



**MINUTES  
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Residency Hearing  
Thomaston Town Hall  
Meeting Room One  
Wednesday, October 25, 2023  
2:00p.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.

2023-2024 Board of Education Goals:

1. The Board will evaluate the Superintendent based on the effectiveness of her leadership in implementation and achievement of the district goals.
2. The Board will participate in biannual professional development provided by CAFE to improve the collaborative leadership team with the Superintendent to focus on priorities around high achievement for all students in the district.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson  
Heather Patchell, Secretary  
Beth Campbell  
[VACANT]

Francine Coss, Superintendent  
Marie Eldridge  
Megan Campbell, Student Representative  
Landen Galpin, Student Representative

David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson  
Steven Carr, Treasurer  
Sarah Ethier  
Matthew VanOrmer

1. Meeting called to order by **Marie Eldridge** at 2:01p.m.

- 1.1. Board Members in Attendance: **Secretary Heather Patchell, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.2. Board Members Absent: **President Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Treasurer Steven Carr, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier**
- 1.3. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell and Landen Galpin** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.4. Others in Attendance: Mother of Student A, Grandmother of Student A, Aaron Bunel, Attorney Nicholas Grello

2. **Executive Session**

Proposed Executive Session regarding a confidential student accommodations matter entered in to Executive Session at 2:02p.m.

**Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210, subsections (b)(2), (11) and (17). Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into executive session: Heather Patchell, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Superintendent Coss, Aaron Bunel, Atty Nicholas Grello, Mother of Student A, Grandmother of Student A.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

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**3. Potential Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session - Exit Executive Session at 2:25p.m.**  
**Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186 and the discussion held in executive session, as a graduating senior, Student shall be permitted to continue to attend school in Thomaston through the end of the 2023-2024 school year. Student A shall therefore be provided with school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston, however, Student A is not eligible for school provided transportation. In the event that Student A's, or the family of Student A's, circumstances change after the date of the final decision in this matter, the Board reserves the right to consider such circumstances and may take appropriate action, including but not limited to denying school accommodations and seeking tuition reimbursement, as permitted by law, from the Parent(s) of Student A.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

**4. Adjournment**

**Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** to adjourn the meeting.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

**Meeting adjourned at 2:27p.m.**