



A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Thomaston Opera House

Thursday, June 3, 2021

6:00 p.m.

Public May Attend In-Person ([see requirements](#)) or Virtually

This meeting can be viewed live on [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#)

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.

Board of Education Goals:

- 1) Spotlight on one staff member each Regular meeting (September - June)
 - 2) Conduct meetings that are efficient using hybrid meeting technology
 - 3) Provide relevant research and data prior to the formal presentation of that information to the Board.
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Members:

Beth Campbell, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Roxy Fainer, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent

Nicole Rinaldi
Jennifer Nolan
Matthew VanOrmer
Sarah Ethier
Steven Carr

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*)

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*)

Vote to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education dated June 3, 2021 as presented.

4. 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/group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

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- 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 during a virtual meeting of the Thomaston Board of Education shall:
 - Submit public comments at least one (1) hour before the scheduled start of the virtual meeting
 - Submit public comments via the Thomaston Board of Education Public Comment Google Form at <https://forms.gle/WtQ7LkbUdpWrsCwJ6>.
- NOTE: Written public comments that meet the criteria above shall be read aloud by a Board member during the Board of Education meeting.

5. Approval of Minutes ▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

- 5.1. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 10, 2021

Vote to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education dated May 10, 2021 as presented.

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. June Rotary Student of the Month - Kestrel Wilcox

- 6.2. June Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools

6.2.1. Grade K - Noah LaPrade

6.2.2. Grade 1 - Rayan Asani

6.2.3. Grade 2 - Ella Holway

6.2.4. Grade 3 - Mason Hawley

6.2.5. Grade 4 - Benjamin Bellemare

6.2.6. Grade 5 - Brynn Beaudoin

6.2.7. Grade 6 - Ethan Ranney

6.2.8. Grade 7 - Alyssa O'Brien

6.2.9. Grade 8 - Kaelin Devaux

6.2.10. Grade 9 - Haley Bethin

6.2.11. Grade 10 - Delaney Jose

6.2.12. Grade 11 - Connor Riley

6.2.13. Grade 12 - Kestrel Wilcox

- 6.3. May Rotary Student of the Month - Courtney LeClair

- 6.4. May Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools

6.4.1. Grade K - Brody Meyer

6.4.2. Grade 1 - Isabella VanOrmer

6.4.3. Grade 2 - Trinity Smolkis

6.4.4. Grade 3 - Brooke St. Jean

6.4.5. Grade 4 - Ahren-John Stadalnik

6.4.6. Grade 5 - Dustin Galpin

6.4.7. Grade 6 - Brooke Salvietti

6.4.8. Grade 7 - Mya Hoyt

6.4.9. Grade 8 - Zoe Miller

6.4.10. Grade 9 - Nicole Decker

6.4.11. Grade 10 - Emma Marble

6.4.12. Grade 11 - Julia Pupriqi

6.4.13. Grade 12 - Courtney LeClair

- 6.5. April Rotary Student of the Month - McKenna O'Sullivan

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- 6.6. April Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools
- 6.6.1. Grade K - Angelina O'Brien
 - 6.6.2. Grade 1 - Owen Wood
 - 6.6.3. Grade 2 - Skyla Levy
 - 6.6.4. Grade 3 - Aiden Wood
 - 6.6.5. Grade 4 - Tess Harkness
 - 6.6.6. Grade 5 - Collin Moser
 - 6.6.7. Grade 6 - Quin Merritt
 - 6.6.8. Grade 7 - Kyle Cichowicz
 - 6.6.9. Grade 8 - Emma Desrosiers
 - 6.6.10. Grade 9 - Olivia Blasko
 - 6.6.11. Grade 10 - Daniel Guerrero
 - 6.6.12. Grade 11 - Kristen Foell
 - 6.6.13. Grade 12 - McKenna O'Sullivan
- 6.7. March Rotary Student of the Month - Nathan Scarola
- 6.8. March Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools
- 6.8.1. Grade K - Scotland King
 - 6.8.2. Grade 1 - Piper Chasse
 - 6.8.3. Grade 2 - Kate Mazzarella
 - 6.8.4. Grade 3 - Zoey Catterton
 - 6.8.5. Grade 4 - Tyler Callahan
 - 6.8.6. Grade 5 - Kelvin Diaz
 - 6.8.7. Grade 6 - Skylar Mills
 - 6.8.8. Grade 7 - Brianna Ronalter
 - 6.8.9. Grade 8 - Sophia Coer
 - 6.8.10. Grade 9 - Alba Pupriqi
 - 6.8.11. Grade 10 - Marissa VanOrmer
 - 6.8.12. Grade 11 - Mel Shkrepi
 - 6.8.13. Grade 12 - Nathan Scarola
- 6.9. February Rotary Student of the Month - Rachel Foell
- 6.10. February Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools
- 6.10.1. Grade K - Nella Romot
 - 6.10.2. Grade 1 - Adelina Pellott
 - 6.10.3. Grade 2 - Brooke Callahan
 - 6.10.4. Grade 3 - Olivia Moher
 - 6.10.5. Grade 4 - Emily Mazzarella
 - 6.10.6. Grade 5 - Elyse Ariola
 - 6.10.7. Grade 6 - Colton Patchell
 - 6.10.8. Grade 7 - Makenzie Chasse
 - 6.10.9. Grade 8 - Andrew Soria
 - 6.10.10. Grade 9 - Claire Saunders

