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**MINUTES  
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thomaston High School  
Auditorium  
Monday, October 16, 2017  
7:00 p.m.**

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**Members:**

**Roxy Fainer, Chairperson  
Kathleen Freimuth, Vice Chairperson  
Anne Petrucci, Secretary  
Alexander Lee, Treasurer  
Francine Coss, Superintendent**

**Beth Campbell  
David Colavecchio  
Maureen McMahon  
Scott Theriault  
Frank Treglia**

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**1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**

1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

1.2. Board members in attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Alexander Lee, Superintendent Francine Coss, Beth Campbell, David Colavecchio, Maureen McMahon, Scott Theriault and Frank Treglia**

1.3. Board Members Absent: **Kathleen Freimuth and Anne Petrucci**

1.4. Others in attendance: John Perrucci, Jonathan Kozlak, Eric Martin, Aimee Turner, Eric Andersen, Jordan Andersen, Susan Root, Patricia Lanese, Dennis David, Chip Hungerford, and Tracy Hungerford.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

2.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

***Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda, October 16, 2017 as presented***

***Scott Theriault motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda, dated October 16, 2017 as presented.***

***Discussion: None***

***Vote: Motion carried***

Yes	No	Abstain
7	0	0

#### **4. Public Participation**

*The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325(a) - 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.*

Mr. Eric Andersen asked what the number one priority of the Board of Education is. Mr. Andersen asked if it is grants or what is best for the students. Mr. Andersen then starting talking about an issue with a staff member and Chairperson Roxy Fainer explained that the Board does not discuss staff at Board meetings.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes:**

5.1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2017

***Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2017 as presented***

***David Colavecchio motioned and Maureen McMahon seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Minutes dated September 11, 2017 as presented.***

***Discussion: None***

***Vote: Motion carried***

Yes	No	Abstain
6	0	1 Scott Theriault

## 6. Recognitions:

- 6.1. September Rotary Student of the Month – Joshua Gallo
- 6.2. October Rotary Student of the Month – Kaitlyn Root
- 6.3. Thomaston Board of Selectman

## 7. Presentations:

- 7.1. Freecycle Project Update- Ms. Patricia Lanese & Sandra McDonald
- 7.2. Washington DC Trip – Ms. Megan Mazzini, Abby Blasko, Kiersten Sundell, Rachel Foel, Maegan Desmaris, Alyssa Misenti, Gianna Misenti, Hannah Laone, Keegan Daigle, and Anna Colavecchio
- 7.3. Thomaston Summer Math Passport Program - Susan Dalka
- 7.4. Smarter Balanced Assessments – Eric Martin

## 8. Chairperson's Report

- 8.1. CABE Resolution Proposals

## 9. Superintendent's Report

- 9.1. State Board of Education – Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender Students
  - 9.1.1. *Memorandum – Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender Students*
  - 9.1.2. *Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender Students*
  - 9.1.3. *Guidance on Civil Rights Protections and Supports for Transgender Students Frequently Asked Questions*
- 9.2. State Board of Education Memorandum – Connecticut State Department of Education's portal - EdSight
- 9.3. State Board of Education Memorandum – Displaced Children from Storms Irma and Harvey
- 9.4. State Board of Education Memorandum – Connecticut edTPA Implementation
- 9.5. Commissioner of Education Letter – Charlottesville, Virginia August 12, 2017
- 9.6. State Department of Education Memorandum – Feedback Survey of New Teachers and Employers on Quality of Teacher Preparation
- 9.7. State Department of Education – CT Attendance Awareness Campaign
- 9.8. State Department of Education – Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review
  - 9.8.1. *Child Nutrition Program Administrative Review Notification Letter*
  - 9.8.2. *Preparing For Your School Nutrition Program Administrative Review Workshop*
- 9.9. State Department of Education - eGrants Management System (eGMS)
  - 9.9.1. *Chief Turnaround Office Letter*
  - 9.9.2. *eGMS Grants Management System LEA Training*
- 9.10. State Department of Motor Vehicles – DMV-Travelers Teen Safe Driving Contest
- 9.11. Displaced Students from Puerto Rico
  - 9.11.1. *State of Connecticut Governor Dannel P. Malloy Letter*
  - 9.11.2. *National Center for Homeless Education – What School District Administrators Should Know About the Educational Rights of Children and Youth Displaced by Disasters*
  - 9.11.3. *National Center for Homeless Education – Meeting the Educational needs of Students Displaced by Disaster: Youth on Their Own*
- 9.12. Correspondence to Parents
  - 9.12.1. *It's Attendance Awareness Month in Connecticut – September 14, 2017*
  - 9.12.2. *CT Attendance Awareness Message – September 19, 2017*
  - 9.12.3. *CT Attendance Awareness Month Notice – September 21, 2017*
  - 9.12.4. *CT Absence Awareness Month Notice – September 28, 2017*
- 9.13. Town of Thomaston Safety Committee Meeting Minutes – September 5, 2017
- 9.14. Education Enrichment Fund Mini-Grants

