

Minutes
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One
Monday, April 13, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Members:

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| • Roxy Fainer, Chairperson | • Carol Pettinicchi |
| • Kathleen Freimuth, Vice Chairperson | • Rebecca Guay |
| • Anne Petrucci, Secretary | • Jennifer McDonald |
| • Alexander Lee, Treasurer | • Maureen McMahon |
| • Beth Campbell | • Justin Gallo, Student Representative |
| • Megan Foell, Student Representative | • Francine Coss, Superintendent |

Minutes

Members Present: Roxy Fainer, Kathleen Freimuth, Anne Petrucci, Alexander Lee, Beth Campbell, Carol Pettinicchi, Rebecca Guay, Jennifer McDonald, Maureen McMahon, and Francine Coss

Staff Present: Susan Abbott and Nanette Maturi

Public Present: Sean Gilligan and others who did not sign in.

I. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order:

Roxy Fainer established a quorum and called to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:07 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Roxy Fainer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Alexander Lee **SECONDED** to accept/approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion:

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to amend the agenda under Section VII.B Policy Committee to move Policy 5131.61 – Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco, Policy 3551 – No School/No Play Guidelines, and Policy 4121 – Substitute Teachers to action items and under Section VIII.A Budget Committee to include 2015-2016 school lunch rates under discussion items.

Alexander Lee asked for clarification on moving the Policies from discussion items to action items. **Anne Petrucci** explained that eliminating Policy 4121- Substitute Teachers is due to its conflict with Policy 4120 and with Kelly’s Services contract our substitute teachers we no longer require Policy 4121; eliminating Policy 3551 – No School/No Play would allow the Superintendent to make the decision to cancel practice or games when school is closed due to weather or other circumstances; and eliminating 5131.61 because it conflicts with Policy 5131 which was just updated.

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to accept/approve the agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

III. Approval of Minutes:

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Beth Campbell **SECONDED** to accept/approve the Regular Meeting minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 6-0-3

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Beth Campbell **SECONDED** to accept/approve the Budget Committee meeting minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-5

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Beth Campbell **SECONDED** to accept/approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-5

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Beth Campbell **SECONDED** to accept/approve the Policy Committee meeting minutes dated March 31, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-5

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Beth Campbell **SECONDED** to accept/approve the Special Meeting of the Board of Education meeting minutes dated April 1, 2015 as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 4-0-5

IV. Student Representatives:

Student Representatives were not present.

V. Recognitions:

Roxy Fainer recognized Hannah Abbott for her accomplishments and recent recognition as the April Rotary Student of the Month.

VI. Superintendent's Report:

- A. Connecticut State Department of Education Initial Adoption of Social Studies Frameworks
- B. InfoSnap Press Release
- C. WAMOGO Accepted Students
- D. Protocol Recruitment and Selection of Certified and Non-Certified Employees
- E. Minor Capital Improvements Pre-School Grant
- F. 2015-2016 Professional Development and Evaluation Plan
 - o **Francine Coss** explained that the 2015-2016 Evaluation Plan is the same as the current plan except all references to Bloomboard have been removed.
- G. Education Connection Foothills Adult Education
 - o **Francine Coss** explained how the program works and what the District's obligations are to provide these services.
- H. Enrollment
- I. Administrator's Reports
 - o **Francine Coss** noted that in Mr. Perrucci's report he included two options for the new graduation requirements that will be required by the Connecticut State Department of Education.
- J. Personnel
 - a. Transfers/Resignations:

- *Melissa Saramanidis, Library Media Specialist, Thomaston Center School and Black Rock School, transfer effective July 1, 2015*
- *Allison Ghiglia, Grade Three Teacher, Black Rock School, transfer effective July 1, 2015*
- *Susan Kraut, Biology Teacher, Thomaston High School, resignation effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
- *Nancy Alexander, Chemistry Teacher, Thomaston High School, resignation effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*

b. Coaches

- *Alexandra Maura, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, effective immediately*
- *Kimberly Theriault, Middle School Softball Coach, effective immediately*
- *Kelly Finlay, Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately*
- *Gabriel Olsen, Middle School Track & Field, effective immediately*
- *Preston Soeprasetyo, Middle School Track & Field, **Resignation** effective March 26, 2015*
- *Preston Soeprasetyo, Middle School Baseball Coach, effective immediately*

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to accept/approve Transfers, Resignation and Coaches with amendments as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

c. Reduction in Force (Layoffs):

- *Chantal Grenier, Paraprofessional II, Black Rock School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
- *Marion Samoska, Paraprofessional III, Thomaston Center School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
- *Regina Terrino, Paraprofessional III, Black Rock School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to accept/approve Reduction in Force (Layoffs) as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

d. Reduction in Force (Non-Renewal):

- a. *Andrea Burnell, Special Education Teacher, Non-Renewal effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*

Francine Coss explained the non-renewal is due to a reduction in forces.

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Alexander Lee **SECONDED** that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Thomaston Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contract of Andrea Burnell, at the end of the 2014/2015 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Andrea Burnell and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Education.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

K. Field Trips:

- *Heidi Laus, Travel Club, Ireland, Wales, and England, June 22, 2016 – July 1, 2016*

- *Mark Olsen, Grade 11, Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA, May 29, 2015*
- *Susan Abbott, Grade 10, Boston Science Museum, Boston, MA, May 27, 2015*
- *Preston Soeprasetyo, Grade 9, Catamount Adventure, South Egremont, MA, May 29, 2015*

Anne Petrucci thanked the teachers for coming to the Policy Committee Meeting to provide information regarding their field trips.

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to accept/approved field trips as presented.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

VII. Committee Reports:

A. Budget/Audit Committee

Kathleen Freimuth explained the discussions from the Budget Committee Meeting including the Tuition rate calculated at \$15,043.00 for the 2015-2016 School Year, and lunch rates to be increased to \$3.00 per lunch district wide for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Alexander Lee **SECONDED** to accept/approved Monthly Business and Financial Report, Expenditures, and Transfers as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 8-0-1

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to accept/approved the 2015-2016 school year regular education tuition rate of \$15,043.00 and to accept/approve the 2015-2016 school year lunch prices increase to \$3.00 per lunch district wide.

MOTION CARRIED: 8-1-0

Carol Pettinicchi asked how the tuition rate is calculated. **Francine Coss** explained how the rate was calculated.

B. Policy Committee

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to remove/eliminate Policy 4121, Personnel Certified – Substitute Sick pay as presented.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0-0

Anne Petrucci **MOVED** and Kathleen Freimuth **SECONDED** to accept/approve Policy Series 1000 with the exception of Policy 1330 – Use of Facilities.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0-0

Anne Petrucci **MOVED** and Kathleen Freimuth **SECONDED** to table Policy 6142.101 until the Board of Education Meeting on May 11, 2015.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0-0

Anne Petrucci **MOVED** and Kathleen Freimuth **SECONDED** to remove/eliminate Policy 3551 – No School/No Play as presented.

MOTION FAILED: 4-5-0

Anne Petrucci **MOVED** and Jennifer McDonald **SECONDED** to remove/eliminate Policy 5131.61 based on its conflict with Policy 5131.

MOTION CARRIED: 9-0-0

VIII. Public Participation:

Sean Gilligan, Thomaston High School 1991 graduate read a document which he distributed to Board of Education Members.

Adjournment:

Kathleen Freimuth **MOVED** and Anne Petrucci **SECONDED** to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:57P.M.

MOTION CARRIED 9-0-0

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