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**MINUTES**  
**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](#).*

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**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.

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**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**

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**Student Representatives 2021-2022**

**Cesar Velez      Delaney Jose**

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

*(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)*

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:02pm.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Treasurer Steven Carr, Secretary Heather Patchell, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Marie Eldridge, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member in Virtual Attendance: **Beth Campbell**
- 1.4. Board Member Absent: **Frank Treglia**
- 1.5. Student Representative in Virtual Attendance: **Cesar Velez**
- 1.6. Student Representative Absent: **Delaney Jose**
- 1.7. Others in Attendance: Jonathan Kozlak, Kristin Bernier, Jessica Bedosky, Todd Bendtsen, Mel Shkrepi, Josh Williams, Megan Hill, Amy Woodard, Chris Woodard, Noah Fedorich, Jessica Fedorich, Jeremiah Fedorich, Carrie Veronesi, Tyler Veronesi, and Representative John Piscopo

**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)*

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education Meeting dated February 14, 2022 as presented.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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#### 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.

There was no public participation at the meeting. **Superintendent Coss** received four emails prior to the meeting. Three comments were also submitted through the Board of Education Response Form. The Thomaston Board of Education will personally address these comments with a letter prior to the next Board of Education meeting on March 14, 2022

##### 4.1. Ms. Sunshine Giordano

*Hi, my questions pertain to possibly children going to school with / without face masks. As a parent of a child in Thomaston school district, If it is to be that children will go to school with or without face masks, how will that work on the school buses? Example: no masks required at school only on the school bus or no masks on the bus as well? What if students forget their mask for the bus ride to or from school or at school, who will be providing the face mask /masks? If face masks are not required or still required will windows still be required to be opened while students are in school and on all buses while transporting students? Thank you*

##### 4.2. Ms. Lauren Pelletier

*I am writing to let you know that I would like the choice to be able to unmask my children in school. I have 3 students enrolled in Thomaston public schools and would like them to not have to wear masks any longer. Thank you for your time.*

##### 4.3. Ms. Shawna Fonti

*I would like to please voice my opinion on the subject of whether or not to continue the mask mandate for our children. I have NEVER commented on any such topics up to this point. I know everyone has different opinions for their own personal reasons and I respect them all. Because of everyone's level of comfortability, I do truly agree that it should be a choice, based on each individual's discretion. It's a win/win. If not comfortable, continue to have your child mask, yet those who are not comfortable with keeping the kids masked should also be granted that right as well. I am a nurse so I understand completely the uncertainty surrounded by COVID. Every person/family has dealt with this pandemic in a personal way. It is time to also address the "other side" of the pandemic. Those parents who are concerned about mental health, social effects, as well as health concerns. Not everyone will agree on what the best decision is, yet each family should be given the right to decide what is best for their families moving forward. Teachers as well should be able to have a choice based on their discretion. If given a choice, I feel everyone can move forward in a comfortable and acceptable manner as a community, no judgement just best personal discretion. I appreciate the opportunity and forum to be able to express my opinion. I am hopeful for your consideration and decision. Kindest Regards, Shawna Fonti*

##### 4.4. Ms. Sara Blanchard

*I am writing to voice my thoughts on tonight's meeting since I will not be able to make it in person.*

*I am a mother of a kindergartner and fourth grader in Thomaston public schools. We have been living with covid for close to two years now. We have followed all of the rules and guidelines to keep ourselves and others safe.*

*We have kept our kids home from school for extended periods of time, socially distanced, masked and vaccinated and COVID is still making its way around. It seems like COVID is here to stay and it is time us parents get to decide what is right for our children! I for one believe it is time for our kids to be able to attend school unmasked if we choose to do so and those who are not yet comfortable have plenty of options to keep themselves and their children protected. I think it would do a lot of good for our kids to finally be able to see smiling faces and breathe fresh air during their long days at school.*

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#### 4.5. Ms. Christina Glick

*I wanted to take the time to personally explain to you my point of view on the children wearing masks in school. In the beginning of the pandemic, we all didn't know very much about what was going on or how the virus was transmitted. I now know personally that wearing masks has not prevented my children from getting Covid. We have been wearing them everywhere we go, which isn't very many places these days. We are extremely careful due to family health issues. We even have groceries delivered now. I also know that my son's speech is definitely delayed and so is his social skills. It's most likely not just due to the mask requirements. But The Effects of Covid in general. The masks, the lack of socialization, and the not being able to see people's expressions on their faces which causes him to shy away. These are just certain things that I have concerns about for my son. Not the rest of the children, but similar issues with many children. I do find it a little bit absurd that the Super Bowl can be completely maskless in CA and our children are still being masked and within the same classes every day. I also find it contradicting that we can go to a restaurant, walk in with a mask on, sit down and take it off for the entire time you're in the restaurant. Again our children are still wearing masks in school. I do understand the sense of security that masks do give many people. If it makes them feel safer then they should have that right to continue wearing them. I want to thank you for your time and appreciate that you are taking the town's concerns into consideration. Thank you again!*

