

Ponaganset High School Library
137 Anan Wade Road
Glocester, RI 02814

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call

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

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

Also Present: Dr. Palazzo, Attorney Piccirilli

3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Student/Staff Recognition

No recognitions at this time

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

5. Approval of School Committee Minutes (September 17, 2024)
 - a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on September 17, 2024

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Henry to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on September 17, 2024

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

6. Approval of Bills - (September)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated September 30, 2024 in the amount of **\$249,310.27**

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Ms. Henry noted that there were two different entries on the same day.

7. Finance Update
 - a. Revenue & Expense Monthly
 - b. Budget Update

Dr. Palazzo stated that the budget process has started with Ms. Beltram and principals. Will be setting a date to meet with the budget sub committee in November.

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

Dr. Palazzo reviewed the superintendent's personnel actions. Mr. Dupuis thanked Dr. Palazzo for indicating the step a person is hired at and replaced at.

9. Virtual Instruction Day Plan

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the Virtual Instruction Plan as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Mr. Dupuis asked if there was flexibility with the virtual instruction days. Dr. Palazzo stated the first two days are "No School" days.

10. School Report

- A. West Glocester Elementary School
- B. Fogarty Memorial Elementary School

Students from both West Glocester Elementary and Fogarty Memorial Elementary school attended the meeting to present and update the committee on what was happening at their school and some things that are planned. Fogarty thanked Mr. Gras for the new path across the field for accessibility. West Glocester has begun a project "Pummel the Plastic" - using reusable water bottles not plastic.

11. Facilities Update

Mr. Gras updated the committee on the boiler at West Glocester. The installation should be complete by Wednesday, November 6. Waiting for flue. Will update on monies left over from "inside out" grant at next meeting. Ms. Henry asked if there was a contract in place for snow removal. Mr. Gras stated that the town does it.

12. Oil Contract

Mr. Gras stated that currently Glocester does not have an oil contract. Dr. Palazzo will follow up to see if the regions can be extended to Glocester. Mr. Gras will work with Dr. Palazzo in regard to this.

13. Elementary School Options

Ms Keeling updated the committee on the issue prior to school starting with having to move 4 fourth graders from Fogarty to West Glocester due to numbers in classrooms. The students did not end up moving, but the Principals, Union leaders, Superintendents, and bus coordinator met to discuss an easier way to address this issue. Many solutions were talked about; but one definite conclusion was to notify parents as early as possible to let them know that the possibility exists that their child's school may change.

14. Active Grant Researcher

Ms. Ferreira asked for this to be on the agenda. She wanted to know who was responsible for obtaining grants. Dr. Palazzo stated that we do not have an active person searching for grants. Many grants come to us and if applicable we complete them. Possible town involvement.

15. Town Council Update - Update on activities relating to the School Department
Ms. Keeling stated that there was a meeting with Mr. Burlingame to make sure there is open communication with the town council. Mr. Steere mentioned that he was glad to see Dr. Palazzo had been attending town council meetings and that her being there was not going unnoticed.

16. Public Comment – Relating to Current or Future Agenda Items
Mr. Steere asked about the school committee meeting agenda being changed and indicated that it wasn't posted at the town hall. He was assured that it would be posted there and that it was posted in other locations. Also, Mr Steere mentioned speaking with Mr. Reichert in regard to oil contract.

17. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:
c. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(8) **Privacy of Student Records** - Homeschool
d. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) **Pending Litigation**
i. 24-057K T. DOE v. Foster/Glocester RSD - RE: Transportation Issue with School District
e. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(3) **SCHOOL SAFETY**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to Convene in Executive Session

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any

Chair announces any votes, if any

1 Vote was taken

18. Reconvene to Open Session

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to reconvene to open session.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

19. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

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

None

21. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

Oil Contract

22. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:51 pm

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0