

**THE GLOUCESTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

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

**Special School Committee Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, July 14, 2016

West Parish Elementary School

5:00 p.m.

**Members Present**

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

**Administration Present**

Tom Lafleur, CPA, Director of Finance  
and Operations  
Julie Smith, Athletic Director

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- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairman Pope called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. and stated the mission of the Gloucester Public Schools.
- II. **SALUTE TO THE FLAG** – Waived.
- III. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS** – None.
- IV. **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON** – None.
- V. **DISCUSSION/ACTION**
  - A. **Approval of Athletic User Fees** – Chairman Pope reported that at its last meeting, the committee appropriated \$20,000 to be applied to user fees but did not have a recommendation as to how that should be implemented. Mr. Lafleur stated that he reduced all of the fees by 10-12%, which translates to an approximate \$15,000 overall reduction. He expects that the fees will be revisited in the fall (when we have fall sports data) to lower the family cap to absorb the remaining \$5,000. Chairman Pope distributed and reviewed the new user fees

After discussion, on a motion by Chairman Pope, seconded by Ms. Teixeira, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 5 in favor, 0 opposed to adopt the proposed 2016-2017 Athletic Participation Fees.

Finally, there was a discussion about the length of the O'Maley hockey season.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT** – On a motion by Ms. Teixeira, seconded by Ms. Sweet, it was unanimously

**VOTED:** 5 in favor 0 opposed, to adjourn the Special School Committee Meeting of July 14, 2016 at 5:19 p.m.

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

*Maria Puglisi  
Recording Secretary*