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**MINUTES  
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING**

**Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One  
Friday, November 13, 2015  
5:30P.M.**

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**Members:**

**Roxy Fainer, Chairperson  
Kathleen Freimuth, Vice  
Chairperson  
Anne Petrucci, Secretary  
Alexander Lee, Treasurer  
Francine Coss, Superintendent**

**Beth Campbell  
VACANT  
Rebecca Guay  
Maureen McMahon  
Scott Theriault**

**Student Members:**

**Kathleen Brody**

**Justin Gallo**

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- 1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order:**
  - 1.1 **Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 5:41P.M.
  - 1.2 Members in Attendance: **Roxy Fainer, Kathleen Freimuth, Anne Petrucci, Alexander Lee, Francine Coss, Beth Campbell, Rebecca Guay, Maureen McMahon, Scott Theriault.**
  
- 2. Approval of Agenda:**
  - 2.1 **Kathleen Freimuth** moved and **Anne Petrucci** seconded to accept/approve, Special Meeting Agenda, November 13, 2015 as written.

*Discussion: None.*

*Vote: Motion Passed.*

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

**3. Executive Session for the Purpose of Reviewing Communications Privileged by the Attorney-Client Privilege:**

3.1 **Kathleen Freimuth moved** and **Anne Petrucci seconded** to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing communications privileged by attorney-client privilege and invite **Superintendent Francine Coss** into Executive Session.

*Discussion: None.*

*Vote: Motion Passed.*

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

The meeting entered into Executive Session at 5:42P.M.  
The meeting returned to open session at 5:48P.M.

**4. Potential Board Motion and Action Related to Attorney Communication:**  
None

**5. Potential Board Motion and Action with Respect to Filling a Vacant Board Position:**

5.1 **Kathleen Freimuth moved** and **Anne Petrucci seconded** to accept nominations for the vacated Board of Education position.

*Discussion: Roxy Fainer explained that nominations would be accepted and acted upon.*

*Vote: Motion Passed.*

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

**Kathleen Freimuth moved** and **Scott Theriault seconded** the nomination of David Colavecchio for the vacated Board of Education position.

**Alexander Lee moved** and **Maureen McMahon seconded** the nomination of **Rebecca Guay** for the vacated Board of Education position.

*Discussion:*

- **Beth Campbell** stated that **Rebecca Guay** had served on the Board of Education, works well with members and works hard for students, teachers and the town; she said she hoped all members can support an effective member.
- **Maureen McMahon** stated that **Rebecca Guay** had her finger on the pulse; when she cannot make events, **Rebecca Guay** can. **Rebecca**

**Guay** asks questions that people don't like to hear but the board is better for it. It would be nice to keep continuity especially after receiving the CABA award; she is the best choice.

- **Alexander Lee** said **Rebecca Guay** asks phenomenal, well thought-out questions. **Rebecca Guay** uses the materials and supports transparency through communication; she is an advocate for that. He said the board knows **Rebecca Guay** and that the board only knows the other candidate by past experiences.
- **Alexander Lee** indicated that Robert's Rules states only votes in favor of a nominee are counted; no nay votes should be requested.

*Vote: Motions/Nominations fail.*

Nominee	Yes
<b>Rebecca Guay</b>	4  <b>Beth Campbell Rebecca Guay Alexander Lee Maureen McMahon</b>
David Colavecchio	4  <b>Roxy Fainer Kathleen Freimuth Anne Petrucci Scott Theriault</b>

No members abstained from the vote.

**6. Adjournment:**

6.1 **Kathleen Freimuth** moved and **Anne Petrucci** seconded to adjourn the meeting.

*Discussion: None.*

*Vote: Motion Passed.*

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

The meeting adjourned at 5:54P.M.