

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

June 18, 2024  
6:30 pm

## MINUTES

### 1. Call to Order

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

### 2. Roll Call:

Present: Ms. Keeling, Mr. Dupuis, Ms. Henry, Mr. Rizzo

Absent: Ms. Ferreira, Ms. Joyce

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Piccirilli

### 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

### 4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the Open and Executive Session minutes from the May 7, 2024 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0

### 5. Approval of Bills for May

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve the check register from May 1 - May 31, 2024 in the amount of \$ 239,969.64.

Motion passed 4-0-0

### 6. Superintendent's Report-Personnel: Leaves/Resignations/Non-Renewals Appointments/Recalls and other Personnel Actions

### 7. Finance Director's Report - Report relating to the Finance Office

Ms. Dubois reported that the Finance Office will provide a more up-to-date report at the close of this fiscal year.

### 8. Town Council Update - Update on activities relating to the School Department

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

10. Boiler Replacement at West Glocester Elementary School

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to waive the need to obtain bids and move forward obtaining quotes for replacement parts for the boiler at West Glocester Elementary School in order to expedite the process, as allowed in cases of emergency per the District's Bids and Purchasing Policy.

Motion passed 4-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by, Ms. Keeling to accept the quote from Independent Pipe and Supply not to exceed \$75,000.

Motion passed 4-0-0

11. Navigant Bank CD Notice of Maturity

Motion by Ms. Henry, seconded by Mr. Dupuis to table this item.

Motion passed 4-0-0

12. Glocester School Department Website

Ms. Dubois reported that she has had conversations with Dr. Palazzo, Mr. Carnevale and Mr. Floor regarding making a Glocester School District webpage Mr. Dupuis suggested that a student could work on this as their Passion Project.

13. Public Comment

14. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (1) Job Performance – Administrative Contracts: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, Principal, Facilities Management Contracts; Educational Support Personnel Non-Renewals (2) Collective Bargaining MOA, Transportation Contract;

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to Seek to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-26-5(a) (1) Job Performance – Administrative Contracts: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Administrative Assistant, Principal, Facilities Management Contracts; Educational Support Personnel Non-Renewals (2) Collective Bargaining MOA, Transportation Contract;

Motion passed 4-0-0

15. Reconvene to Open Session

Ms. Keeling reported that in Executive Session, the committee discussed Administrative Contracts for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, School Committee Clerk, Fogarty Memorial School Principal, Facilities Management Contracts; Educational Support Personnel Non-Renewals, a Collective Bargaining MOA, and the bus contract with Hopkins. No votes were taken.

16. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to seal the minutes of Executive Session  
Motion passed 4-0-0

17. Vote on Administrative Contracts: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent,  
Administrative Assistant, Principal

A. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve a one-year contract for Renee Palazzo as Superintendent effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

B. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve a one-year contract for Pat Dubois as Assistant Superintendent effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

C. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve a one-year contract for Kyle Fraatz as School Committee Clerk effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

D. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve a three-year contract for Tammy Strik as Principal at Fogarty Memorial School effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

18. Vote on Facilities Management Contract

a. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve one-year contract with Gary Gras effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

b. Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to approve one-year contract with Steve Essex effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

19. Vote on Educational Support Personnel Non-Renewals

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry to approve the non-renewals as recommended by the Superintendent.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

20. Collective Bargaining MOA

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to approve the Collective Bargaining MOA to extend medical coverage for a retiree as discussed in Executive Session.  
Motion passed 4-0-0

21. Vote on Transportation Contract  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve a three-year contract with Hopkins Transportation Company effective July 1, 2024 with terms and conditions as discussed in Executive Session. Motion passed 4-0-0
  
22. Appointment of New School Committee Clerk  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Henry, to appoint Kyle Fraatz as the Clerk to the Gloucester School Committee effective July 1, 2024. Motion passed 4-0-0
  
23. Communications From/To Members of the School Committee and/or School District
  
24. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items
  
25. Adjournment  
Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Mr. Rizzo, to adjourn. Motion passed 4-0-0