

MINUTES

1) Call to Order

2) Roll Call

Meeting Called to Order by Chair, Mrs Keeling at 5:30 pm

Present: Mrs Joyce, Ms. Keeling, Mr. Dupuis, Mr. Joyce, Mr. Rizzo, & Ms. Ferreira

Also Present: Attorney Piccirilli, Dr. Palazzo

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) School Spotlight

a) West Glocester Elementary School

The fifth grade students are excited to be going to PMS to watch a Unified game. They are having field day on June 10th.

b) Fogarty Memorial Elementary School

Third grade students thanked teachers and staff for making their school great! The fourth graders went to the Pequot Museum. Fifth graders are excited for the Unified game at PMS.

5) Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item

None at this time.

DISCUSSION AND/OR PUBLIC ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

6) Approval of School Committee Minutes (April 7, 2026)

a) Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on April 7, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on April 7, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

7. Approval of Bills - (APRIL)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated April 1, 2026 to April 30, 2026 in the amount of \$203,782.01

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

8. Finance Update (April 2026)

a. Revenue & Expense Monthly

No report was sent from Glocester Business office

9. FY 26 Budget Update

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the transfer of \$128,790 from fund balance and unrestrict \$214,575 from FM account to cover projected deficit.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Letter to town council members stating there is a potential deficit of \$343,465.00. Dr. Palazzo stated there is a spending freeze.

10. FY 27 Budget Update

Dr. Palazzo met with both Ms. Lamongtagne & Ms. Beltram to look at making cuts. Increase in health benefits - 12%.

Will continue to meet.

11. Regionalization

Ms. Keeling would like to discuss regionalization. Have the business manager put numbers together -- what could we get. Ms. Ferreira stated it needs to be looked at. Increase in state aid.

12. Superintendent's Report

- A. Personnel Report – - Resignations, Appointments, Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Job Sharing, Recalls and Other Personnel Actions – Informational

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the Superintendent's Report as presented in your packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-1-0

Ms. Ferreira voted no

Ms. Joyce asked it to be noted that she will vote yes, but wants to revisit it. Mr. Ferreira voted no until the town meets with the school committee.

13. Inter-district Agreement for Special Education Services

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the pending final review of the agreement.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Dr. Palazzo originally discussed withdrawing, but merged together with Scituate, the Region and Glocester. Foster Glocester will be fiscal agent. Will share services with Special Education. Scituate voted to approve. It will be a one year agreement.

14. Approval of Emergency School Day Reduction for 2025-26 School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr Rizzo to approve the updated Emergency School Day Reduction for the 2025-26 Glocester School Calendar as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Dr. Palazzo requested that the last 2 days for teachers be waived.

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr Rizzo to approve the last day for both students and teachers will be on the same day (June 18, 2026) and the teachers will not have to report the extra two days as presented by Dr. Palazzo.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Ms. MacPhee thanked both Dr. Palazzo and the school committee.

15. Approval of 2026-27 School Calendar

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Dupuis to approve the 2026-27 Glocester School Calendar as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

16. Facilities Update

- a. Approval to go out to bid for Booster Pump Replacement - West Glocester Elementary

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Dupuis to approve the Booster Pump Replacement for West Gloucester Elementary as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

17. Update Fiscal Strategy and Advocacy Working Group
Will discuss at next meeting

18. Town Council Update - Update on activities relating to the School Department
No update

19. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:
Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Joyce to Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) Union Negotiations/Collective Bargaining Updates

- i. Gloucester Education Support ULP 6432 removed from abeyance - Notice of Hearing Date: May 28, 2026 @ 9 am
- ii. Gloucester Teachers Association - Request for Mediation (*Waiting on dates*)
- iii. Gloucester ULP #6454 - Changes in Employees Health Care Benefits - remove GLP-1 drug

Return to public session at 6:55 pm and chair announcement of votes, if any

Chair announces one vote was taken re: MOA

20. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

21. 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: 6-0-0

22. Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item
No comments

23. Adjourn Public Meeting

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0