



MINUTES

THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Monday, November 27, 2023 at 5:30 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.

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:

Beth Campbell
Steven Carr
Sarah Ethier
Roxy Fainer

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Megan Campbell, Student Representative
Landen Galpin, Student Representative
Tanya Galpin

Anthony Kepler
Frank Treglia
Matthew VanOrmer
Nathan Vieira

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order - Superintendent Francine Coss

([Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 - Quorum](#))

- 1.1. **Superintendent Francine Coss** called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.
- 1.2. Board Members Present: **Beth Campbell, Steven Carr, Sarah Ethier, Roxy Fainer, Tanya Galpin, Matthew VanOrmer, Nathan Vieira** (*Nathan arrived at 5:45pm.*), **Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member in Virtual Attendance: **Anthony Kepler** (*Anthony joined at 5:53pm.*)
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell, Landen Galpin** (*the student representatives were not required to attend*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Olivia Blasko, **Frank Treglia**, Heather Patchell, Michelina Stanley

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Organizational Meeting

3.1. [Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing Officers - Bylaw 9120 - Superintendent Francine Coss](#)

3.1.1. [Nomination for Board of Education Chairperson - Bylaw 9121 - Superintendent Francine Coss](#)

Superintendent Coss asked the Board to nominate a Chairperson.
Matthew VanOrmer nominated **Roxy Fainer** as Chairperson
Sarah Ethier nominated **Beth Campbell** as Chairperson

	Roxy	Beth
Beth		✓
Steven	✓	
Sarah		✓
Roxy	✓	
Tanya		✓
Matthew	✓	

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: Due to the tie in voting, the board members went into caucus and took a revote.

During the caucus, **Nathan Vieira** arrived in person and **Anthony Kepler** joined virtually.

	Roxy	Beth
Beth		✓
Steven	✓	
Sarah		✓
Roxy	✓	
Tanya		✓
Matthew	✓	
Nathan	✓	
Anthony	✓	

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: **Roxy Fainer** was congratulated as the Chairperson of the Board.

- 3.1.2. [Nomination for Board of Education Vice-Chairperson – Bylaw 0122 – Newly Elected Chairperson](#)
Chairperson Roxy Fainer asked the Board to nominate a Vice Chairperson.
Steven Carr nominated **Matthew VanOrmer**.
Beth Campbell nominated **Tanya Galpin**.

	Matthew	Tanya
Beth		✓
Steven	✓	
Sarah		✓
Roxy	✓	
Tanya		✓
Matthew	✓	
Nathan	✓	
Anthony		✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: Due to the tie in voting, the board members went into caucus and took a revote.

	Matthew	Tanya
Beth		✓
Steven	✓	
Sarah		✓
Roxy	✓	
Tanya		✓
Matthew	✓	
Nathan	✓	
Anthony	✓	

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: **Matthew VanOrmer** was congratulated as the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

3.1.3. [Nomination for Board of Education Secretary - Bylaw 9123 - Newly Elected Chairperson](#)

Chairperson Roxy Fainer asked the Board to nominate a Secretary.

Steven Carr nominated **Tanya Galpin**.

	Tanya
Beth	✓
Steven	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	✓
Tanya	✓
Matthew	✓
Nathan	✓
Anthony	✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: **Tanya Galpin** was congratulated as the Secretary of the Board.

- 3.1.4. [Nomination for Board of Education Treasurer – Bylaw 9126 –Newly Elected Chairperson](#)
Chairperson Roxy Fainer asked the Board to nominate a Treasurer.
Matthew VanOrmer nominated **Steven Carr**.

	Steven
Beth	✓
Steven	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	✓
Tanya	✓
Matthew	✓
Nathan	✓
Anthony	✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.
 Vote Results: **Steven Carr** was congratulated as the Treasurer of the Board.

4. Policies Related to Board Member Conduct

- 4.1. [Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest](#)
- 4.2. [Bylaw 9271 – Code of Ethics](#)
- 4.3. [Bylaw 9272 – Code of Conduct on Data Use](#)
- 4.4. [Bylaw 9325 – Meeting Conduct](#)

5. Committee Sign Up – Bylaw 9132

Budget/Audit Committee: **Steven Carr, Roxy Fainer**
 Policy Committee: **Steven Carr, Roxy Fainer, Tanya Galpin, Frank Treglia, Matthew VanOrmer, Nathan Vieira**
 Ad Hoc Achievement Committee: **Sarah Ethier, Roxy Fainer, Anthony Kepler, Matthew VanOrmer, Nathan Vieira**

6. Board Member Resignation

- 6.1. [Emailed Resignation from Board of Education Membership from Frank Treglia](#)
- 6.2. [Chapter 97* Municipalities: General Provisions Sec.7-103. Resignation of Municipal Officers](#)
- 6.3. [Bylaws of the Board 9222 – Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure](#)

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to acknowledge the resignation of Frank Treglia.

[Discussion Link](#)

Abstain: None
 Opposed: None
 Motion Carried: 8-0-0

7. Appointment of New Board of Education Member to the unexpired term of resigned Board of Education member, Frank Treglia

- 7.1.1. [Bylaws of the Board 9221 – Filling Vacancies](#)
- 7.1.2. [Endorsement from Amanda Burch, Chairperson, Thomaston Democratic Town Committee](#)
- 7.1.3. [Endorsement from George Seabourne, Chairperson, Thomaston Republican Town Committee](#)

Beth Campbell motioned and **Sarah Ethier** seconded to endorse Heather Patchell to fill the unexpired term of **Frank Treglia**.

	Heather
Beth	✓
Steven	
Sarah	✓
Roxy	
Tanya	✓
Matthew	
Nathan	
Anthony	

Opposed: **Steven Carr, Roxy Fainer, Anthony Kepler, Matthew VanOrmer, Nathan Vieira**
Motion Failed: 3-5-0

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and **Nathan Vieira** seconded to endorse Frank Treglia to fill the unexpired term of **Frank Treglia**.

	Frank
Beth	
Steven	✓
Sarah	
Roxy	✓
Tanya	
Matthew	✓
Nathan	✓
Anthony	✓

Opposed: **Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Tanya Galpin**
Motion Carried: 5-3-0

8. Adjournment

Steven Carr motioned and **Matthew VanOrmer** seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 6:35pm.