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THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Cafeteria

This meeting can be viewed on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#).

([Bylaws of the Board 9322 - Public and Executive Sessions](#), [Bylaws of the Board 9326.1 - Taping/Recording Board Meetings](#))

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.

2023-2024 Board of Education Goals:

1. The Board will evaluate the Superintendent based on the effectiveness of her leadership in implementation and achievement of the district goals.
2. The Board will participate in biannual professional development provided by CABE to improve the collaborative leadership team with the Superintendent to focus on priorities around high achievement for all students in the district.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Tanya Galpin, Secretary
Sarah Ethier
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Beth Campbell
Megan Campbell, Student Representative
Landen Galpin, Student Representative

Matthew VanOrmer, Vice Chairperson
Steven Carr, Treasurer
Anthony Kepler
Nathan Vieira

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 6:17p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Treasurer Steven Carr, Sarah Ethier, Frank Treglia, Anthony Kepler, Nathan Vieira, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member in Virtual Attendance: **Beth Campbell**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell and Landen Galpin** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Kristin Bernier, Aaron Bunel, Tracy Decker, Jennifer Irazabal, Cristina Kingsbury, Jonathan Kozlak, Andrea Peters
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Board of Finance Chairman Rich Sileo, George Seabourne, Mike Madow, Kurt Moffett, Jose Ortiz, Olivia Blasko

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome the Thomaston Board of Selectmen and Thomaston Board of Finance

4. Executive Session for the Purpose of a Confidential Matter Regarding Student Records Related to Pupil Services

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Steven Carr seconded to enter into the Executive Session at 6:19 p.m. and invite Superintendent Francine Coss, Business Manager Tracy Decker, Director of Pupil Personnel Services Andrea Peters and others if/as specified.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 9-0-0

5. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session - Exit Executive Session at 7:01p.m.

No action was taken after the executive session.

6. Nonlapsing Account Annual Report

(Policy 3171.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Nonlapsing Education Fund)

7. 2024-2025 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rates

(Policy 3240 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Tuition Fees)

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to approve the 2024-2025 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rate

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 9-0-0

8. 2024-2025 Operating Budget and Capital Presentations

(Policy 3110 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget: Planning, Policy 3120 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Preparation of Budget Document, Policy 3150 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Adoption of Budget)

8.1. 2024-2025 Operating Budget and 2024-2025 Operating Budget Town Allocation Only

8.1.1. Central Office ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.2. Technology ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.3. Pupil Services and Medical Services ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.4. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.5. Thomaston High School and Athletics ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.6. Thomaston Center School ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.1.7. Black Rock School ([Spreadsheet](#) and [Narrative](#))

8.2. 2024-2029 Capital Budget

8.2.1. [Thomaston High School](#)

8.2.2. [Thomaston Center School](#)

8.2.3. [Black Rock School](#)

9. Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen Questions and Discussion

(Policy 3120 Business/Non-Instructional Operations–Preparation of Budget Document, Policy 3140 Business/Non-Instructional Operations–Public Review of Budget)

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to approve the Board of Education Action/Vote on 2024-2025 Operating Budget and/or 2024-2029 Capital Budget.

Discussion: The Board of Education discussed the budget that was presented. After a [lengthy discussion](#), **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the question (closed the discussion).

Opposed: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Treasurer Steven Carr, Sarah Ethier, Frank Treglia, Anthony Kepler, Nathan Vieira, Beth Campbell**

Abstain: None

Motion Failed: 0-9-0

Frank Treglia motioned and Sarah Ethier seconded to ask the Superintendent to ask staff to try to shoot for a 4.75% increase in the budget.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 9-0-0

10. Adjournment

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Nathan Vieira seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 8:45p.m.