#### 4.6. Ms. Tracy Hungerford

*In light of the governor's recent announcement to end the mask mandate it will be the responsibility of counties, cities and towns, and you our school board to consider when to end required masking. I Personally support the need to end required masking and would ask that you as a board do the same. Over the last two years we have seen Covid-19 completely disrupt the education system and society as a whole. Our children have been subject to distance learning, limited extra curricular activities, social distancing, and masking to name a few. They have missed many opportunities to grow socially through cooperative classroom activities and lessons of leadership and teamwork that are taught through our sports programs. Unfortunately, some of those children will not come back to those sports or activities as things begin to return to normal. Let's be clear, the end to a masking mandate does not mean there will be no masks in our schools and that everyone should walk around without a mask. The end of a masking mandate means that the government or school board will no longer impose the requirement. It is still the choice of the parents whether their child should wear a mask or the teacher or staff member to continue to wear a mask. I believe that the timing is right to remove the masking mandate because unlike before, we now have warmer weather coming, where for the past two years, we have seen a reduction in Covid-19 transmission. Vaccines have been made available to children ages five and older with the current vaccination rate in Connecticut being at 93% with one shot and 76.9% fully vaccinated. The chance of severe illness from Covid -19 is very low. For those who are immunocompromised there is still the option to mask with a high-quality mask (N95, KN95 or KF94). I feel that it is because the high-quality mask is now available, it allows the board to make the decision to remove the masking mandate and make masks optional. Earlier in the pandemic when most people were wearing single layer cloth masks because high quality masks were not available it was to protect others as well as yourself. Now that KN95 and other high-quality masks are available it allows people the choice to protect themselves. The choice to lift the requirement is in your hands, so many children have lost a lot and made great sacrifices during the pandemic. I think we owe it to them to prioritize the return to normalcy as soon as possible. In conclusion I understand that there are clear benefits and some potential drawbacks to lifting the mandate. I believe it should be the individual or parent of the child doing the risk benefit analysis based on their needs. Masks are not going away, but parents should be able to make individualized decisions that best suit their child's circumstances. Again, I respectfully ask that you lift the Thomaston school mask mandate and begin to return our educational system to normal.*

#### 4.7. Ms. Heather Boyd

*I would like to start off by saying thank you. Your patience in dealing with so much doesn't go unnoticed. I think sometimes we get ahead of ourselves and not think before we talk. Everyone has an opinion and with social media, it's easily spoken before really evaluating all the facts and understanding of others who may not think the same. I am a proud parent of a 2nd and 4th grader in the Thomaston School District. We are actively involved in the community through sports and programs within our small town. At the beginning of this pandemic, there were so many unknowns. It was scary and completely understandable to send our children home. We are so glad to see them back and even with a mask, we are happy they get to see their teachers and friends. But I would like to express my thoughts on what may come of this*

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meeting tonight. We see now that this virus isn't just a one and done. We must learn to live with it. Making sure we wash our hands, cough in our elbows, stay home when sick, etc. All the things we learned prior to COVID being a part of our lives. I would like to have the choice of sending my children in with a mask to school when I see it is needed. I truly believe it should be a choice and not an everyday, all day requirement. We need to learn to make good choices. I hope this mandate goes away. Please consider. Thank you for your time.

## 5. Approval of Minutes ▲

*(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)*

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

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated January 10, 2022 as presented.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Budget Workshop Meeting Minutes dated January 24, 2022 as presented.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

## 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 Puprriqi

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

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve Thomaston Board of Education**

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**Policy 5132 - Students - Dress and Grooming as presented.**

**Superintendent Coss** provided the opportunity for board members to discuss the status of masking. **Superintendent Coss** made the recommendation to unmask students and staff based on her presentation. The recommendation from **Superintendent Coss** can be heard [here](#).

Discussion: [Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

**Superintendent Coss** stated that the removal of the universal mask mandate for students, staff, and visitors of Thomaston schools will begin on March 1, 2022. Masks must still be worn on school buses.

- 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

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve the Two Year Thomaston Board of Education Meeting Calendar - 2024-2025 as presented.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

- 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

- 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

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- 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 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
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- 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
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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

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded 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.**

Discussion: [Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

9.1.11.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

*(Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)*

9.1.11.9.1. Employee 4

9.1.11.9.2. Employee 5

9.1.11.9.3. Employee 6

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, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment

## 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

**Sarah Ethier** gave a heartfelt thank you to the teachers and administration for all the hard work they have provided



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for the students of 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

**Steve Carr motioned and Matthew Vanormer seconded 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.**

Discussion: [Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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 Homeschooling

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

**Matthew VanOrmer made a motion and Steve Carr seconded to fast-track Policy 6172.3 and the Notice of Intent to Homeschool.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

**Matthew VanOrmer made a motion and Steve Carr seconded to vote on and approve Policy 6172.3 and the Notice of Intent to Homeschool.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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

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- 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

## II. Adjournment

**David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 8:24pm.**