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**MINUTES**  
**THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Thomaston Town Hall**  
**Meeting Room One**  
**Tuesday, April 2, 2024**  
**2:00p.m.**

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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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**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 CAFE to improve the collaborative leadership team with the Superintendent to focus on priorities around high achievement for all students in the district.
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**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

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

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 2:00 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: Aaron Bunel, Andrea Peters (*arrived after the executive session*), Attorney Daniel Murphy, Attorney A. Thomas Waterfall, Superintendent Coss and Attorney Nicholas Grello.

**2. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student A**

**Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that the Board enter Executive Session at 2:01p.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: Aaron Bunel, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal, Superintendent Francine Coss, Attorney Daniel Murphy, Attorney Waterfall 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 2:27 p.m.
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**Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that the Board adopt in its entirety the document received and discussed in Executive Session concerning Student A dated April 1, 2024, and that pursuant to the terms of that document and Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Board shall expel Student A, as discussed in Executive session, from attendance at Thomaston Middle School for the period from February 5, 2024 - February 4, 2025. During the period of expulsion, an alternative educational opportunity shall be offered to StudentA 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 A'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

### **3. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student H**

#### **3.1. Exit Executive Session**

**Potential action on the matters discussed in the Executive Session**

### **4. Adjournment**

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

**Roxy Fainer** adjourned the meeting at 2:28p.m.

*(no action - Student H)*