



**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Residency Hearing
Monday, November 14, 2022 10:00a.m.
Thomaston High School
Superintendent's Conference Room**

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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals:

1. Board Members shall respond to invitations within 24 hours.
2. Board Members will attend district events.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Beth Campbell
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Marie Eldridge
Delaney Jose, Student Representative
Nathan Marsh, Student Representative

David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Steven Carr, Treasurer
Sarah Ethier
Matthew VanOrmer

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** at 10:00a.m.
- 1.2. In Attendance: **Superintendent Francine Coss, Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Jonathan Kozlak, Father of Student E, and Attorney Nicholas Grello**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Steven Carr, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Frank Treglia**
- 1.4. **Student Representatives Absent: Delaney Jose and Nathan Marsh** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Jonathan Kozlak, Father of Student E, Attorney Nicholas Grello

2. Executive Session

Proposed executive session regarding a confidential student accommodations matter entered into executive session at 10:00a.m.

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210, subsections (b)(2), (11) and (17). Only those invited by the Board may be present in Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into executive session:

Superintendent Francine Coss, Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Jonathan Kozlak, Black Rock School Principal, Student E, Father of Student E and Attorney Grello, the Board's attorney.

Motion Carried 3-0-0

3. Potential Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session - Exit Executive Session at 10:29a.m.

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186 and the discussion held in executive session, the Thomaston Board of Education conclude that Student E is a resident of the Town of Thomaston, and therefore, should not be denied school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston. Accordingly, Student E shall be provided school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston.

In the event that Student E or the father of Student E's circumstances change after the date of the final decision in this matter, the Board reserves the right to consider such circumstances and determine whether the residency of Student E or his father's has changed and take appropriate action, including but not limited to denying school accommodations and seeking tuition reimbursement, as permitted by law, from the Parents of Student E, further, the board authorizes Attorney Grello to communicate in writing the board's decision and the reasons therefore consistent with the board's executive session discussion to Student E and his parents.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

4. Adjournment

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40a.m.