

## MINUTES

### **I. CALL TO ORDER:**

Meeting called to order by Chair, Mr. Hebert, at 7:00 pm.

### **II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **III. ROLL CALL**

The following members were present: Mr. Hebert, Mr. Steere, Mr. Skeffington and Ms. Michalik. Mr. Gieck and Mr. Baker were absent. Mr. Mainville, Business Manager, and Mr. Piccirilli and Mr. Robert Wallace, Superintendent, were also in attendance.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Mr. Skeffington that the actions of the School Committee at the meeting scheduled on November 18, 2008 Open Meeting and Executive Session (sealed) be approved as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

### **V. APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mr. Steere that the approval of bills dated 11/1/2008 to 11/30/2008 in the amount of \$594,128.56 be approved as presented.

Motion passed 4-0-0.

### **VI. WELLNESS POLICY**

Motion made by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Ms. Michalik to accept the revised version of the Wellness Policy. The word "gym" was eliminated and replaced with "Physical Education".

Motion passed and was adopted. 4-0-0

### **VII. GATE KEEPER CONTRACT**

Mr. Mainville, Business Manager, clarified the Gate Keeper Contract to the School Committee. The IRS has administered new laws and regulations concerning 403B payroll deduction plans. The Gatekeeper Administration and Consulting is like a third party administrator for employee retirement deductions from payroll. On a motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Ms. Michalik, the School Committee adopted the "Gatekeeper Contract" for the Glocester Elementary Employees (eligible for 403B

deduction) as of January 1, 2009 as required by the IRS laws and regulations and as presented by Mr. Mainville.  
Motion passed.4-0-0

### **VIII. GLOCESTER SPECIAL EDUCATION STAFFING POLICY**

Mr. Wallace relayed to the Committee that Mr. Magner and his Committee were not ready with the new policy but should have something in hand by January 2009 or February 2009.

### **IX. TOWN COUNCIL UPDATE**

Mr. Steer relayed to the Committee that there wasn't really anything to update but that the Town Council approved a Recycling Program to begin at both Elementary Schools.

### **X. BUDGET UPDATE**

Mr. Mainville informed the Committee that the Audit is near completion and the final figures are favorable.

### **XI. 2009 - SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING DATES**

On a motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Ms. Michalik the School Committee voted to accepted the meeting dates for 2009 as presented by Superintendent Wallace. (Schedule attached).

Motion passed. 4-0-0

### **XII. 2008-2009 BUDGET RECONCILIATION**

Mr. Mainville informed the Committee that the 2008-2009 budget would balance due to line item changes and fuel costs being down. Mr. Piccirilli informed the School Committee that at some point the School Committee would need to adopt the readjusted budget. On a motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Ms. Michalik the School Committee accepted the Business Manager's report as presented.

Motion passed. 4-0-0

On a motion by Ms. Michalik and seconded by Mr. Steere the Committee moved to reduce \$90,824.00 from the 2008-2009 Fiscal Budget as a result from the Financial Town Meeting in May 2008.

Motion passed. 4-0-0

Mr. Hebert expressed his appreciation to the Mr. Mainville, Business Manager and his staff, especially 'Jacky' and to Mr. Piccirilli for all their extensive contributions to this year's budget constraints.

### **XIII. 2009-2010 BUDGET**

Mr. Wallace, Mr. Steere and Mr. Mainville met and discussed the 2009-2010 budget. As some members of the Budget Sub-Committee will no longer be on the School Committee, Mr. Hebert appointed himself to the Budget Sub-Committee. A meeting was scheduled for December 23, 2008 at 5:00pm for discussion.

## **XVI. BUSING ISSUES – REGION**

Mr. Wallace provided the Committee with the estimated amounts for fuel consumption and mileage for the Middle School and the High School extracurricular transportation with Hopkins and Jacques bus lines. A motion by Mr. Skeffington and seconded by Mr. Steere to bill the Foster /Glocester School Department for the fuel consumed for extracurricular transportation. Mr. Skeffington withdrew his motion after the Committee decided to have a discussion with the Superintendent of the Foster Glocester School Department. Many services and expenses are shared between the districts. A proposal will be put together for discussion.

## **XV. BUSING CONTRACTS**

Mr. Hebert requested that the Superintendent, the Business Manager and Mr. Piccirilli review the current busing contracts and put a proposal together with the busing companies. Mr. Piccirilli suggested that the proposal be discussed in Executive Session and any changes to the current contract be put in a formal amendment.

## **XVI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

1. Personnel – Resignations/Leaves/Appointments –
  - a. Mr. Wallace recommended the appointment of Richard Maresca as Interim Principal at Fogarty Memorial School beginning January 29, 2008. The current Interim-Principal, Mr. Bob McKenna, is a retired Principal and can only work for 90 days, which will conclude on January 28, 2009. Mr. Maresca is also a retired Principal but will be able to complete the current school year. A motion by Mr. Steere and seconded by Mr. Skeffington, the Committee voted to approve the recommended appointment of Interim Principal at Fogarty Memorial School to Mr. Richard Maresca.  
Motion passed. 4-0-0

## **XVII. COMMUNICATIONS**

None at this time.

## **XVIII. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The following items were expressed to be included on next month's agenda –

Glocester Special Education Staffing Policy  
Bussing Issues  
Bussing Contract  
2008-2009 Budget Reconciliation  
2009-2010 Budget  
Re-organization of the School Committee

**XIX. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Hebert expressed his and the Committee's gratitude to the three School Committee members, Mr. Baker, Ms. Michalik, and Mr. Gieck, who are stepping down. He expressed how well everyone has worked together through some difficult issues and how they were contributing team players.

**XX. Move to Executive Session per RI General Laws (42-46) Open Meeting Law**

Motion by Ms. Michalik seconded by Mr. Skeffington, that the Committee recess into Executive Session per R.I.G.L. 42-46-5 at 7:45pm to consider Collective Bargaining/Contract Negotiations/Grievances. Motion passed 4-0-0.

Motion by Mr. Steere, seconded by Ms. Michalik that the Committee reconvene to Open Session at 8:07pm. Motion passed 4-0-0.

**XXII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion by Ms. Michalik seconded by Mr. Steere, to seal the minutes of Executive Session.

- a. General Disclosure of Executive Session Procedures
- b. Disclosure of any votes taken - none

Motion passed 4-0-0.

**XXIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Mr. Skeffington seconded by Mr. Steere that the meeting be adjourned at 8:08 p.m. Motion passes 4-0-0.

Respectfully Submitted:

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**Helena McCullough**