



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION EMERGENCY MEETING
Held Virtually : Google Meet
Saturday, September 5, 2020
1:00 p.m.

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*)

- 1.1. Chairperson **Beth Campbell** called the meeting to order at 1:10pm.
- 1.2. Attendance by Roll Call: **Chairperson Beth Campbell, Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Roxy Fainer, Salvatore SantaMaria, Frank Treglia, Jennifer Nolan, Matthew VanOrmer, and Sarah Ethier**
- 1.3. Student Representatives Absent: **Isabella Guerrero, McKenna O'Sullivan, and Cesar Velez**

2. Discussion of Positive COVID-19 Test Results

- 2.1. Addendum 4 Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together in Connecticut State Department of Education Interim Guidance for Decision-Making Regarding the Use of In-Person, Hybrid (Blended), or Remote Learning Models in Connecticut Schools during COVID-19 Revised August 3, 2020
 - 2.2. Addendum 5 Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut's Plan to Learn and Grow Together Connecticut State Department of Education Interim Guidance for Responding to COVID-19 Scenarios in Connecticut School Districts August 6, 2020
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- 2.3. Addendum 9 Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together Connecticut State Department of Education Contact Tracing Scenarios in Schools August 27, 2020
- 2.4. Frequently Asked Questions Regarding Reopening K-12 Public Schools Connecticut State Department of Education - September 2, 2020 Volume 3 Positive Cases

Chairperson David Colavecchio motioned and Salvatore SantaMaria seconded to keep the two possibly COVID-19 infected Thomaston Public Schools staff members quarantined until their results are confirmed. Schools will remain open as scheduled.

Discussions: A staff member at Black Rock School has tested positive for COVID-19. This staff member presented symptoms before the first day of school and self-quarantined while waiting for the COVID-19 test results. This staff member received the test results on Saturday, September 5th and will continue to isolate until otherwise directed by the Torrington Health District. This staff member had no contact with students. This staff member came in close contact with two staff members at Black Rock School. These two staff members will be tested and will quarantine until they receive their test results. The Thomaston Board of Education has determined that a school closure is NOT warranted.

Votes By Roll Call

- Beth Campbell:** yea
David Colavecchio: yea
Heather Patchell: yea
Roxy Fainer: yea
Salvatore SantaMaria: yea
Frank Treglia: yea
Jennifer Nolan: yea
Matthew VanOrmer: yea
Sarah Ethier: yea

Abstentions: None
Motion Carried: 9-0-0

3. Adjournment

David Colavecchio motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to adjourn the meeting. Chairperson Beth Campbell adjourned the meeting at 1:54pm.
