

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 5:30 pm

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

Also present: Attorney Piccirilli, Clerk Kyle Fraatz, Stenographer

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Seek to Convene to 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)(2) Legal Advice/Pending Litigation
 - i. 2025-26 Budget - Maintenance of Effort and Supplemental Tax Levy (Potential Litigation)
 - ii. 24-057S & 24-084S T. DOE v. Glocester RSD - RE: Transportation Issue with School District
- b. Per RI General Law 42-46-5(a)(2) Union Negotiations
 - i. *Certified*
 - ii. *Non-Certified*

Return to public session 6 pm and announcement of votes, if any

Chair announces one vote was taken

5. Reconvene to Open Session

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

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

6. 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

DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION ON THE FOLLOWING:

7. Approval of School Committee Minutes (June 3, 2025 & July 8, 2025)

- a. Open and Executive Sessions

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on June 3, 2025

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-1

Ms. Joyce abstained

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on June 3, 2025

MOTION PASSED: 5-0-1

Ms. Joyce abstained

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to approve the minutes of the Open meeting on July 8, 2025

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Ms Ferreira to approve the minutes of the Executive Session meeting on July 8, 2025
MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0

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

Tabled by Chair Ms. Keeling

9. 2025-26 Budget

A. Discussion of supplemental tax levy

B. Obtain testimony of Town Financial Manager, Elizabeth Beltram re: the Gloucester School Committee's inquiry into determining what is the true and legal Maintenance of Effort amount due to the School Department from the Town of Gloucester, as required by R.I. Gen. Laws § 16-7-23.

At this time, a stenographer was present and transcribed the questions and answers of Financial Manager, Elizabeth Beltram. The transcript will be submitted as part of the minutes.

[Transcription of Gloucester School Hearing 7.22.25](#)

Ms. Elizabeth Beltram was represented by Attorney Tim Robenhymer

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

Tabled until the August 5, 2025 school committee meeting

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

No public comment at this time.

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

No communication at this time.

13. Future Agenda Items – Identification of Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items.

At this time, Attorney Piccirilli stated that a vote was taken in executive session that authorized him to initiate filing a complaint with the Rhode Island Department of Education to find out what is the true and legal Maintenance of Effort amount due to the School Department.

14. Adjourn Public Meeting

Motion by Mr. Dupuis supported by Mr. Rizzo to adjourn Public Meeting at 7:21 pm

MOTION PASSED: 6-0-0