



A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Monday, January 4, 2021

7:00 p.m.

Meeting Held Virtually

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

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.

Members:

Beth Campbell, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Roxy Fainer, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent

Salvatore SantaMaria
Frank Treglia
Jennifer Nolan
Matthew VanOrmer
Sarah Ethier

Student Representatives 2020-2021

Isabella Guerrero
McKenna O'Sullivan
Cesar Velez

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order *(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)*

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Public Participation ▲▲▲ *(Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct)*

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325 – Bylaws of the Board Meeting Conduct. Specifically, provision for permitting any individual/group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

- After Connecticut Executive Order 7, the Thomaston Board of Education meetings are held virtually. Public participation for virtual meetings is permitted through written comment. Those who wish to make public comments during a virtual meeting of the Thomaston Board of Education shall:
 - Submit public comments at least one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the virtual meeting
 - Submit public comments via the Thomaston Board of Education Public Comment Google Form at <https://forms.gle/WtQ7LkbUdpWrsCwJ6>.

NOTE: Written public comments that meet the criteria above shall be read aloud by a Board member during the Board of Education meeting.

4. Approval of Minutes ▲ *(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)*

4.1. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated December 14, 2020

4.1.1. Response to December 14, 2020 Public Comment - Shawn McGee

Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education dated December 14, 2020 as presented.

- 5. Recognitions** ▲ (Policy 1170 – Community Relations/Recognitions of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education and Bylaws of the Board 9420 – Recognition of Accomplishments by Citizens, Students, Staff Members or Member of the Board)
- 5.1. December Rotary Student of the Month - Kiersten Sundell
 - 5.2. Nathan Scarola - 10th Annual Celebration of Young Photographers
 - 5.3. Seth Murphy - History Teacher, Thomaston High School - UCONN Early College Experience Graduate Scholarship
- 6. Presentations** ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments) - None
- 7. Student Representatives Report** ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)
- 8. Chairperson’s Report** ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)
- 8.1. USPS Mail to Thomaston Board of Education Members
 - 8.2. Two Year Board of Education Meeting Calendar - 2022 & 2023

Vote to accept/approve the 2022 & 2023 Two Year Board of Education Meeting Calendar as presented.

- 9. Superintendent’s Report** ▲▲▲ (Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)
- 9.1. Correspondence
 - 9.1.1. Superintendent
 - 9.1.1.1. Recognition Letter and Gift to Student from Superintendent Coss - November Rotary Student of the Month
 - 9.1.1.2. Holiday Greeting Card from Roxy Fainer and Family to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 9.1.1.3. Holiday Greeting Card from Xerox Company to Superintendent Francine Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 9.1.1.4. Holiday Greeting Card from Friar Architecture to Superintendent Francine Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 9.1.1.5. Holiday Greeting Card from Silver/Petrucelli and Associates to Superintendent Francine Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 9.1.1.6. NW CT Health Enhancement Communities - Priority Aims Assessment Data Scan & Community Engagement Activities Report - January 2020
 - 9.1.1.7. Effective School Solutions - Insights Special Report - English & Spanish Versions
 - 9.1.1.8. Mindbeat - November 11, 2020
 - 9.1.1.9. Mindbeat - November 25, 2020
 - 9.1.1.10. Thank you note from the Lascko Family to the Thomaston Board of Education, administration, and staff
 - 9.1.1.11. Updated CDC and Department of Public Health Guidance on Length of Self-Quarantine
 - 9.1.1.12. Thomaston Public School News for Staff - Fall 2020
 - 9.1.1.13. Exit Interview Letters Per Policy 4117.6 - Thomaston Public Schools Staff
 - 9.1.1.14. 2020-2021 Educator Certification Compliance Report - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 9.1.1.15. 2020-2021 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar - Proposed Changes
 - 9.1.1.16. 2021-2022 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar - Proposed Changes

Vote to accept/approve the 2020-2021 Updated District Calendar as presented with proposed changes.

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- 9.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - None
- 9.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS) - None

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- 9.1.4. Department of Public Health (DPH) - None
 - 9.1.5. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
 - 9.1.5.1. Joint Cybersecurity Advisory
 - 9.1.5.2. Connecticut Intelligence Center (CTIC) Application and Non-Disclosure Agreement
 - 9.1.5.3. COVID-19 School Submission Reporting Guidance (Updated 12-11-2020)
 - 9.1.5.4. Reimagining Employee Work to Support Students Educational Needs
 - 9.1.5.5. Connecticut Comprehensive School Counseling Framework
 - 9.1.5.6. English Learners Program Checklists
 - 9.1.5.7. Alternate Route to Certification

9.2. Reports, Contracts and General Information

9.2.1. Reports

- 9.2.1.1. Administrator Reports - January 2021
- 9.2.1.2. Enrollment - January 1, 2021
 - 9.2.1.2.1. 2020-2021 NESDEC Enrollment Projection Service Form - Thomaston Public Schools
- 9.2.1.3. Distance Learning Report - Superintendent Francine Coss
 - 9.2.1.3.1. District Instruction Model Options and COVID-19 Data Discussion - Superintendent of Schools and District/School Administrators

Vote to set the next District Instruction Model.

9.2.2. Contracts - None

9.2.3. Grants- 2021

- 9.2.3.1. School Readiness FY 21 Quality Enhancement
- 9.2.3.2. School Readiness - Competitive
- 9.2.3.3. Title IV Part A
- 9.2.3.4. IDEA 611
- 9.2.3.5. Consolidated Title I-A and Title II-A
- 9.2.3.6. Perkins Grant
- 9.2.3.7. State Adult Education

9.2.4. General Information

- 9.2.4.1. Fund-Raisers - None

9.2.5. Personnel (*Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment*)

- 9.2.5.1. New Hires - None
- 9.2.5.2. Transfers/New Assignment - None
- 9.2.5.3. Retirements - None
- 9.2.5.4. Resignations - None
- 9.2.5.5. Termination
 - 9.2.5.5.1. Paul Clement - Custodian - Regular Part-Time (temporary) - Thomaston Center School
- 9.2.5.6. Renewals - None
- 9.2.5.7. Stipends - None

Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent's notification of Personnel, specifically, New Hires/Transfers/Retirements/Resignations/Renewals/Stipends per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented.

9.2.5.8. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel-- Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)

9.2.5.8.1. Employee A

9.2.5.9. Interns and Student Teachers (Policy 1212 – Community Relations – School Volunteers)

9.2.5.9.1. Melissa Campo - Thomaston Center School - Effective January 19, 2021

9.2.5.9.2. Alizabeth Sullivan - Black Rock School - Effective January 4, 2021

9.2.5.10. Field Trips (out of state) (Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools) - None

9.2.5.11. Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies - None

10. Committee Reports ▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

10.1. Business Manager Report

10.1.1. December Business Report - Business Manager's Meeting Scheduled for January 6, 2021

10.2. Policy Committee (Policy 2231 – Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)

10.2.1. Presentations - None

10.2.2. Discussion Items

10.2.2.1. Current Policy 4000.1

10.2.2.2. Current Regulation 4118.111

10.2.2.3. Current Policy 0521.1

10.2.3. First Read Items - None

10.2.4. Second Read Items - None

10.2.5. Action Items

10.2.5.1. Policy 0200

10.2.5.1.1. Current Policy

10.2.5.1.2. Proposed Changes - Marked Up Copy

10.2.5.1.3. Proposed Changes - Clean Copy

Vote to accept/approve Policy 0200 proposed changes as presented.

11. Adjournment