

THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Special School Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

Superintendent's Conference Room – District Office

7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Jonathan Pope, Chairman
Val Gilman, Vice Chairperson
Kathy Clancy, Secretary
Melissa Teixeira
Tony Gross
Mayor Carolyn Kirk

Administration Present

Dr. Richard Safier, Superintendent

Recorded by Cape Ann TV

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

II. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

III. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS – None

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Chairman Pope stated that this will be a short meeting to address a number of time sensitive action items.

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

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION – On a motion by Ms. Teixeira, seconded by Mrs. Gilman, it was unanimously

VOTED: By Roll Call Vote

Mrs. Gilman – yes
Mr. Gross – yes
Mayor Kirk – yes
Chairman Pope – yes
Ms. Teixeira – yes
Kathy Clancy – yes

To enter into Executive Session at 7:09 p.m. to discuss contract negotiations with the crossing guards and bus monitors, GAEP, and AFSCME-B and to enter back into regular session to resume the meeting.

V. ACTION/DISCUSSION

A. Ratification of Contracts

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

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to approve the agreement between the Gloucester School Committee and the Gloucester Association of Education Paraprofessionals (GAEP) for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

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

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to approve the contract between the Gloucester School Committee and the Crossing Guards & Bus Monitors for the period of July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

B. End of Year Transfers – Kathy Clancy and Dr. Safier reviewed Document II.C., pages 1-3 presented at the Building & Finance Subcommittee meeting earlier this evening.

After discussion, on a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Chairman Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to authorize the CFO to transfer \$108,242.00 from available ordinary balances to personnel accounts, as indicated on Document II.C, p.3.

After discussion, on a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Chairman Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to authorize the CFO to pay the newly known and projected expenditures beyond the FY12 budget in the amount of \$319,539.00 from available end-of-year balances, as indicated on Document II.C., p.2.

After discussion, on a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Chairman Pope, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to authorize the CFO to prepay out-of-district special education tuition expenses in the amount of \$172,000.00 from available end-of-year balances.

- C. Approval of O’Maley Innovation School** – Dr. Safier indicated that he spoke with Bridget Rodriguez, Director of Planning and Collaboration at the Executive Office of Education, regarding issues of policy, budget, and substantial future changes with regard to the innovation school.

With respect to policy, if there is a discrepancy between the innovation plan and district policy, the innovation plan prevails. Dr. Safier stated that there is nothing in the innovation plan that addresses any hot-button issues that would be of concern, such as collective bargaining.

Dr. Safier reported that the School Committee has the final say on the innovation school’s budget unless there is a stipulation in the innovation plan. He indicated there are no issues in the innovation plan that refer to the budget.

Finally, Dr. Safier stated that the statute is not explicit with respect to substantial future changes to the plan. The position of the DESE is that if there is a proposal to change the plan, it will go before the faculty to be voted and be presented to the School Committee for approval. A discussion was held on what would constitute a substantial change to the plan (e.g. anything that would impact the budget or collective bargaining).

After discussion, on a motion by Mrs. Gilman, seconded by Kathy Clancy, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to authorize the O’Maley Innovation School for a period of not more than five years, subject to M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 92(n).

VII. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Kathy Clancy, seconded by Mayor Kirk, it was unanimously

VOTED: 6 in favor zero opposed, to adjourn the Special School Committee Meeting of June 20, 2012 at 7:50 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi
Recording Secretary*