



**MINUTES**  
**THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
[YouTube Link](#)  
**Wednesday, August 12, 2020**  
**4:30 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 4:33pm.
- 1.2. Attendance by Roll Call: **Chairperson Beth Campbell, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Roxy Fainer, Salvatore SantaMaria, Frank Treglia, Jennifer Nolan, Matthew VanOrmer, Sara Ethier, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Present: **Cesar Velez and McKenna O'Sullivan**
- 1.5. Student Representative Absent: **Isabella Guerrero**
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: The meeting was streamed live on the town of Thomaston YouTube channel.

**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 or 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*

**DRAFT UNTIL BOARD APPROVED**

during this Special Meeting of the Thomaston Board of Education shall:

- o Submit public comments on or before August 10, 2020
- o Submit public comments via the Thomaston Board of Education Public Comment Google Form at <https://forms.gle/MqWfDVZvrBDYPVlk9>

NOTE: Written public comments that meet Policy requirements and the criteria above shall be grouped by theme and responded to during the Board of Education meeting.

3.1. Oral Responses to Parent Questions Regarding Thomaston Public Schools’ Reopening Plan

**Superintendent Francine Coss** addressed questions that were submitted by 81 parents via a google form that was provided last week. Superintendent Coss categorized the questions and put them under themes and provided consolidated responses.

[Oral Presentation](#)

**4. Reopening of Schools**

- 4.1. Adapt, Advance, Achieve: Connecticut’s Plan to Learn and Grow Together Connecticut State Department of Education Updated August 3, 2020
- 4.2. Thomaston Public Schools 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan

**Roxy Fainer** made a motion to approve the modified hybrid/blended instruction plan that would run from September 1, 2020 to October 9, 2020 with a review date of September 28, 2020 and **Jennifer Nolan** seconded.

Discussion: [YouTube Link](#)

Opposed: **Matthew VanOrmer** and **Sarah Ethier**

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 6-2-0

**5. Quotes for Bathroom Touchless Equipment - Thomaston Public Schools**

- 5.1. Bantam Wesson
- 5.2. Pelletier Mechanical Services
- 5.3. K&M Plumbing

**Jennifer Nolan** motioned and **Heather Patchell** seconded to waive the bid requirements for bathroom touchless equipment.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

**6. Salvatore SantaMaria** motioned and **Matthew VanOrmer** seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

**Chairperson Beth Campbell** adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm.