

**Thomaston Board of Education**  
**Special Meeting**  
**Thomaston Center School Library**  
**June 15, 2010**  
**6:30 p.m.**



**Present:**

Beth Yaffe, Lucy Santopietro, George Counter, Holly Herbert and Roxy Fainer

**Call to Order:**

Presiding Board member, Beth Yaffe called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:32 p.m.

**Approval of Agenda:**

On a motion made by Lucy Santopietro and seconded by George Counter to accept/approve the agenda as presented; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**Executive Session:**

Motion for executive session made by Lucy Santopietro, seconded by George Counter; no discussion; motion passed unanimously (5-0) at 6:33 p.m.

Move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(b)(2) and (11). Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The Board invites the following individuals into the executive session:

Lynda Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools  
Jonathan Kozlak, Vice Principal  
Nicholas J. Grello, Counsel for the Board  
The Student who is the subject of this proceeding  
The Parent of the Student

7:20 p.m. everyone excused for deliberations, except for Board Attorney Nicholas J. Grello.

7:37 p.m.: back in executive session. Everyone returned into the executive session.

**Public Session:**

Board exited executive session at 7:38 p.m.

Beth Yaffe made motion to ***expel*** the student, seconded Roxy Fainer; no discussion; motion passed unanimously (5-0) at 7:39 p.m.

**Board Motion:**

Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Thomaston Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Thomaston High School for the period from June 15, 2010 until June 14, 2011, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

At the discretion of the Superintendent, the student may apply for early readmission to Thomaston High School prior to the first day of the second marking period. If the Superintendent permits the student to apply for early readmission, as a condition of readmission, the student must fulfill specific criteria set forth by the Superintendent in order to be considered for readmission.

Such criteria to include:

1. Successful completion of the tutorial program;
2. Counseling for sexual harassment/bullying, the frequency to be determined by the counselor;
3. the student must stay off of school grounds and school sponsored events; and
4. any further violations upon his return to school during the period ending June 14, 2011 will result in reinstatement of the expulsion.

Further, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d), the Board directs the administration to offer to the student an alternative educational opportunity, in a form of to be determined by the Superintendent, for the duration of this expulsion.

The Board also directs the administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school.

Finally, the Board authorizes Nick Grello to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion to the student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate.

**Adjournment:**

Lucy Santopietro moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Holly Herbert, no discussion; motion passed unanimously (5-0) at 7:44 p.m.