

## **MINUTES**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Ms Keeling at 6:31 pm

**Present:** Mr. Dupuis, Mr. Rizzo, Ms. Henry, Ms.Keeling, and Ms. Joyce

**Absent:** Ms. Ferreira

**Also Present:** Dr. Palazzo, Attorney Piccirilli

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Approval of School Committee Minutes (June 18, 2024)
  - a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on June 18, 2024

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on June 18, 2024

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

5. Approval of Bills - (June and July 2024)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated June 1 - June 30, 2024 in the amount of **\$223,714.90**

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated July 1 - July 31, 2024 in the amount of **\$325,336.10**

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

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

Dr. Palazzo stated that Mr. Gras and Mr. Essex switched appointments. Mr. Gras is the Facilities Director for Glocester and Mr. Essex is the Assistant Facilities Director.

7. 2024-25 Budget Update

Mrs. Keeling updated the committee on the concerns of the budget. They are monitoring and will look into the following; transportation, maintenance/facilities, negotiations (salary and benefits) and capital projects.

8. Finance Director Update

NONE

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

Mrs. Strik and Ms. Zambarano stated they planned to bring in students to address the school committee on the accomplishments of their respective schools.

10. Transportation – Update on Bus Routes - Bus Coordinator

Heather Busald, the bus coordinator for Foster and Glocester addressed the committee on the bus routes being set for Glocester. Mr. Dupuis thanked her for hard work. Ms, Busald will present again at the September meeting with updates.

11. Update on Glocester School Department Website

Dr. Palazzo stated that the website has been created and that it is very user friendly.

12. Reaffirm Affirmative Action Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve Reaffirm the Affirmative Action Policy as provided in the packet (needs to be done yearly).

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

13. Facilities Update

a. Furnace

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Henry to allow the Director of Facilities to utilize the MPA for demolition and installation provided by Glocester School Department.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

b. Air Conditioning

Mr. Gras updated the committee on the emergency project during the summer to replace the air conditioning at the West Glocester administration area.

c. Playground - Fogarty

Mr. Gras updated the committee of the state of the play equipment, parts are ordered and that it is in the process of being repaired. No structural repairs are needed. Should be ready for school opening.

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

NONE

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

NONE

16. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:
- a. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(8)ii: PRIVACY OF STUDENTS/ RECORDS  
*School Reassignment*

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the Following Matters (6:48 pm)

- b. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(8)ii: PRIVACY OF STUDENTS/ RECORDS  
*School Reassignment*

17. Reconvene to Open Session

**Return to public session at 7:31 pm and announcement of votes, if any**

**One (1) votes was taken**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to reconvene to open session.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

18. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to seal the minutes of executive session.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

19. Communications From/To Members of the School Committee and/or School District  
NONE

20. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

- Consolidation of Schools
- FERPA
- Equity between schools
- Bullying Policy, Procedure and Practice

21. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to adjourn Public Meeting at 7:40 pm

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0