

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, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Keeling, Ms. Joyce  
 Absent: Ms. Ferreira, Mr. Dupuis  
 Also Present: Dr. Palazzo, Attorney Piccirilli

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

- 4. Annual Election of Chair & Vice Chair

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to nominate Ms. Keeling as Chair.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0-1  
Ms. Keeling abstained

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Ms. Keeling to nominate Mr. Rizzo as Vice Chair.

MOTION PASSED: 3-0-1  
Mr. Rizzo abstained

- 5. Annual Appointment of Clerk

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to appoint Kyle Fraatz as the Clerk for the Gloucester School Committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

- 6. Appointment/Re-appointments to Sub Committees

**A. Budget**

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to appoint Ms. Keeling, Mr. Rizzo & Mr. Dupuis to the Budget Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

**B. Wellness**

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Ms. Keeling to appoint Ms. Ferreira to the Wellness Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

**C. Capital Projects**

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to appoint Ms. Ferreira, Mr. Dupuis, & Mrs. Keeling to the Capital Projects Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

**D. Policy:**

Motion by Ms Joyce supported by Ms. Keeling to appoint Mr. Rizzo, Mr. Dupuis & Ms Ferreira to the Policy Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

**E. Negotiations (Certified & Non Certified)**

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to appoint Ms. Keeling, Mr. Rizzo & Mr. Dupuis to the Negotiations (Certified & Non Certified) Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

7. Approval of School Committee Minutes (December 3, 2024)

a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on December 3, 2024

MOTION PASSED: 3-0-1

Mr. Joyce abstained

**No Executive Session on December 3, 2024**

8. Approval of Bills - (November & December)

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Ms. Keeling to approve the monthly bills from November 1, 2024 to November 30, 2024 in the amount of \$193,567.22

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Ms. Keeling to approve the monthly bills from December 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 in the amount of \$219,367.54

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

9. Finance Update

Revenue & Expense Monthly

FY 24 audit is almost complete should receive for February meeting

10. Budget Update

Dr. Palazzo reported that the Budget process for FY26 will start to be built in the next few weeks. Ms. Keeling requested a budget subcommittee meeting be scheduled. Clerk will schedule it for next week.

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

Dr. Palazzo reported there were three appointments at Fogarty Memorial School and one retirement at the end of the school year.

a. Accountability Report

Dr. Palazzo presented the RIDE accountability report to the school committee.

12. Approval of 2024-25 Gloucester Updated School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Rizzo supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the 2024-25 Gloucester Updated school calendar as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

Change is due to snow day.

13. School Report

a. West Gloucester Elementary School

b. Fogarty Memorial Elementary School

Students from both West Gloucester and Fogarty updated the community on what was happening at their school and what is being planned. They commented on Ponaganset Middle school band performance at their schools.

14. Facilities Update

Mr. Gras reported to the school committee that the hardware and doors that were approved last month arrived for both schools. Work on West Glocester courtyard was delayed due to weather.

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

No update at this time.

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

No public comment at this time.

17. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the Following Matters.

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-0

a. 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

**Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any**

Chair announces any votes, if any

No votes taken in Executive Session

**Ms. Ferreira arrives at the meeting.**

18. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

19. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Mr. Rizzo supported by Ms. Keeling to seal the minutes of executive session.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

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

Ms. Ferreira asked what she missed at the meeting. Ms. Keeling stated that once the meeting adjourned she would fill her in.

21. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

Set up a Budget sub committee meeting.

Budget Update

22. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Rizzo to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:43 pm

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0