

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 Ferreira, Ms. Keeling, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis, & Mr. Joyce

Also present: Attorney Piccirilli

3. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Approval of School Committee Minutes (July 22, 2025)
  - a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on July 22, 2022

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on July 22, 2025

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

5. Approval of Bills - (July)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated July 1, 2025 to July 30, 2025 in the amount of **\$461,587.81**

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

6. Finance Update (June & July 2025)
  - a. Revenue & Expense Monthly

Ms. Keeling stated that Ms. Beltram's report stated there was a \$93,000 deficit. Voters approved \$300,000. Balance \$75,000.

7. Superintendent's Report-Personnel: Leaves/Lay-offs/Resignations  
Non-Renewals/Appointments/Recalls and other Personnel Actions – Informational (July & August)  
***No new information for either July or August***

8. Policy Update
  - A. Reaffirm Affirmative Action Policy

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Joyce to reaffirm the Affirmative Action Policy as presented in the packet

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

9. Facilities Update

Mr. Gras reported that summer shutdown work is being done. Butterfly garden in both schools with Inside-out grant. Relocation of classroom from Fogarty to West Glocester. HVAC repairs, blinds for Fogarty. 10 new cafeteria tables were purchased for Fogarty.

10. 2025-26 Budget

Mrs. Keeling reported no update.

11. Update on Preliminary Bus Routes for 25-26 school year

Mrs. Keeling reported that Heather Busald is just about complete on bus routes and will be posted soon.

12. Establish Legislative Liaison Sub Committee

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to establish a Legislative Liaison Sub Committee

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

Ms. Ferreira wanted to start this committee to be informed of any new legislature, bills, laws, etc. Mr. Dupuis and Ms. Ferreira will sit on this committee.

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

No update at this time.

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

Doris Reilly, Glocester asked if the town council ever reached out to the school committee to have a conversation regarding the referendum. Both Mrs. Keeling and Mrs. Joyce stated no one has contacted them.

15. Seek to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the Following Matters

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr Rizzo to Convene in Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters.

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

- A. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(8)ii: PRIVACY OF STUDENTS/ RECORDS
  - i. *Homeschool*
- B. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) Legal Advice/Pending Litigation
  - ii. *2025-26 Budget - Maintenance of Effort and Supplemental Tax Levy (Potential Litigation)*
  - iii. *24-057S & 24-084S T. DOE v. Glocester RSD - RE: Transportation Issue with School District*
- C. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) Union Negotiations
  - iv. Certified
  - v. Non-Certified

**Return to public session at 6:55 pm and chair announced that 1 vote was taken: Homeschool**

16. Reconvene to Open Session

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

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

17. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

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

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**

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

Ms. Ferreira asked about the bill that passed regarding having cameras on buses. She was informed that we already have cameras on buses.

19. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

No new agenda items

20. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr Rizzo to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:56 pm

**MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0**