- 9.14.1. Mini-Grants Announcement
- 9.14.2. Mini-Grants Application
- 9.15. Memorandum of Agreement – Thomaston Board of Education and Thomaston School Administrators Association – Superintendent Designee
- 9.16. Thomaston High School Learning Commons (Media Center) Disposition of Out Dated Books
  - 9.16.1. September 7, 2017
  - 9.16.2. September 11, 2017
- 9.17. Residency Determination Letter
- 9.18. Thomaston Public Schools Roof Inspection Reports
  - 9.18.1. Thomaston High School
  - 9.18.2. Thomaston Center School
  - 9.18.3. Black Rock School
- 9.19. Thomaston Public Schools News for Staff – September 2017
- 9.20. Intent to Homeschool Letter
- 9.21. Effective School Solutions
  - 9.21.1. Insights September 2017
  - 9.21.2. Solutions September 2017
- 9.22. Administrator Reports
- 9.23. Enrollment
  - 9.23.1. Enrollment Report
  - 9.23.2. State Department of Education 2017-2018 PSIS Summer Roll up accurate Due Date and October 2017 Collection
- 9.24. Personnel
  - 9.24.1. Danielle Chamberlain, New Hire, Long-Term Substitute Social Worker, Black Rock School
  - 9.24.2. Carol Hanson, Re-Assignment, Paraprofessional, Maloney Elementary School, Waterbury CT
  - 9.24.3. Carol Hanson, Re-Assignment, Paraprofessional, Black Rock School
  - 9.24.4. Susan Root, Re-Assignment, Special Education, Black Rock School
  - 9.24.5. Marie Eldridge, New Hire, Special Education Paraprofessional, Black Rock School
  - 9.24.6. Jose Ortiz, Re-Assignment, Interim Computer Network Specialist
  - 9.24.7. Donna Andersen, Retired, Paraprofessional, Thomaston High School

**Vote to accept/approve New Hire/Re-Assignments Positions as presented**

**Scott Theriault motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to accept/approve New Hires/Terminations/Resignations as presented.**

**Discussion: None:**

**Vote: Motion carried**

Yes	No	Abstain
7	0	0

- 9.24.8. John Long, Middle School Field Hockey Coach, Thomaston High School
  - 9.24.9. Gregory Blasko, Middle School Girls Soccer, Thomaston High School
  - 9.24.10. Patricia Henderson, Schedule K Position, Regional Reflection Reviewer, Thomaston Public Schools
  - 9.24.11. Peter Carpenter, Resignation, Boys Junior Varsity Coach, Thomaston High School
- Vote to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach Positions as presented**

**David Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach Positions as presented.**

**Discussion: None:**

***Vote: Motion carried***

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

## **10. Committee Reports**

### **10.1. Budget/Audit Committee Reports – Cancelled due to Special Meetings**

#### ***10.1.1. September Business Report***

- *State Department of Education Memorandum – 2017-2018 Out-of-Town Magnet School Transportation Grant Application*
- *School Security Competitive Grant Program*
- *Heating Oil 2018-2019*
- *Regular and Special Education Transportation Bid*

#### ***10.1.2. September Finance Report***

- *2016/2019 Grant Report*
- *September 2017-2018 Expenditures \$1,300,224.24*
- *2017 – 2018 Transfers \$13,700*

***Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented***

**Alexander Lee motioned and David Colavecchio seconded** to accept/approve September Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented.

#### **Discussion:**

**Frank Treglia** asked how many gallon of oil are typically used.

**Superintendent Coss** did not have the number of gallons with her at the meeting.

**Superintendent Coss** mentioned that the Business Manager is looking to be able to lock in on a price and the Board could vote to allow the Business Manager to do so when the price is acceptable.

**Scott Theriault** mentioned that the number of gallons are down because of the gas conversion.

**Superintendent Coss** said it is set to the number of gallons we would need.

**Scott Theriault** asked if the bids go by calendar year or school year.

**Superintendent Coss** said the school year and the board is looking for oil for next year. Thomaston Public School is set for this school year.

**Scott Theriault motioned and Frank Treglia seconded** to agree to the price of \$1.82 per gallon of oil or better for next school year.

***Vote: Motion carried***

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

**Chairperson Roxy Fainer** reminded the Board that there is a motion on the table regarding the September business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented

***Vote: Motion carried***

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

10.2. Policy Committee - Cancelled due to Special Meetings

**11. Executive Session for the purpose of strategy and negotiations with respect to pending claims or pending litigation.**

**Scott Theriault motioned** and **Maureen McMahon seconded** to move into Executive Session and invited the Superintendent to attend at 8:28 p.m.

**12. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session at 9:02 p.m.**

**13. Adjournment**

**Scott Theriault motioned** and **David Colavecchio** seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m.

*Vote: Motion carried*

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

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