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- 6.10.11. Grade 10 - Sophia Hyres
 - 6.10.12. Grade 11 - Zachary Stevenson
 - 6.10.13. Grade 12 - Rachel Foell
 - 6.11. January Rotary Student of the Month - Elijah Dwire
 - 6.12. January Students of the Month - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 6.12.1. Grade K - Logan Kennedy
 - 6.12.2. Grade 1 - Owen Hawley
 - 6.12.3. Grade 2 - Ava Nemense
 - 6.12.4. Grade 3 - Scarlett Alvey
 - 6.12.5. Grade 4 - Britta Saghafi
 - 6.12.6. Grade 5 - Jack Holway
 - 6.12.7. Grade 6 - Taylor Stadalnik
 - 6.12.8. Grade 7 - Addison Patchell
 - 6.12.9. Grade 8 - Scott Lanzara
 - 6.12.10. Grade 9 - Velia Russman
 - 6.12.11. Grade 10 - Kylie Decker
 - 6.12.12. Grade 11 - Kaya Johnson
 - 6.12.13. Grade 12 - Patrick Riley
 - 6.12.14. Grade 12 - Anna Colavecchio
 - 6.12.15. Grade 12 - Elizabeth Marble
 - 6.12.16. Grade 12 - Kiersten Sundell
 - 6.12.17. Grade 12 - Elijah Dwire
 - 6.13. Student Recognitions - Thomaston Public Schools - 2020-2021 *((These students were recognized virtually during Board of Education meetings 2020-2021))*
 - 6.13.1. Chloe Simoes - Grade 7 - Thomaston's National Invention Convention Winner
 - 6.13.2. Britta Saghafi - Grade 4 - Litchfield County Poster Winner - 2022 Connecticut Fire Prevention Calendar
 - 6.13.3. Nathan Scarola - Grade 12 - 10th Annual Celebration of Young Photographers Award
 - 6.13.4. Kiersten Sundell - Grade 12 - Artwork - What's Right With Schools Segment - News Channel 8
 - 6.13.5. Christopher Carlo - Grade 4 - 100th Day of School Contest Winner
 - 6.13.6. Tyler Callahan - Grade 4 - 100th Day of School Contest Winner
 - 6.13.7. Ryan Stoveken - Grade 5 - 100th Day of School Contest Winner
 - 6.13.8. Arianna Rinaldi - Grade 6 - 100th Day of School Contest Winner
 - 6.13.9. Kaylee Boulanger - Grade 3 - Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award
 - 6.13.10. Kaiden Phelps - Grade 3 - Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award
 - 6.13.11. Matthew Johnson - Grade 6 - Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award
 - 6.13.12. Skylar Wain - Grade 6 - Connecticut Association of Schools Arts Award
 - 6.13.13. Rachel Foell - Grade 12 - Litchfield County Superintendents Association Recognition Award
 - 6.13.14. Patrick Riley - Grade 12 - Litchfield County Superintendents Association Recognition Award
 - 6.13.15. Megan Campbell - Grade 8 - Litchfield County Superintendents Association Recognition Award
 - 6.13.16. Arianna Rinaldi - Litchfield County Superintendents Association Recognition Award
 - 6.13.17. Anna Colavecchio - Grade 12 - Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student (CABE) Leadership Award

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- 6.13.18. Nathan Scarola - Grade 12 - Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student (CABE) Leadership Award
 - 6.13.19. Brooke Beaudoin - Grade 8 - Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student (CABE) Leadership Award
 - 6.13.20. Andrew Soria - Grade 8 - Connecticut Association of Boards of Education Student (CABE) Leadership Award
 - 6.14. Henry Osowiecki - Donation of Time and Equipment - Nature Center - Thomaston High School
 - 6.15. Jeff Osowiecki - Donation of Time and Equipment - Nature Center - Thomaston High School

