

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Our mission is for all students to be successful, engaged, lifelong learners.

School Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

District Office – Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jonathan Pope, Chairman
Kathy Clancy, Vice Chairperson
Joel Favazza, Secretary
Melissa Teixeira
Tony Gross
Michelle Sweet

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent
Tom Lafleur, CPA, Director of Finance
and Operations

Recorded by Cape Ann TV

- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG**
- III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – Russ Davis of 23 Woodward Avenue
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON** – Chairman Pope
- V. RECOGNITIONS** – Dr. Safier recognized Lara Lepionka
- VI. GHS STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL** – None present.
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - A. Approval of Minutes**
 - 1. Building & Finance Subcommittee Meeting of June 15, 2016
 - 2. School Committee Meeting of June 22, 2016
 - 3. Special School Committee Meeting of July 14, 2016
 - B. Approval of Warrants** – Cover Sheets
 - C. Approval of Transfers**
 - D. Referrals**
 - E. Acceptance of Gifts/Donations**

On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor, 0 opposed to approve the Consent Agenda as noted above.

VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

(At this time, the agenda was taken out of order.)

D. Charter School Cap Referendum – Chairman Pope

A. Elementary Schools Statement of Interest – Chairman Pope

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

A. MSBA Project Update – Mr. Buckley

**VIII. DELIBERATIONS ON EDUCATIONAL ISSUES/SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT
(Continued)**

B. Elementary School Plan – Chairman Pope

C. Update on August 28 West Parish Open House

E. Superintendent’s Report – Dr. Safier updated the committee on the following matters:

1. Student Enrollment
2. Hiring Update and Orientation
3. Leadership Retreat
4. Countdown to Kindergarten
5. Opening of School Correspondence
6. Substance Use Policies – Submission and Guidance
7. Calendar

On a motion by Ms. Sweet, seconded by Ms. Teixeira, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor, 0 opposed to accept the Superintendent’s Report.

IX. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS – None

X. ACTION

A. Acceptance of Grants

1. Gloucester Education Foundation grant totaling \$55,060.00

After discussion, on a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor, 0 opposed to accept a grant from the Gloucester Education Foundation totaling \$55,060.00 for programs to be funded for the upcoming year.

On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

VOTED: 0 in favor, 6 opposed to reconsider the vote to accept the above-referenced Gloucester Education Foundation grant totaling \$55,060.00. The motion failed.

2. DESE grant amendment in the amount of \$55.00 for Title IIA – Improving Educator Quality

On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor, 0 opposed to accept a DESE grant amendment in the amount of \$55.00 for Title IIA – Improving Educator Quality.

On a motion by Ms. Teixeira, seconded by Kathy Clancy Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 0 in favor, 6 opposed to reconsider the vote to accept the above-referenced DESE grant amendment in the amount of \$55.00. The motion failed.

XI. DISCUSSION/OTHER COMMUNICATION/OLD AND NEW BUSINESS (Continued)

B. School Start Time

C. Consolidation of City and School Departments

D. Review Board to Examine City’s Retirement Policies

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION – On a motion by Ms. Teixeira, seconded by Kathy Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: By Roll Call Vote

Kathy Clancy – yes
Mr. Favazza – yes
Mr. Gross – yes
Chairman Pope – yes
Ms. Sweet – yes
Ms. Teixeira – yes

To enter into Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and to enter back into regular session for the purpose of adjournment only.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT – On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Chairman Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor 0 opposed, to adjourn the School Committee Meeting of August 10, 2016 at 10:13 p.m.

All reference documents and reports are filed in the Superintendent's office.

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*