

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, Mr. Joyce, Ms. Keeling, Ms. Joyce, Mr. Dupuis
Ms. Ferreira arrived at 6:02 pm
Also present: Dr. Palazzo

- 3. Pledge of Allegiance

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

- 4. School Spotlight
 - a. West Glocester Elementary School
 - b. Fogarty Memorial Elementary School

Students from both West Glocester and Fogarty updated the school committee on what was happening at their school and what is being planned. At West Glocester there was an ASPCA Assembly. At Fogarty they celebrated Meteorologist day. Both schools are looking forward to when members of the PHS Unified team come to their schools for Friendship Friday.

- 5. Approval of School Committee Minutes (January 7, 2025)
 - a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Dupuis to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on January 7, 2025
MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on January 7, 2025

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

- 6. Approval of Bills - (January)

Motion by Mr. Rizzo supported by Mr. Dupuis to approve the monthly bills from January 1, 2025 to January 31, 2025 in the amount of \$417,182.94

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

- 7. Finance Update
 - a. Revenue & Expense Monthly

No information

- 8. Budget Update

The budget subcommittee has had two meetings since the last school committee meeting. They are meeting again on February 6 and 11, 2025. There isn't a date with the budget board as of yet.

9. Superintendent's Report-Personnel: Leaves/Resignations/Non-Renewals/
Appointments/Recalls and other Personnel Actions – Informational

Dr. Palazzo went over the appointments. Also, thanked Ms. Nancy Zambarano and wished her well in retirement. The school committee thanked her for her years of service.

a. Approval of Leave of Absence

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to approve the leave of absences as presented in the packet.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

10. Principal Update

Mrs. Keeling stated that she asked for the update on the agenda to let the principals know that if there is anything the school committee can do to support them, it can be addressed during this agenda item.

a. West Gloucester

Ms. Zambarano stated that the student from West Gloucester that reported earlier in the evening gave the update; but will have something more next month.

b. Fogarty Memorial

Ms. Strik stated that some of the students from PHS will be meeting with the 5th grade girls from Fogarty at PMS for a Women in Stem assembly.

11. Facilities Update

Mr. Gras confirmed that the doors at West Gloucester were installed and the doors for Fogarty should be done by the end of the week.

12. Appointment to Health & Wellness sub committee

Motion by Mrs. Keeling supported by Mr. Dupuis to appoint Mr. Rizzo to the Wellness Sub committee.

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

13. Policy Regulation Update

Table until next month when attorney is present

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

No update at this time.

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

No update at this time.

16. Seek to Convene to Executive Session to Discuss and/or Vote on the following matters:

Motion by Ms. Joyce supported by Mr. Dupuis 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)(2) Pending Litigation/Legal Advice

- i. 24-057K T. DOE v. Foster/Glocester RSD - RE: Transportation Issue with School District
- ii. Northwest Regional Special Education

Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any

Chair announces any votes, if any

No votes taken in Executive Session

17. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

18. 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

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

None at this time.

20. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

Budget Update

CTE in Elementary schools

Policy Regulation Update

21. Adjourn Meeting

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms. Joyce to adjourn Public Meeting at 6:44 pm

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0