



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, March 6, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. Thomaston Town Hall, Meeting Room One

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 12:47 p.m.
- 1.2. Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Frank Treglia Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Members Absent: **Treasurer Steven Carr, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Nathan Vieira, Anthony Kepler, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell, Landen Galpin** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Student E, the Parents of Student E, Attorney Melanie Dunn, Probation Officer Doneijah Fuller Student F, the Parents of Student F, Student G, the Parent of Student G, Attorney James Wing, Cristina Kingsbury, Aaron Bunel, Attorney Daniel Murphy, Superintendent Coss and Attorney Nicholas Grello

2. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student E

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 12:48 p.m. 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 the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into executive session: Student E, the Parents of Student E, Attorney Melanie Dunn, Probation Officer Doneijah Fuller, Cristina Kingsbury, Thomaston High School Principal, Aaron Bunel, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal, Superintendent Francine Coss, Attorney Daniel Murphy and Attorney Nicholas Grello as the Board's procedural advisor.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

- 2.1. Exit Executive Session at 1:03 p.m.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board adopt in its entirety the document received and discussed in Executive Session concerning Student E dated March 6, 2024, and that pursuant to the terms of that document and Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Board shall expel Student E, as discussed in executive session, from attendance at Thomaston High School for the period from February 22, 2024 - February 21, 2025. During the period of expulsion, an alternative educational opportunity shall be offered to Student E consistent with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. Additionally, early readmission shall be in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The expulsion shall be a part of Student E's cumulative educational record, to be expunged in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The document entitled Stipulated Expulsion Agreement shall constitute the written communication to the parties regarding the Board's decision.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn at 1:09 p.m.

3. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student F

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 1:15p.m. 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 the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into executive session: Student F, the Parents of Student F, Aaron Bunel, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal, Cristina Kingsbury, Thomaston High School Principal, Superintendent Francine Coss, Attorney Daniel Murphy and Attorney Nicholas Grello as the Board's procedural advisor.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

2.1. Exit Executive Session at 1:20 p.m.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board adopt in its entirety the document received and discussed in Executive Session concerning Student F dated March 6, 2024, and that pursuant to the terms of that document and Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Board shall expel Student F, as discussed in executive session, from attendance at Thomaston High School for the period from February 22, 2024 - February 21, 2025. During the period of expulsion, an alternative educational opportunity shall be offered to Student F consistent with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. Additionally, early readmission shall be in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The expulsion shall be a part of Student F's cumulative educational record, to be expunged in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The document entitled Stipulated Expulsion Agreement shall constitute the written communication to the parties regarding the Board's decision.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn at 1:21 p.m.

4. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student G

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 1:29p.m. 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 the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into executive session: Student G, The Parent of Student G, Attorney James Wing, Aaron Bunel, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal, Cristina Kingsbury, Thomaston High School Principal, Superintendent Francine Coss, Attorney Daniel Murphy and Attorney Nicholas Grello as the Board's procedural advisor.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

4.1 Exit Executive Session at 2:05 p.m.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board adopt in its entirety the document received and discussed in Executive Session concerning Student G dated March 6, 2024, and that pursuant to the terms of that document and Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Board shall expel Student G, as discussed in executive session, from attendance at Thomaston High School for the period from February 22, 2024 - February 21, 2025. During the period of expulsion, an alternative educational opportunity shall be offered to Student G consistent with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. Additionally, early readmission shall be in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The expulsion shall be a part of Student G's cumulative educational record, to be expunged in accordance with the document received and discussed in Executive Session. The document entitled Stipulated Expulsion Agreement shall constitute the written communication to the parties regarding the Board's decision.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

5. Adjournment

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 2:08p.m.