7. Presentations ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

- 7.1. Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Assessment - Rigorous Coursework Letter from Commission of Education
- 7.2. Jessica Bedosky and Susan Larson, Reading Interventionist - Thomaston Center School - Learning Enrichment Academic Program (LEAP) - Thomaston Public Schools, Pilot Program, Grade 6
 - 7.2.1. Grade 6 Student Presenters - Thomaston Center School
 - 7.2.1.1. Samantha Lee
 - 7.2.1.2. Matthew Johnson
 - 7.2.1.3. Parker Merritt
 - 7.2.1.4. Quin Merritt
 - 7.2.1.5. Leila Wiles
 - 7.2.1.6. Kaitlyn Bellemare
 - 7.2.1.7. Briana Belanger

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

9. Chairperson’s Report ▲▲▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)

- 9.1. Swearing in of 2021 - 2022 Student Representatives
 - 9.1.1. Delaney Jose - Grade 12
 - 9.1.2. Cesar Velez - Grade 11

- 9.2. Letter of Gratitude

10. Superintendent’s Report ▲▲▲ (Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

- 10.1. Correspondence
 - 10.1.1. Superintendent
 - 10.1.1.1. Letters of Quarantine and Isolation from Superintendent Francine Coss to Parents for COVID-related childcare work absences
 - 10.1.1.2. Thank you letter to Cheryl Planten, Executive Clinical Director, Effective School Solutions, for her presentation at the May 10th Board of Education meeting.
 - 10.1.1.3. Thank you letter to Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for her presentation at the May 10th Board of Education meeting regarding the Nature Center at Thomaston High School
 - 10.1.1.4. Thank you letter to John Perrucci, Principal, Thomaston High School for his presentation regarding the support and maintenance of Thomaston High School’s Nature Center
 - 10.1.1.5. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - May 5, 2021
 - 10.1.1.6. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - May 12, 2021
 - 10.1.1.7. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - May 19, 2021
 - 10.1.1.8. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - May 26, 2021
 - 10.1.1.9. Effective School Solutions - Insights & Solutions - May 2021
 - 10.1.1.10. New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc.(NEASC) - Substantive Change Policy
 - 10.1.1.11. New England Association of Schools and Colleges, Inc (NEASC) - Notification Letter

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- 10.1.1.12. Response from Superintendent Francine Coss to parent submission on BOE website contact form
 - 10.1.1.13. Residency Determination Letter - Student H
 - 10.1.1.14. Thank you card from staff member - Diane Aniki to Superintendent Coss
 - 10.1.1.15. Thomaston Board of Education AFSCME Retiree Insurance Information for Upcoming Retiree
 - 10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - None
 - 10.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS)
 - 10.1.3.1. Legislative Leadership Letter
 - 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. Performance Matters - May 2021
 - 10.1.6.2. Smart Start for Recovery Grant Announcement
 - 10.1.6.3. Enrollment of Newcomers Guidance
 - 10.1.6.4. Enrollment of Newcomers - Aligning Academic Credentials
 - 10.1.6.5. Monthly Student Attendance Data and Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) Benefits
 - 10.1.6.6. 2021-22 Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act (Perkins V) Intent to Apply Process
 - 10.1.6.7. Student Assessment News - May 21, 2021
 - 10.1.6.8. American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ARP ESSER) Assurances Document
 - 10.1.6.9. Certified Connecticut Department of Education Assurances for the ARP ESSER Funding Application
 - 10.1.6.10. ARP ESSER Application, Memo to Superintendents
 - 10.1.6.11. CSDE Guidance Regarding Public Act 21-6, "An Act Concerning Immunizations"
 - 10.1.6.12. ARP ESSER Application, Memo to Superintendents
 - 10.1.6.13. Transition to Kindergarten for Fall 2021
 - 10.1.6.14. Adoption of Position Statement on Culturally Responsive Education
 - 10.1.6.15. Universal Mask Policies in School Buildings
 - 10.2. Reports, Contracts and General Information
 - 10.2.1. Reports
 - 10.2.1.1. Administrator Reports - June 2021
 - 10.2.1.2. Enrollment - June 1, 2021
 - 10.2.1.2.1. Distance Learning Enrollment - June 1, 2021
 - 10.2.1.3. Distance Learning Report - Superintendent Francine Coss
 - 10.2.2. Contracts
 - 10.2.2.1. Marzano Academies & Thomaston Public Schools - May 1, 2021 - June 30, 2021
 - 10.2.2.2. Parent Square & Thomaston Public Schools
 - 10.2.2.3. State Education Resource Center (SERC) and Thomaston Public Schools - Statement of Agreement Training - Developing a Culture for Co-Teaching
 - 10.2.2.4. Effective School Solutions and Thomaston Board of Education - 2021 - 2024
 - 10.2.3. Grants - None
 - 10.2.4. General Information
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- 10.2.4.1. Fund-Raisers
 - 10.2.4.1.1. Thomaston Townwide PTA Proposed Fundraisers/Events for 2021/2022 Year
 - 10.2.4.1.2. Fund-Raising Activity Follow-Up Form for Policies 1324 & 3281
 - 10.2.4.1.3. Food Services - Thomaston Public Schools - Donation to needy families as a result of senior disenrollment forms
 - 10.2.4.1.4. Thomaston Townwide PTA - Basketball game - Thomaston Schools Staff and the Harlem Wizards
 - 10.2.4.1.5. Thomaston Townwide PTA - Sale of Lyman Orchard Pies and Cookie Dough
 - 10.2.4.1.6. Fund-Raising Activity Follow-Up Form Per Policies 1324 and 3281
 - 10.2.4.1.6.1. Interact Club - Penny Wars - May 2021
 - 10.2.5. Personnel (*Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment*)
 - 10.2.5.1. New Hires
 - 10.2.5.1.1. Christopher Woodard Custodian III, Regular Full-Time, night shift - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective April 26, 2021
 - 10.2.5.1.2. Margrit Saghafi, School Nurse - Substitute, Temporary/Per Diem - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective May 17, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2. Transfers/New Assignment
 - 10.2.5.2.1. Jessica Thier, Extended School Year Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.2. Debra Green, Extended School Year Special Educational Paraprofessional (temporary, part-time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.3. Jennifer Sirois, Extended School Year, Special Education Teacher (temporary, part time), Effective July 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.4. Colby Skilton, Extended School Year Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part time), Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.5. Joyce Weglarz, Extended School Year Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.6. Susan Larson, Director of Extended School Year, Summer School and COVID-19 Remediation Program (temporary, part time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.7. Diane Aniki, Extended School Year School Nurse (temporary, part time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.8. Joyce Weglarz - Extended School Year Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part-time) - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.3. Resignations
 - 10.2.5.3.1. Jason Kovacs, Industrial Arts Teacher - Thomaston High School - Effective Date - June 9, 2021
 - 10.2.5.4. Retirement
 - 10.2.5.4.1. Marie Eldridge, Paraprofessional - Black Rock School - Effective July 2, 2021
 - 10.2.5.4.2. Linda DeBellis, Paraprofessional - Black Rock School - Effective September 7, 2021
 - 10.2.5.5. Renewals - None
 - 10.2.5.6. Stipends - 2020 - 2021
 - 10.2.5.6.1. Diana Jonas - Revision of appointment to the Schedule K position of Grade 1 Team Leader - September 2020 through February 2021
 - 10.2.5.6.2. Cheyenne Clark - Grade 1 Team Leader - Effective March 2021 through June 2021
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10.2.5.6.3. Letitia Galpin-Green - Coach, Softball Junior Varsity

Vote 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.

10.2.5.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel-- Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act

10.2.5.7.1. Employee H

10.2.5.8. Interns and Student Teachers (Policy 1212 – Community Relations – School Volunteers)- None

10.2.5.9. Field Trips (out of state) (Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools) - None

10.2.5.10. Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies - None

11. Committee Reports ▲ (Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

11.1. Achievement Committee - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

11.1.1. Committee Meeting - May 27, 2021

11.2. Business Manager Report

11.2.1. May Business Report

11.2.1.1. 2020-2021 Budget Table Without Encumbrances

11.2.1.2. 2020-2021 Budget Table With Encumbrances

11.2.1.3. 2020-2022 Grant Report

11.2.1.4. 2020-2021 Transfers

11.2.1.5. 2020-2021 Projection

11.2.1.6. Expenditures

11.2.1.6.1. May - 2020-2021 Fiscal Year : \$1,238,891.63

Vote to accept the submission of the School Readiness Grant as presented.

Vote 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.

11.3. Policy Committee (Policy 2231 – Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems) - Scheduled for the June 14, 2021 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

12. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn