

**MINUTES**

1. Meeting called to order by Co-Chair, Ms. Joyce at 7:00 p.m.
2. Roll Call  
Present: Ms. Joyce, Mr. Autiello, Mr. Burlingame, Ms. Carroll (7:08),  
Ms. Keeling, Mr. Mara, Ms. Pezza, Mr. Steere, Ms. Swanson  
Also present: Dr. Barnes, Ms. Jacques
3. Pledge of Allegiance  
  
Discussion and/or vote on the following:
4. Student/Staff Recognition  
The committee recognized, Jenn Simoneau, District Teacher of the Year.
5. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda
6. Approval of Minutes  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the minutes of  
the meeting on August 7, 2018 Regular Meeting and Executive Session  
Motion passed 6-0-2 with Ms. Keeling and Ms. Swanson abstaining
7. Approval of Monthly Bills  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the bills as  
listed on the Monthly Expenditure Report dated August 31, 2018 in the  
amount of \$ 1,171,949.34  
  
Motion passed 8-0-0
8. Business Manager's Report  
Mr. Autiello requested a financial report on the Moving Wall for the  
October meeting, including a summary of expenses for the speaker/author.
9. Assistant Superintendent Report  
Ms. Jacques report included PLTW courses, professional development  
designed to focus on improving student outcomes, and My School Bucks  
online store and donation website.
10. Superintendent's Report - Personnel: Resignations, Appointments,  
Retirements, Leaves, Lay Offs, Recalls, Job Share, and Other Personnel  
Actions  
  
Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revised  
Superintendent's Report that was disseminated at the meeting.  
  
Motion passed 9-0-0

11. Review of District's Five-Year Capital Plan

Mr. Autiello requested a report that includes more detail: a list of future projects, as well as a list of capital projects over the past 5 years and the status of each project, including the amount budgeted and the actual cost.

12. Approval of Foster-Glocester Regional School District 2019-2024

Capital Plan for Stage 1 Submission to RI Department of Education

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to approve the Foster-Glocester Regional School District 2019-2024 Capital Plan for Stage 1 Submission to the RI Department of Education

Motion passed 9-0-0

Dr. Barnes explained that, in addition to the bond that is going forward, the Governor submitted budget Article IX, which modifies state law and requires that school districts' build 3% into their operating budget dedicated to maintaining capital projects in order to be eligible to receive state funds.

13. Request to Allow Food Trucks at After Hours School/Community Event

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to approve the Senior Class and Student Council to hold event with food trucks at no cost to the district.

Motion passed 9-0-0

14. Request to Dispose of Property - Two obsolete computers

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the disposal of two obsolete computers.

Motion passed 9-0-0

15. Revisions to Disposition of Surplus Equipment Policy-1st Reading

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revisions to the Disposition of Surplus Equipment Policy as a 1st Reading.

Motion passed 9-0-0

16. Revisions to Service Animals Policy - 2nd Reading

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revisions to the Service Animals Policy as a 2nd Reading.

Ms. Carroll questioned why the policy is written for service "animals" as there are only two animals by law allowed to be service animals - one is a dog and the other is a miniature horse and advised that the language in the policy be more specific. She also suggested that the policy state a service dog or miniature pony must be doctor-ordered and have appropriate certification. Ms. Carroll also stated that the policy needs to stipulate that if another child in the classroom is allergic to the animal, the student with the allergy must be moved, not the student with the service animal.

After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn.

Motion by Ms. Carroll, supported by Mr. Steere, to table this item.

Motion passed 9-0-0

17. Revisions to the Grading Policy - 1st Reading

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the revisions to the Grading Policy - 1st Reading

Motion passed 9-0-0

Dr. Barnes explained that this first draft incorporates some of the suggestions made by faculty, administrators and students. A meeting at each school will be scheduled for teachers to provide additional input before the policy is brought back to the committee in October.

18. Discussion and Possible Revision to the Student Dress Code

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve revisions to the Student Dress Code as discussed.

Dr. Palazzo stated that appropriate dress for school should pass the reasonableness test and reviewed some of the changes to the dress code that interfere with teaching and learning including: girls should not wear very short skirts or shorts; halter tops or dresses; tank tops with spaghetti straps, or see-through tops; boys should not wear muscle shirts.

Ms. Carroll questioned why the student dress code was on the agenda as it is not a policy that the school committee approves.

After discussion, motion and second were withdrawn.

19. Transportation for Extra-Curricular and Field Trips

Dr. Barnes explained that the elementary districts have traditionally set a rate for transportation contracts and the rate covering the elementary schools for field trips was also covering the rate for field trips at the Region. However, legal counsel for the Gloucester School Committee pointed out that the contract does not specifically state that the rate set for elementary schools covers the Region, so the Region is free to negotiate their own rate. Traditionally, the Region has been paying in the low \$20s plus a per mile charge. The Gloucester bus companies informed Dr. Barnes that they want to increase their rate for the Region to \$60/hr with no mileage charge. That is an additional cost to the district that had not been budgeted. Dr. Barnes clarified that he is not saying the quote is not competitive; it was a surprise and it's significantly more than what the bus companies are charging the elementary.

Ms. Keeling suggested that because the Region has a huge bill (potentially \$50,000) that was not budgeted, the Region should keep whatever amount they are billed for transportation from the regional pass through funds from the state. The committee was reminded that the lobbying efforts of the Regional Coalition resulted in an additional \$200,000 in pass through funds; so that money was not included in the bus contracts negotiated by Gloucester for the next three years. Mr. Steere and Ms. Carroll explained that they had counted on the additional pass through funds when negotiating the bus contract.

20. Revisions to College and Career Pathways Application Policy - 1st Reading

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to approve the Revisions to the College and Career Pathways Application Policy as a 1st Reading Motion passed 9-0-0

21. Discussion and/or Action on Regionalization/Charter Review

The committee requested a report on the pros and cons of regionalization including a financial analysis and a timeline for moving forward.

22. Vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a)

(1) Job Performance of an Individual and Administrator Contract: Career Pathways Supervisor; (8) Privacy of Student Records-Request to Home School

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to vote to Convene to Executive Session per RI General Laws 42-46-5 (a) (1) Job Performance of an Individual and Administrator Contract: Career Pathways Supervisor; (8) Privacy of Student Records-Request to Home School Motion passed 9-0-0

23. Return to public session and announcement of votes, if any

Chair announces vote, if any, in Executive Session.

Dr. Barnes states for the record that individuals discussed in Executive Session were properly notified.

24. Vote to Seal the Minutes of Executive Session

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to seal the minutes of executive session.

Motion passed 9-0-9

25. Job Performance of an Individual/ Administrator Contract; Career Pathways Supervisor

Motion by Ms. Pezza, supported by Ms. Swanson, to extend the position of Career Pathways Supervisor from 200 days to year-round using the model administrative contract, with a salary as recommended by the Superintendent and an expiration date of June 30, 2021.

Motion passed 7-2-0 with Ms. Carroll and Mr. Autiello voting no.

26. Public Comment on Items Relating to Agenda

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

28. Future Agenda Items - Identification of Future Agenda Items

29. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Swanson, supported by Ms. Pezza, to adjourn at 9:43pm.

Motion passed 9-0-0

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Kathryn Ritter-Smith, Clerk