

APPROVED MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The meeting of the Glocester School Committee was called to order by Chair, Mr. Burlingame, at 6:15p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call:

Present: Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Steere, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis
Ms. Worthy (6:18)

Also present: Ms. Dubois, Mr. Piccirilli, Mr. Muccino

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

4. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2021 School Committee meeting as presented.

Motion passed 5-0-0

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2021 School Committee meeting, Open and Closed Sessions, as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-1 with Ms. Joyce abstaining

5. Approval of Bills

Motion by Ms. Keeling, seconded by Ms. Joyce, to approve the Check Register dated March 30, 2021 in the amount of in the amount of \$ 201,605.71

Motion passed 5-0-0

6. Superintendent's Report- Informational

No discussion.

7. Finance Director's Report

There were no additional questions regarding the Finance Director's written report.

8. Town Council Update

Mr. Steere reported that the Council had discussed earmarking funds to cover the annual pro-ratio student swing.

9. Vote to Approve 2021-2022 School Budget

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Worthy, to approve the Gloucester School Department budget for 2021-2022 as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

10. Approval of Revisions to Homeschool Policy – 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Burlingame, to approve the revisions to the Homeschool Policy as a 2nd Reading.

The committee concurred that it would be beneficial to adopt the Region's home school policy in order to establish the same expectations for home schooled students K-12. After further discussion, the committee voted to table this agenda item.

Original motion by Ms. Joyce and second by Mr. Burlingame withdrawn.

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to table this agenda item.

Motion passed 6-0-0

11. Approval of 2021-2022 School Calendar

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to approve the 2021-2022 School Calendar as presented.

Motion passed 6-0-0

12. Accomplishments/Recognitions of Fogarty Memorial and West Gloucester Schools

13. Seek to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests

Motion by Ms. Joyce, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to Convene to Executive Session per General Laws 42-26-5(a) (8) Privacy of Student Records – Home School Requests

Motion passed 6-0-0

14. Reconvene to Open Session

15. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Worthy, seconded by Mr. Dupuis, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Mr. Burlingame reported that in Executive Session the committee voted to approve four requests to home school.

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

17. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

Approval of Revisions to Home School Instruction Policy

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

This was moved up on the agenda in order for the committee to hear comments prior to agenda item 10. Approval of Revisions to Home School Policy.

The committee heard comments from the public regarding home school instruction and the challenges to implementing a standardized evaluation tool.

19. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Dupuis, seconded by Ms. Keeling, to adjourn at 7:02.

Motion passed 6-0-0

Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk