

**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**Special School Committee Meeting Minutes**

Tuesday, September 1, 2020

HELD VIA ZOOM

5:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

Jonathan Pope, Chairman

Melissa Teixeira Prince, Vice Chairperson

Laura Wiessen, Secretary (5:02 p.m.)

Joel Favazza

Samantha Watson

Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken

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- I. CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.

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**ROLL CALL OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Kathy Clancy – not present

Mr. Favazza – present

Chairman Pope – present

Ms. Teixeira Prince – present

Mayor Theken – present

Ms. Watson – present

Ms. Wiessen – not present

*(Ms. Wiessen joined the meeting at 5:02 p.m.)*

- II. EXECUTIVE SESSION** – After discussion, on a motion by Ms. Teixeira Prince, seconded by Ms. Watson, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** By Roll Call Vote

Mr. Favazza – yes  
Chairman Pope – yes  
Ms. Teixeira Prince – yes  
Mayor Theken – yes  
Ms. Watson – yes  
Ms. Wiessen – yes

To enter into Executive Session at 5:03 p.m. to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the Gloucester Teachers Association and GAEP, as an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body, and to return to open session only to adjourn.

**III. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Mayor Theken, seconded by Ms. Watson, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** By Roll Call Vote

Mr. Favazza – yes  
Chairman Pope – yes  
Ms. Teixeira Prince – yes  
Mayor Theken – yes  
Ms. Watson – yes

To adjourn the Special School Committee meeting of September 1, 2020 at 7:10 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi  
Recording Secretary*