

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

Absent: Mr. Joyce

Also Present: Attorney Piccirilli, Dr. Palazzo

- 3) Pledge of Allegiance
- 4) Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item
Kathy LaMontagne from Glocester regarding Item #12 contracts.

DISCUSSION AND/OR PUBLIC ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 5) Approval of School Committee Minutes (May 7, 2026)

- a) Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on May 7, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Motion by Mr Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Executive Session on May 7, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

6. Approval of Bills - (MAY)

Motion by Mr Dupuis supported by Ms Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated May 1, 2026 to May 31, 2026 in the amount of \$306,156.56

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

7. Finance Update (MAY 2026)

- a. Revenue & Expense Monthly

No report received. No additional information; Ms. Beltram was out of the office, but will be back the next day. Will connect with her.

8. FY 26 Budget Update

- a. Corrective Action Plan meeting with Glocester Town Council

Ms. Keeling stated a letter was sent to the Town Council from herself to ask for a joint meeting. Town Council President stated dates would be looked at and would get back to the Chair. It will be a public meeting.

Ms Pat Henry from Glocester asked about the deficit and corrective action plan.

9. FY 27 Budget Update

- a. 2026-27 Municipal Appropriation

On June 1st a letter was received from Ms. Beth Beltram to and let us know appropriation for FY 25 \$85,000 more than FY 26. Close to 1%.

10. Regionalization

Ms. Keeling stated this has been a standing agenda item. Ms. Keeling asked Ms Beltram to put together hard numbers for this. Ms Ferreira asked if there were any other suggestions. Discussion occurred.

11. 2026-H 8531 Relating to Education - Compulsory Attendance

Ms. Ferreira informed the committee that this bill has been held for further study. Referred to page 4 of 7. Will keep the committee posted on any new information. Mr Dupuis would like to keep an eye out on this.

12. Superintendent's Report

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

Dr. Palazzo introduced and gave background information on Jill Richardson the Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator.

Thanked Kyle Fraatz for her service as Clerk for Gloucester.

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

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

- i. Approval of Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator Contract

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to approve the Professional Development & Curriculum Coordinator Contract as presented in your packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

13. Revised 2026-27 Gloucester School Calendar

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Joyce to approve the Revised 2026-27 Gloucester School Calendar.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

The change is the teachers will start on August 24, 2026 (same as the region).

14. Facilities Update

Mr. Gras stated that the schools are in good shape and does not have much new to share at this time. There will be more for the next meeting.

15. Sub Committee Structure & Calendar

Ms Ferreira would like the sub committee meetings to be scheduled by day/time. Decide by sub committee how many times to meet and then put a schedule in place. Will keep this as a standing agenda item and will work in July to create something for the August meeting.

Kathy Lamontagne from Gloucester asked if the committees would consist of outside people sitting on the committee. The meetings are public meetings.

Pat Henry would like sub committee meetings to be scheduled at certain times/days.

16. Communication between School Committee Members

Change name to Communication **to/from** School Committee Members. Keep as a standing agenda item.

17. Agenda Items requested by School Committee Members
Keep as a standing agenda item.

18. Update Fiscal Strategy and Advocacy Working Group

Ms. Ferreira stated that she has only held one meeting and doesn't plan to have another until a meeting between town and school committee has occurred.

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

Waiting to hear back from the town council in regard to a joint meeting.

20. 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: 5-0-0

a. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(1) - Job Performance

(Any discussion of the job performance of an individual provided that such person or persons affected shall have been notified in advance in writing that they may require that the discussion be held at an open meeting)

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

i. Arbitration Case #01-26-0000-2296-2-AW *(assign teacher duties)* - Hearing was held on May 27 - waiting for ruling.

ii. Arbitration Case #01-26-0000-2298-2-AW *(30 minute duty free lunch)* - Hearing was held on May 29 - waiting for ruling.

iii. Glocester Teachers Association - Request for Mediation *(Waiting on dates)*

iv. Glocester ULP #6454 - Changes in Employees Health Care Benefits - *(removing GLP-1 drug)*

Mr. Joyce arrived at meeting @ 6:22 pm

Return to public session at 6:53 pm

Chair announced that no votes were taken in executive session.

21. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

22. 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

24. Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item

For the next meeting, it was asked that Public Comment be put on the Agenda right before Executive session.

25 Adjourn Public Meeting

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0