



MINUTES

THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Auditorium Entrance - Door #2

*This meeting can be attended in person by the public ([see requirements](#)) or viewed live/recorded on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#).
([Bylaws of the Board 9322 - Public and Executive Sessions](#) and [Bylaws of the Board 9326.1 - Taping/Recording Board Meetings](#))*

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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals:

1. Board Members shall respond to invitations within 24 hours.
2. Board Members will attend district events.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Beth Campbell
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Marie Eldridge
Delaney Jose, Student Representative
Nathan Marsh, Student Representative

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

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Steven Carr, Sarah Ethier, Matthew VanOrmer, Marie Eldridge, Beth Campbell, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Frank Treglia**
- 1.4. Student Representatives in Attendance: **Delaney Jose, Nathan Marsh**
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Andrea Peters, Gianni Perugini, John Perrucci
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Michelle Pope, Matthew Pope, Megan Campbell, Nathan Kowalski

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.2 – Order of Business and Policy 1205 Community Relations – Participation by the Public – Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Marie Eldridge motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education Meeting dated January 9, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲ None

(Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct)

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with the rules of common courtesy and the Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct:

- Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter.
- No boisterous conduct shall be permitted; persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for termination of that person's privilege to address the Board. The Chairperson may clear the room so that Board members may continue the meeting.
- No oral presentation shall include charges or complaints against any employee of the Board of Education, regardless of whether or not the employee is identified in the presentation by name.

5. Approval of Minutes ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

- 5.1. Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2022

Marie Eldridge motioned and Steven Carr seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2022 as presented.

Discussion: None
Opposed: None
Abstain: None
Motion Carried: 7-0-0

6. 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)

- 6.1. Thomaston Rotary Club Student of the Month - January 2023 - Connor Foss
6.2. Students of the Month - December 2022

Grade 12: Kian Reyes	Grade 7: Kayla Kapusta	Grade 2: Ella Thibault
Grade 11: Claire Saunders	Grade 6: Adriana Rocco	Grade 1: Hailey Peck
Grade 10: Brooke Beaudoin	Grade 5: Riley Crehan	Kindergarten: Coralyn Novakowski
Grade 9: Gracie Marble	Grade 4: Ella Holway	Preschool: Ella Novakowski
Grade 8: Briana Belanger	Grade 3: Hudson Atwood	

- 6.3. January 2023 Staff Spotlight - Michelle Pope, Special Education Teacher - Thomaston Center School

7. Presentations ▲▲▲ - None

(Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

- 8.1. January 2023

9. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)

- 9.1. EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting Report
9.2. Progress Report on 2022-2023 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools
9.3. Contract of the Superintendent of Thomaston Public Schools - 2022-2025

10. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

- 10.1. Correspondence
- 10.1.1. Superintendent
 - 10.1.1.1. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - December 14, 2022
 - 10.1.1.2. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - December 21, 2022
 - 10.1.1.3. Residency Determination Letter - Student G
 - 10.1.1.4. Residency Hearing Notice - Student G
 - 10.1.1.5. Residency Determination Letter - Student H
 - 10.1.1.6. Residency Hearing Notice - Student H
 - 10.1.1.7. Residency Determination Letter - Student I
 - 10.1.1.8. Residency Hearing Notice - Student I
 - 10.1.1.9. Holiday Card to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Public Schools Staff from Board of Education Chairperson Roxy Fainer and Family
 - 10.1.1.10. Holiday Card from Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Office of the Dean, Southern Connecticut State University
 - 10.1.1.11. Holiday Card from CIRMA to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 10.1.1.12. Holiday Card from Superintendent Michael Yamin, Region School District #16 to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 10.1.1.13. Holiday Card from Attorney Chinni & Associates to Superintendent Coss and Thomaston Board of Education
 - 10.1.1.14. Letter to Caroline Osowiecki, President, Henry M. Osowiecki & Sons, to Permit the Use of Salt Instead of Sand on the Grounds of Thomaston Public Schools
 - 10.1.1.15. Thank You Letter to Sheila McKay, Sr. Staff Associate for Government Relations (CABE), for her Presentation at the December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education
 - 10.1.1.16. EdAdvance Scholarship Letter
 - 10.1.1.17. Waiver Letter on Bid Requirements for the Black Rock Blue Wing Asbestos Abatement Project
 - 10.1.1.18. Thomaston Public Schools AFSCME Retiree Renewal Notices

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- 10.1.1.19. Letter to First Selectman Edmond Mone from Superintendent Coss Regarding a Request to Utilize In-Kind Services and Supplies from the Thomaston Department of Public Works for Ground Testing Related to the Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Water Issue
 - 10.1.1.20. Thank You Letter to Samantha Gaboury Regarding Monetary Donation to Offset Student Lunch Balances for Thomaston Public Schools
 - 10.1.1.21. District Data Report from EdAdvance for Thomaston Public Schools
 - 10.1.1.22. Letter Invitation to George Seabourne, Thomaston Board of Finance Chairperson, to the Thomaston Public School's Budget Workshop on January 30, 2023
 - 10.1.1.23. Letter Invitation to Ed Mone, Town of Thomaston First Selectman, to the Thomaston Public School's Budget Workshop on January 30, 2023
 - 10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - None
 - 10.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS) - None
 - 10.1.4. United States Department of Education (USDE) - None
 - 10.1.5. Department of Public Health (DPH) - None
 - 10.1.6. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
 - 10.1.6.1. 2022 Application Requesting a Waiver of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program
 - 10.1.6.2. Guidance Regarding the 2022 Application Requesting a Waiver of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program
 - 10.1.6.3. Reading Waiver Data Template
 - 10.1.6.4. Waiver Letter Regarding the K-3 Reading Curriculum Models or Programs
 - 10.1.6.5. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Response to Waiver Letter
 - 10.1.6.6. 2023-2024 State Summative Assessment Calendar
 - 10.1.6.7. Performance Matters - December 2022
 - 10.1.6.8. State Assessment News

