



A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Thomaston High School Auditorium
Monday, June 14, 2021
7:00 p.m.

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 2021 - 2022

Cesar Velez
Delaney Jose

- 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 14, 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:

- After Connecticut Executive Order 7, the Thomaston Board of Education meetings are held virtually. Public participation for
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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. Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated June 3, 2021

Vote to accept/approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education dated June 3, 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. Spring 2021 Board of Education Distinction Award - Thomaston Board of Education

7. Presentations ▲▲(Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments) - None

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education) - No report due to summer recess

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

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

10.1. Correspondence

10.1.1. Superintendent

- 10.1.1.1. Letter to Beth Campbell, Board of Education Chairperson - Waive Policy 3323 to Purchase 159 Chromebooks for the 2021 - 2022 School Year
- 10.1.1.2. Effective School Solutions - Insights & Solutions - June 2021
- 10.1.1.3. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - June 2, 2021
- 10.1.1.4. Request for Hearing in regards to the residency determination letter sent to the parents of student H -The residency determination letter for Student H was listed on the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education agenda
- 10.1.1.5. Response Letter to Parent of Student H regarding a request for hearing
- 10.1.1.6. Result of residency determination - student H will attend school in the new town of residence in the 2021 - 2022 school year
- 10.1.1.7. Thank you letter to Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Assessment for her presentation at the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education regarding Rigorous Coursework Letter from Commission of Education and the pilot program for the Learning Enrichment Academic Program (LEAP)
- 10.1.1.8. Thank you letter to Susan Larson, Reading Interventionist, Thomaston Center School for her presentation at the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education regarding the Learning Enrichment Academic program (LEAP)
- 10.1.1.9. Thank you letter to Susan Dalka, Math Coach, grades K-6 for her presentation at the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education regarding the Learning Enrichment Academic program (LEAP)
- 10.1.1.10. Thank you letters to students for their presentation at the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education regarding the LEAP program.
 - 10.1.1.10.1. Matthew Johnson
 - 10.1.1.10.2. Leila Wiles
 - 10.1.1.10.3. Kaitlyn Bellemare

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- 10.1.1.10.4. Briana Belanger
 - 10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
 - 10.1.2.1. Advocacy Highlights - May 28, 2021
 - 10.1.2.2. Policy Highlights - May 28, 2021
 - 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. Update: Summer Enrichment and After-School Funding Opportunities
 - 10.1.6.2. Summer Fun for Children of All Abilities - June 2021
 - 10.1.6.3. Connecticut's American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act, 2021 Elementary and Secondary School Relief Fund (ESSER) Guidance: Reimagining Schools to Transform Student's Lives
 - 10.1.6.4. Guidance Regarding Special Education Recovery for Students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs) due to the COVID-19 Pandemic
 - 10.1.6.5. Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity (ELC) School COVID-19 Screening Testing Program - Summer 2021
 - 10.1.6.6. Summer School Screening Testing Request Form
 - 10.1.6.7. Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan Template
 - 10.1.6.8. 2021 Summer Learning Challenges
 - 10.1.6.9. 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grant Application 2021
 - 10.1.6.10. Letter to Board of Education Chairperson Beth Campbell regarding the balance of Superintendent Coss' vacation days.
 - 10.2. Reports, Contracts, and General Information
 - 10.2.1. Reports
 - 10.2.1.1. Administrators - June Reports were presented during the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting
 - 10.2.1.2. Enrollment
 - 10.2.1.2.1. 2020-2021 New England School Development Council (NESDEC) " Second Semester/Spring Enrollment Projection Checkup
 - 10.2.2. Contracts - None
 - 10.2.3. Grants - None
 - 10.2.4. General Information
 - 10.2.4.1. Fund-Raisers
 - 10.2.5. Personnel (*Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment*)
 - 10.2.5.1. New Hires - None
 - 10.2.5.2. Transfers/New Assignment
 - 10.2.5.2.1. Marissa Mendoza, Extended School Year (ESY) Special Educational Paraprofessional (temporary, part time) - Pupil Services - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.2. Sarah Ryan, Summer School Teacher - Enrichment Program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.3. Megan Fitzgerald, Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Teacher (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
 - 10.2.5.2.4. Diana Martinik, Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part time) - Pupil Services - Effective June 14, 2021

- 10.2.5.2.5. Crystal Longhi, Extended School Year (ESY) Special Education Paraprofessional (temporary, part time) - Pupils Services - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.2.6. Jessica LeClerc, Summer School Teacher - Enrichment Program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.2.7. Julia Kunic, Summer School Teacher - Enrichment Program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.2.8. Cheyenne Clark - Summer School Teacher - Enrichment program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.2.9. Erica Polanco - Summer School Teacher - Enrichment Program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.2.10. Sarah DeMatteis - Summer School Teacher - Enrichment Program (temporary, part time) - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 14, 2021
- 10.2.5.3. Resignations
 - 10.2.5.3.1. Susan Dalka, Math Coach, Grades K-6 - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective August 3, 2021
 - 10.2.5.3.2. Bryan Holmes, Science Teacher - Thomaston High School - Effective June 30, 2021
- 10.2.5.4. Retirement
 - 10.2.5.4.1. Nanette Maturi, Teacher - Thomaston Public Schools - Effective June 30, 2021
 - 10.2.5.4.2. Diana Jonas, Grade 1 Teacher - Black Rock School - Effective June 10, 2021
- 10.2.5.5. Renewals - None
- 10.2.5.6. Stipends - 2021-2022 - None

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 - None
- 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. Business Manager Report
 - 11.1.1. May Business Report - Report provided at the June 3, 2021 Special Meeting of the Board of Education
- 11.2. Policy Committee (Policy 2231 – Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)
 - 11.2.1. Presentations
 - 11.2.1.1. Raymond Rabuska - Teacher and Chemical Hygiene Officer - Thomaston High School - Chemical Hygiene Plan
 - 11.2.2. Discussion
 - 11.2.2.1. Policy 6172.1 Instruction - Gifted Children Program - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

- 11.2.2.2. Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols for Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.2.2.1. Connecticut Department of Public Health Protocol Currently in Use in Thomaston Public School
 - 11.2.2.2.1.1. Connecticut Department of Public Health Protocol Currently in Use in Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.2.2.1.1.1. Connecticut Department of Public Health (CTDPH) Guidance for the Cleaning and Disinfection of Schools during the COVID-19 (as of June 22, 2020)
 - 11.2.2.2.1.2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Protocols Currently in Use Elsewhere:
 - 11.2.2.2.1.2.1. Cleaning and Disinfecting Your Facility - Every Day and When Someone is Sick (as of April 5, 2021)
 - 11.2.2.2.1.2.2. Cleaning, Disinfection, and Hand Hygiene in Schools - A Toolkit for School Administrators (as of April 16, 2021)

11.2.2.3. First Read Items - None

11.2.3. Second Read Items

- 11.2.3.1. Policy 5132 - Students - Dress and Grooming
 - 11.2.3.1.1. Current Policy
 - 11.2.3.1.2. Proposed Changes (post-pandemic)
 - 11.2.3.1.3. Clean Copy

11.2.4. Action Item

- 11.2.4.1. Policy 3524.31 - Participation in the National School Program
 - 11.2.4.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.4.1.2. Marked Up Copy
 - 11.2.4.1.3. Clean Copy
- 11.2.4.2. Policy 3542.34 - Nutrition Program
 - 11.2.4.2.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.4.2.2. Marked Up Copy
 - 11.2.4.2.3. Clean Copy
- 11.2.4.3. Policy 6142.101 - Student Wellness Policy
 - 11.2.4.3.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.4.3.2. Marked Up Copy
 - 11.2.4.3.3. Clean Copy

Vote to accept/approve Policy 3524.31, Policy 3542.34, and Policy 6142.101 as presented.

- 11.2.4.4. Policy 6154 - Homework - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.4.4.1. Current Policy
 - 11.2.4.4.2. Proposed Changes
 - 11.2.4.4.3. Clean Copy

Vote to accept/approve Policy 6154 as presented.

12. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools and for the purpose of negotiation of the contract for the Superintendent of Schools ([Bylaws of the Board 9322](#) - Public and Executive Sessions)

- 12.1. Evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools
 - 12.1.1. Policy 2400 Administration - Evaluation of the Superintendent

12.1.2. Appendix B - Superintendent's Leadership Performance Areas and Specific Areas of Responsibility

12.1.3. Form 2 - Superintendent's Performance Evaluation Worksheets

12.1.4. Form #1 - Thomaston Public Schools Superintendent Evaluation

12.1.5. Form #2 - Thomaston Public Schools Superintendent Competency Standards

12.2. Negotiation of the Contract for the Superintendent of Schools

Vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools and for the purpose of negotiation of the contract for the Superintendent of Schools.

13. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session

Potential action on the matters discussed in Executive session.

14. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn.