



A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, February 14, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

Thomaston High School Auditorium, Entrance Door #3

This meeting can be attended in person by the public ([see requirements](#)) or viewed live/recorded on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#).

Mission Statement:

In a partnership of family, school and community, our mission is to **educate**, **challenge** and **inspire** each individual to excel and become a contributing member of society.

Board of Education Goals:

- 1) Spotlight on one staff member each Regular meeting (September - June)
 - 2) Conduct meetings that are efficient using hybrid meeting technology
 - 3) Provide relevant research and data prior to the formal presentation of that information to the Board.
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Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary

Steven Carr, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent
Frank Treglia
Marie Eldridge

Sarah Ethier
Beth Campbell
Matthew VanOrmer

Student Representatives 2021-2022

Cesar Velez Delaney Jose

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.2 – Order of Business and Policy 1205 Community Relations – Participation by the Public – Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Vote to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education Meeting dated February 14, 2022 as presented.

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct)

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325 – Bylaws of the Board Meeting Conduct.

Specifically, provision for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

- Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter.
- No boisterous conduct shall be permitted at any Board of Education meeting. Persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the chair, of that person's privilege of address. If necessary, the Chairperson may clear the room so that Board members may continue the meeting.
- No oral presentation shall include charges or complaints against any employee of the Board of Education, regardless of whether or not the employee is identified in the presentation by name or by another reference that tends to identify an individual. All charges or complaints against employees shall be submitted to the Board of Education under provision of Board of Education policy.

The Thomaston Board of Education is confident you will observe the rules of common courtesy. Thank you.

5. Approval of Minutes ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

5.1. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2022

Vote to accept/approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2022 as presented.

5.2. Thomaston Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2022

Vote to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2022

as presented.

Recognitions ▲

(Policy 1170 – Community Relations/Recognitions of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education and Bylaws of the Board 9420 – Recognition of Accomplishments by Citizens, Students, Staff Members or Member of the Board)

5.3. December 2021 Students of the Month

- 5.3.1. Kindergarten - Zoe Michaud - November 2021 - *Zoe was unable to attend the December BOE Meeting*
- 5.3.2. Kindergarten - Noah Fedorich
- 5.3.3. Grade 1 - Adrianna Rodriguez
- 5.3.4. Grade 2 - Camron Tirrell
- 5.3.5. Grade 3 - Jack Guadino
- 5.3.6. Grade 4 - Olivia Moher
- 5.3.7. Grade 5 - Isabella Hoffman
- 5.3.8. Grade 6 - LeAnna Gilmore
- 5.3.9. Grade 7 - Cassidy Thibeau
- 5.3.10. Grade 8 - Tyler Veronesi
- 5.3.11. Grade 9 - Vincent Russman
- 5.3.12. Grade 10 - Tyler LaPorta
- 5.3.13. Grade 11 - Emma Marble
- 5.3.14. Grade 12 - Julia Pupriqi

5.4. February Staff Spotlight - Amy Woodard, Paraprofessional - Thomaston Center School

6. Presentations ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

6.1. Status of Masking after February 15, 2022 in Thomaston Public Schools - Superintendent Coss

- 6.1.1. CIAC Request to Change Mask Mandate and Return To Play Recommendations
- 6.1.2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Requirements for Persons to Wear Masks While on Conveyances and at Transportation Hubs
- 6.1.3. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 5132 - Students - Dress and Grooming

Potential vote to accept/approve Thomaston Board of Education Policy 5132 - Students - Dress and Grooming as presented.

- 6.2. PSAT/SAT Tasks Recommendation for Math Curriculum 7-12 - Mel Shkrepi , Grade 12 - Thomaston High School
- 6.3. Portrait of a Graduate - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Thomaston Public Schools
- 6.4. Board of Education Approved 2022-2023 Operating Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Budget, Todd Bendsten, Business Manager - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 6.4.1. Public Comment on the recommended inclusion or deletion of expenditures related to the 2022-2023 Operating Budget and 2022-2027 Capital Budget presentation per Policy 3140

7. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

8. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)

8.1. Two Year Thomaston Board of Education Meeting Calendar - 2024-2025

Vote to accept/approve the Two Year Thomaston Board of Education Meeting Calendar - 2024-2025 as presented.

8.2. One Book, One School - The Van Gogh Deception - Thomaston Center School

9. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

9.1. Correspondence

9.1.1. Superintendent

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- 9.1.1.1. Letters of Quarantine/Isolation from Superintendent Coss to Parents for COVID-Related Childcare/Work Absence
 - 9.1.1.2. Thank you letter to Fran Rabinowitz, Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS), for Presentation at the January 10, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
 - 9.1.1.3. Letter of Expulsion from Superintendent Coss to the parent of student 2
 - 9.1.1.4. Effective School Solutions - Insights & Solutions - January 2022
 - 9.1.1.5. Effective School Solutions - January 5, 2022
 - 9.1.1.6. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - January 12, 2022
 - 9.1.1.7. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - January 19, 2022
 - 9.1.1.8. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - January 26, 2022
 - 9.1.1.9. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 2022
 - 9.1.1.10. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 2, 2022
 - 9.1.1.11. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 2022
 - 9.1.1.12. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 9, 2022
 - 9.1.1.13. Notice of Intent to Homeschool - January 6, 2022
 - 9.1.1.14. Superintendent's Acknowledgement of Notice of Intent to Homeschool - January 12, 2022
 - 9.1.1.15. Student Assessment News - January 18, 2022
 - 9.1.1.16. Thomaston Public Schools Interoffice Memorandum - 2021-2022 Budget Spending Restriction
 - 9.1.1.17. School Facilities Survey Report - Department of Administrative Services
 - 9.1.1.18. Records Disposition Authorization Form RC-075 - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 9.1.1.19. Acknowledgement and Approval of the Records Disposition Authorization Form RC-075 from the Connecticut State Library, Office of the Public Records Administrator
 - 9.1.1.20. EdAdvance Scholarship Letter from Dr. Jeffrey Kitching, EdAdvance Executive Director
 - 9.1.1.21. Letter from Charles Rowland, Assistant Principal and Director of Agricultural Education, Wamogo Regional High School regarding the review of applicants for the 2022-2023 Wamogo Agriscience Program
 - 9.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
 - 9.1.2.1. 26th Annual CABE Student Leadership Awards
 - 9.1.2.2. The 2022 State Agenda
 - 9.1.2.3. Letter from Lisa Steimer, Sr. Staff Associate for Professional Development and Communications - Bonnie B. Carney Award of Excellence for Educational Communications
 - 9.1.2.4. Memo from Elizabeth Brown, CABE President - Welcome Letter for New Board of Education Members
 - 9.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS)
 - 9.1.3.1. Public Policy Agenda 2022 - CAPSS Blueprint to Transform Connecticut's Public Schools
 - 9.1.3.2. CAPSS Update: A Blueprint to Transform Connecticut's Public Schools
 - 9.1.3.3. Letter to Governor Lamont from Fran Rabinowitz, Executive Director (CAPSS), in regards to the continuance of mandated masking
 - 9.1.4. United States Department of Education (USDE)
 - 9.1.4.1. Email from United States Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona to Superintendents
 - 9.1.5. Department of Public Health (DPH) - None
 - 9.1.6. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
 - 9.1.6.1. Updated Considerations for Quarantine, Isolation, Testing, and Contact Tracing Policies and Procedures in PreK-12 Schools
 - 9.1.6.2. Updated Guidance for the Operation of Interscholastic, Youth and other Amateur Sport Activities during the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - 9.1.6.3. COVID 19-Test Kits and Staff Masks for Distribution for Public School Districts and Non
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- Public Schools - Phase 2: January 14, 2022
- 9.1.6.4. Phase II Distribution Instructions for COVID-19 Self Test Kits and Masks
 - 9.1.6.5. N-95 Mask Recall Update
 - 9.1.6.6. Amendment to Implementation Guidance for Executive Order 13G
 - 9.1.6.7. State of Education in Connecticut Webinar Flier
 - 9.1.6.8. Mental Health Wellness Days - Memo from Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer and John D. Frassinelli, Division Director
 - 9.1.6.9. COVID-19 School Submission Reporting Guidance (Updated 8-20-2021)
 - 9.1.6.10. Project COVID Detect - Expansion of Screening to Include Vaccinated Students - January 10, 2022
 - 9.1.6.11. Eversource - Resources for Families and Students
 - 9.1.6.12. Student Assessment News - February 4, 2022
- 9.1.7. Reports
- 9.1.7.1. Thomaston Public Schools Consolidated COVID-19 Data and Vaccination Rate Report
 - 9.1.7.2. COVID 19-Test Kits and Staff Masks for Distribution for Public School Districts and Non Public Schools - Phase 2: January 14, 2022
 - 9.1.7.2.1. Letter from Superintendent Coss to Parents : COVID-19 Test Distribution to Thomaston Center School and Thomaston High School Students Tomorrow, dated January 13, 2022
 - 9.1.7.3. Administrator Reports
 - 9.1.7.3.1. February 2022
 - 9.1.7.4. Enrollment Report
 - 9.1.7.4.1. February 1, 2022
- 9.1.8. Contracts
- 9.1.8.1. Memorandum of Agreement - Thomaston Board of Education and AFSCME, AFL-CIO - dated January 14, 2022
 - 9.1.8.2. Memorandum of Agreement - Thomaston Board of Education and Thomaston Education Association - February 4, 2022 Professional Development Day
- 9.1.9. Grants - None
- 9.1.10. General Information
- 9.1.10.1. Fund-Raisers
 - 9.1.10.1.1. Fundraising Activity Follow-Up Form for Policies 1324 and 3281 - Gift Wrapping/Donations to Community - Interact Club - Thomaston High School
 - 9.1.10.1.2. Coin Drive - Interact Club - Thomaston High School
 - 9.1.10.1.3. Thomaston High School - Student Council - Entry Fee for School Talent Contest
 - 9.1.10.1.4. Thomaston High School - Multiple Sclerosis Society - Dress Down week to raise money for the MS Society
 - 9.1.10.1.5. Thomaston High School - Class of 2023 - Dodgeball Tournament
 - 9.1.10.1.6. Thomaston High School - School and Community - Dress Down week to raise money for St. Jude
 - 9.1.10.2. Gift/Donation - None
- 9.1.11. Personnel
(Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
- 9.1.11.1. New Hires
 - 9.1.11.1.1. Patricia Keparutis, Tutor (Part Time, Temporary, During School Year Only) - Thomaston High School - Effective Immediately
 - 9.1.11.1.2. Jennifer Babb, Art Teacher - Black Rock School and Thomaston Center School - Effective January 24, 2022
 - 9.1.11.1.3. Scott Lindquist, Custodian III - Regular Full-Time - Thomaston Public

Schools - Effective Date: January 27, 2022

- 9.1.11.2. Transfers/New Assignment
 - 9.1.11.2.1. Colby Skilton, from Special Education Paraprofessional (full-time) to Long -Term Substitute - Social Studies Teacher (per diem) - Effective Date: January 3, 2022
 - 9.1.11.2.2. Jade Morey, from part-time District-Wide Paraprofessional to full-time District-Wide Paraprofessional - Effective Date: January 31, 2022
 - 9.1.11.2.3. Casandra Jordan, Additional hours as a Paraprofessional - Preschool-Grade 3 (Part-time) - Black Rock School - Effective date: December 6, 2021
 - 9.1.11.2.4. Jade Morey, Additional hours as a Paraprofessional - Preschool-Grade 3 (Part-time) - Effective date - December 6, 2021
 - 9.1.11.2.5. Sarah DeMatteis, Additional assignment as a English Language Learner Tutor (Part Time, temporary, during school year only) - Thomaston Center School - Effective immediately
- 9.1.11.3. Reassignment
- 9.1.11.4. Resignations
 - 9.1.11.4.1. Jennifer Babb, Art Teacher - Black Rock School and Thomaston Center School - Effective January 21, 2022
 - 9.1.11.4.2. Amanda Grecco, Special Education Paraprofessional - Pupil Services, Effective date - January 28, 2022
 - 9.1.11.4.3. Scott Lindquist, Custodian - Thomaston High School - Effective February 2, 2022
- 9.1.11.5. Retirement - None
- 9.1.11.6. Termination - None
- 9.1.11.7. Renewals - None
- 9.1.11.8. Stipends - 2021-2022
 - 9.1.11.8.1. Raymond Rabuska - STEM Instructional Coach
 - 9.1.11.8.2. Michelle Dayton - Yearbook Advisor
 - 9.1.11.8.3. John Long - Grade 8 Co-Team Leader
 - 9.1.11.8.4. Michelle Pope - Grade 8 Co-Team Leader
 - 9.1.11.8.5. Eric Kociszewski - Indoor Track - Junior Varsity Coach
- Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent's notification of Personnel, specifically, New Hires/Transfers/ Retirements/Resignations/Renewals/Stipends per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented.**
- 9.1.11.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
 - 9.1.11.9.1. Employee 4
 - 9.1.11.9.2. Employee 5
 - 9.1.11.9.3. Employee 6*(Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)*
- 9.1.11.10. Interns and Student Teachers - None
(Policy 1212–Community Relations–School Volunteer)
- 9.1.11.11. Field Trips (out of state) - None
(Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools)
- 9.1.11.12. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies
(Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies)
 - 9.1.11.12.1. Disposal of Thomaston High School Textbooks - dated January 21, 2022
 - 9.1.11.12.1.1. Response from Superintendent Coss to Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment
 - 9.1.11.12.2. Disposal of Thomaston High School Textbooks - dated January 31, 2022
 - 9.1.11.12.2.1. Response from Superintendent Coss to Jessica Bedosky,

10. Committee Reports ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

10.1. Achievement Committee

- 10.1.1. Mel Shkrepi, Senior - Thomaston High School - PSAT/SAT Tasks Recommendation for Math Curriculum 7-12
- 10.1.2. iReady Diagnostics for Thomaston Center School
- 10.1.3. Trends in Instruction and Learning at Thomaston Public Schools

10.2. Budget/Audit Committee

- 10.2.1. Business Manager Report
 - 10.2.1.1. January 2022 Business Report
 - 10.2.1.1.1. 2021-2022 Budget Table Without Encumbrances
 - 10.2.1.1.2. 2021-2022 Budget Table With Encumbrances
 - 10.2.1.1.3. 2021-2023 Grant Report
 - 10.2.1.1.4. 2021-2022 Transfers
 - 10.2.1.1.5. Expenditures
 - 10.2.1.1.5.1. January 2022: \$898,342.03

Vote to accept / approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433

Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented.

10.3. Policy Committee

(Policy 2231–Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)

10.3.1. Presentations - None

10.3.2. Discussion Items

- 10.3.2.1. Policy 6172.3 Home Schooling
 - 10.3.2.1.1. Current Policy
 - 10.3.2.1.2. Proposed Changes
- 10.3.2.2. Notice of Intent to HomeSchool
 - 10.3.2.2.1. Current Form
 - 10.3.2.2.2. Proposed Changes

10.3.3. First Read

- 10.3.3.1. P.A. 21-1 (June Spec. Session) An Act Concerning Responsible and Equitable Regulation of Adult-Use
 - 10.3.3.1.1. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 4118.235 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco - Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace, Medical Marijuana Standards
 - 10.3.3.1.1.1. Current Policy
 - 10.3.3.1.1.2. Attorney Marked Up Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.1.3. Clean Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.2. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 4119 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Staff Conduct
 - 10.3.3.1.2.1. Current Policy
 - 10.3.3.1.2.2. Attorney Marked Up Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.2.3. Clean Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.3. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 4212.42 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified - Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers
 - 10.3.3.1.3.1. Current Policy
 - 10.3.3.1.3.2. Attorney Marked Up Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.3.3. Clean Copy
 - 10.3.3.1.4. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 4218.231 - Personnel -

Certified/Non-Certified - Alcohol, Drugs, and Tobacco

10.3.3.1.4.1. Current Policy

10.3.3.1.4.2. Attorney Marked Up Copy

10.3.3.1.4.3. Clean Copy

10.3.4. Second Read Items

10.3.4.1. Thomaston Board of Education Policy 5132 - Students - Dress and Grooming

10.3.4.1.1. Current Policy

10.3.4.1.2. Marked Up Copy (for post-pandemic circumstances)

10.3.4.1.3. Clean Copy (for post-pandemic circumstances)

10.3.5. Action Items - None

11. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn.