

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

Absent: Ms. Ferreira

Also Present: Attorney Piccirilli, Dr. Palazzo

3) Pledge of Allegiance

4) Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item

No public comment at this time.

DISCUSSION AND/OR PUBLIC ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

5) Approval of School Committee Minutes June 29 & July 29, 2026)

a) Open Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on June 29, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 4-0-1

Mr. Dupuis abstained

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on July 29, 2026

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

6. Approval of Bills - (JUNE)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated JUNE 1, 2026 to JUNE 30, 2026 in the amount of \$513,392.24

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Approval of Bills - (JULY)

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the monthly bills dated JULY 1, 2026 to JULY 31, 2026 in the amount of \$575,254.42

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

7. Finance Update (JUNE & JULY 2026)

a. Revenue & Expense Monthly

No report received (Finance Director position vacant).

8. FY 27 Budget Update

No new updates

9. 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: 5-0-0

Dr. Palazzo stated that there were 3 recalled teachers, 1 leave of absence w/o pay request.

10. Regionalization

Tabled

11. 2026-27 Bus Routes

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the 2026-27 Bus Routes as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Heather Busald, Bus Coordinator stated that Hopkins is fully employed with drivers and is only in need of one more bus monitor for the 2026-27 school year. Went on site visits with Chief Jenison and Superintendent Palazzo and Clancy from Hopkins - recommendation - bus stop changes (turn around and walking distance within policy). Routes are made with the recommended changes.

12. Policies

a. Reaffirm: Affirmative Action Policy #GBA

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve Reaffirming the Affirmative Action Policy #GBA as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

b. 1st Reading: Electronic Device Policy #GBEF

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve 1st Reading: Electronic Device Policy #GBEF as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

c. 1st Reading: Parent & Family Engagement Policy #KBF

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve 1st Reading: Parent & Family Engagement Policy #KBF as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

Dr Palazzo stated that this policy is required. Re: Title 1 and school engagement. Foster and Foster-Glocester has the same policy.

13. Facilities Update

Gary Gras updated the committee that the summer shutdown has been going great with everything on track. The elementary school custodians have done a fantastic job.

Drainage work at Fogarty is complete. Thanks to DPW for their help.

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

A. FY 26 Budget Update: Corrective Action Plan meeting with Glocester Town Council

The school committee met with the town council. The town council President presented a 5 year potential plan. The school committee and town council will sit down again with the town council once a Finance Director is hired.

B. Special Education Extraordinary Cost

The town council asked to look into this. Special Education Extraordinary costs are received. Reimbursed total this year was less than eligible for -- it was because of the legislative side. Also, there is a 2-year delay for reimbursement. Not sure what account this amount is being held in at the town level.

15. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters at 5:47 pm

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

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

- i. Arbitration Case #01-26-0000-2296-2-AW (*assign teacher duties*) - Hearing was held on May 27 - waiting for ruling.
- ii. Arbitration Case #01-26-0000-2297 (*15 minute block*) - Hearing scheduled for October 26, 2026

- iii. Arbitration Ruling Case #01-26-0000-2298-2-AW (30 minute duty free lunch) - Employer did not violate contract.
- iv. Glocester Teachers Association - Mediation - July 28, 2026
- v. Glocester ULP #6454 - Changes in Employees Health Care Benefits - (removing GLP-1 drug) - Hearing: September 22, 2026
- vi. OMA Whitfield v Glocester 6.23.26 and OMA Kelly v Glocester 6.25.26 - violation of minutes not posted within 35 days

Return to public session at 6:22 pm. There were no votes taken in executive session.

18. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0

19. 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: 5-0-0

16. Communication to/from School Committee Members

None at this time.

17. Future Agenda Items

None at this time.

20. Public Comment – Relating to Open Session Agenda Item

None at this time.

21. Adjourn Public Meeting

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:24 pm

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-0