10.2. Reports

- 10.2.1. 2022-2023 Thomaston Public Schools COVID-19 Positivity and Vaccination Rate
- 10.2.2. Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Project Update

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to direct Superintendent Coss to request funds for the Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Project from the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 10.2.3. Black Rock School Blue Wing Flood Update
- 10.2.4. Administrator Reports
 - 10.2.4.1. January 2023
- 10.2.5. 2022-2023 Enrollment Report
 - 10.2.5.1. January 3, 2023
 - 10.2.5.2. 2022-2023 Enrollment Projection Data Form
 - 10.2.5.2.1. 2022-2023 Enrollment Projection Report

10.3. Contracts

- 10.3.1. Intergovernmental and Cooperative Arrangement Agreement - Litchfield Board of Education, Region 6 Board of Education, Region 14 Board of Education and Thomaston Board of Education

10.4. Grants - None

10.5. General Information

- 10.5.1. Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.1. Fundraising Follow Up - None
 - 10.5.1.2. Gifts/Donation - None
 - 10.5.1.3. Approved Fund-Raisers - None
 - 10.5.1.4. Denied Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.4.1. Raising Highly Capable Kids/ Pathways to Prevention - Seek Sponsorship from Local Restaurants

10.6. Personnel (*Denotes Effective Date)

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

- 10.6.1. New Hires - None
- 10.6.2. Transfer/New Assignments - None
- 10.6.3. Reassignment - None
- 10.6.4. Resignations - None

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- 10.6.5. Retirement
 - 10.6.5.1. Helen Guerrero, Pupil Services Secretary *March 7, 2023
 - 10.6.6. Termination
 - 10.6.6.1. Flor Rodriguez, Substitute Paraprofessional, Black Rock School *December 16, 2022
 - 10.6.7. Non-Renewals - None
 - 10.6.8. Stipends - 2022-2023
 - 10.6.8.1. Mark Olsen - Indoor Track Coach
 - 10.6.8.2. Eric Kociszewski - Indoor Track Junior Varsity Coach
 - 10.6.8.3. Aaron Bunel - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.4. James Bunel - Assistant Coach Boys Basketball
 - 10.6.8.5. Sean Fitzpatrick - Boys Freshman Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.6. Laura Miller - Girls Freshman Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.7. Jonathan Green - Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - 10.6.8.8. Terry Waldron - Varsity Cheerleading Coach
 - 10.6.8.9. Abigail Zakorchevnoy - Middle School Cheerleading Coach
 - 10.6.8.10. Kayla Marble - Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.11. Richard Kelly - Boys B Team Middle School Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.12. Bob Stack - Girls Middle School Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.13. Marc Beaudoin - Girls B Team Middle School Basketball Coach

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded 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.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 10.6.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
 - (Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)*
 - 10.6.9.1. Employee I
 - 10.6.9.2. Employee J
 - 10.6.9.3. Employee K
- 10.6.10. Interns and Student Teachers - None
 - (Policy 1212–Community Relations–School Volunteers)*

10.7. Field Trips

(Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools)

- 10.7.1. Broadway, Drama Club, March 15, 2023 or May 24, 2023

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve the Broadway Field Trip as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 10.8. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies - None
 - (Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies)*

11. Committee Reports ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

11.1. Budget Audit Committee

- 11.1.1. December 2022 Business Manager's Report
 - 11.1.1.1. 2022-2023 Budget Table Without Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.2. 2022-2023 Budget Table With Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.3. 2021-2023 Grant Report
 - 11.1.1.4. 2022-2023 Projection
 - 11.1.1.5. 2022-2023 Transfer
 - 11.1.1.6. Expenditures
 - 11.1.1.6.1. \$1,634,959.14

Marie Eldridge motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/ Non-Instructional Operations - Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented for December 2022.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

11.2. Policy Committee

(Policy 2231–Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)

11.2.1. Presentations

11.2.1.1. Policy 6140 - Curriculum - Jessica Bedsoky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

11.2.1.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.1.1.2. Clean Copy

11.2.2. Discussion Items

11.2.2.1. Policy 3281 - School Fundraisers - Superintendent Francine Coss

11.2.2.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.3. First Read - None

11.2.4. Second Read - Policy 5145.511 - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

11.2.4.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.4.2. Marked Up Copy

11.2.4.3. Clean Copy

11.2.5. Action Items - None

12. Adjournment

Marie Eldridge motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Beth Campbell asked for clarification regarding agenda item 9.2 , Progress Report on 2022-2023 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools.

[Discussion Link](#)

Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 7:40p.m.