for the district including: High Dosage Tutoring Ramp Up in summer; a part time Reading Specialist, two Behavioral Specialists, Teacher Assistants in Grades 1 and 2 at both schools, and a second School Psychologist and a second Math Interventionist.

#### **14. 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 – Memorandum of Agreement with Glocester Teachers' Association Regarding Prep and Duties for Special Area Teachers for 2021-2022; Non-Certified Contract (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests**

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 – Memorandum of Agreement with Glocester Teachers' Association Regarding Prep and Duties for Special Area Teachers for 2021-2022; Glocester Association of Educational Support Personnel Contract (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests

Motion passed 5-0-0

#### **15. Reconvene to Open Session**

Mr. Burlingame reported that in Executive Session the committee discussed a memorandum of agreement with Glocester Teachers' Association regarding prep and duties for Special Area Teachers for 2021-2022; the Glocester Association of Educational Support Personnel Contract; and Home School Requests. One vote was taken.

**16. 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 5-0-0

**17. Vote on Memorandum of Agreement with Gloucester Teachers' Association Regarding Prep and Duties for Special Area Teachers for 2021-2022**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with Gloucester Teachers' Association Regarding Prep and Duties for Special Area Teachers for 2021-2022 as discussed.

Motion passed 5-0-0

The committee requested that a letter be sent to the special area teachers commending and thanking them for their cooperation.

**18. Vote on Gloucester Association of Educational Support Personnel Contract**

This will be on the next agenda for further discussion.

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

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

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

**22. Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Motion passed 5-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk