
**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thomaston High School
Auditorium
Monday, May 14, 2018
7:00 p.m.**

Members:

**Rebecca Guay, Chairperson
Beth Campbell, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
David Colavecchio, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent**

**Roxy Fainer
Maureen McMahon
Jennifer Nolan
Scott Theriault
Frank Treglia**

Student Representatives:

Erin Fainer

Naime Gilani

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

1.1. **Chairperson Rebecca Guay** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.2. **Board members in attendance: Chairperson Rebecca Guay, Beth Campbell, Heather Patchell, David Colavecchio, Superintendent Francine Coss, Roxy Fainer, Maureen McMahon, Jennifer Nolan, Frank Treglia, Student Representatives Erin Fainer and Naime Gilani**

1.3. Board members absent: **Scott Theriault**

1.4. Others in attendance: Jonathan Kozlak, Aimee Turner, Katelyn Everett, Kaitlyn Root, James Root, Susan Root, Caroline Wilson, Jonathan Wilson, Richard Wilson, Drew Colavecchio, Sandra McDonald, Brendan McDonald, Sam Johnson and Beverly Johnson.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. **Chairperson Rebecca Guay** led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, May 14, 2018 as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, May 14, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

4. Public Participation

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325(a) - Bylaws of the Board Meeting Conduct. Specifically, provision for permitting any individual or group to address the Board concerning any subject that lies within its jurisdiction shall be as follows:

- Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter.*
- No boisterous conduct shall be permitted at any Board of Education meeting. Persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for summary termination, by the chair, of that person's privilege of address. If necessary, 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 or by another reference that tends to identify an individual. All charges or complaints against employees shall be submitted to the Board of Education under provision of Board of Education policy.*

The Thomaston Board of Education is confident you will observe the rules of common courtesy. Thank you.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated April 9, 2018

Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes dated April 9, 2018 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education, April 9, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>7</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>
		<i>Maureen McMahan</i>

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to move item number 7. Recognitions prior to item number 6. The Student Representatives' Report on the agenda

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

6. Student Representative's Report

7. Recognitions

7.1. Rotary Student of the Month - May - Katelyn Everett

7.2. CABE Student Leadership Awards

7.2.1. Mel Shkrepi

7.2.2. Zachary Stevenson

7.2.3. Jonathan Wilson

7.2.4. Kaitlyn Root

7.3. Litchfield County Superintendents' Student Recognition Awards

7.3.1. Lydia Byers

7.3.2. Sandra McDonald

7.3.3. Kaitlyn Root

7.3.4. Jonathan Wilson

8. Presentations

8.1. Thomaston Accountability Results - Aimee Turner

9. Chairperson's Report

9.1. Letters of Response to Public

9.2. Letter to President of the Greater Waterbury NAACP - Current Job Openings

10. Superintendent's Report

10.1. State of Connecticut State Board of Education Letter - Student Board Members 2018-2019

10.2. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum - TEACH Connecticut Partnership

10.3. Thomaston Public Schools - News for Staff - April 2018

10.4. Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies

10.4.1. *Technology Equipment*

10.4.2. *Outdated/Obsolete/Unusable Books at Thomaston High School Media Center*

10.4.2..1. *Book Log, March 26, 2018*

10.4.2..2. *Book Log, April 5, 2018*

10.4.3. *Policy 3260 Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies*

10.5. Semi-Annual Roof Condition Reports (Spring)

10.5.1. Thomaston High School

10.5.2. Thomaston Center School

10.5.3. Black Rock School

10.6. Effective School Solutions

10.6.1. *Insights, April 2018*

10.6.2. *Solutions, April 2018act*

10.6.3. *Insights, May 2018*

10.6.4. *Solutions, May 2018*

10.7. School Security and Safety Plan

- 10.7.1. School Security Frequently Asked Questions
- 10.7.2. School Security and Safety Plan Template 2018-2019
- 10.7.3. School Security and Safety Plan 2018-2019
- 10.7.4. School Safety and Security Plan Join Memorandum
- 10.7.5. School Plan Standards Version 5

10.8. Administrator Reports

10.9. Enrollment Report

10.10. Let’s Talk: Engaging Families of Color Who Have Students with Disabilities in your District – State Education Resource Center of Connecticut

10.11. Personnel

- 10.11.1. Diane Aniki, New Hire, Head Nurse ESY, Thomaston Public Schools
- 10.11.2. Patricia McCarthy, New Hire, Speech Pathologist ESY, Black Rock School
- 10.11.3. Courtney Gendron, New Hire, Special Education Teacher ESY, Thomaston Public Schools
- 10.11.4. Amanda Serenson, New Hire, Teacher ESY, Black Rock School
- 10.11.5. Laura Miller, New Hire, Teacher ESY, Black Rock School
- 10.11.6. Breanna Riollano, New Hire, Guidance Counselor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.7. Bethany Lahey, New Hire, Elementary Teacher, Grade 2, Black Rock School
- 10.11.8. Andrew Cavallo, Resignation, Math Teacher, Thomaston High School, June 30, 2018
- 10.11.9. Sherre Chaplen, Resignation, Paraprofessional, Black Rock School, May 11, 2018
- 10.11.10. Karen Newsome, Resignation, School Nurse, Thomaston High School, June 29, 2018

Vote to accept/approve New Hires/Transfers/Retirements/Resignations as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to accept/approve New Hires/Transfers/Retirements/Resignations as presented.

Discussion: Roxy Fainer asked if ESY stood for Extended School Year.

Superintendent Francine Coss replied yes.

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

11. Committee Reports

11.1. Budget/Audit Committee

11.1.1. April Business Report

- Heating Oil for 2018-2019
- AFSCME Contract Settlement
- Healthy Food Certification Documentation Survey
- 2018-19 Healthy Food Certification Statement

11.1.2. April Finance Report

- 2016-2019 Grant Report
- April 2018 Expenditures \$1,328,854.03
- April 2018 Transfers \$0.00
- Updated 2018-2019 Operating and Capital Budgets

Vote to accept/approve the updated 2018-2019 Operating and Capital Budgets

Roxy Fainer motioned and Frank Treglia seconded to accept/approve the updated 2018-2019 Operating and Capital Budgets

Discussion: Roxy Fainer stated that Aimee Turner had stated in her presentation that the district needed to work on the extended school year benefits, so therefore Roxy is concerned about the cuts at Thomaston High School.

Superintendent Coss stated that the administrator felt that he could trim or go without the ESY and YMCA programs.

Roxy Fainer explained that it contrary to what Aimee Turner had just said in her presentation.

Superintendent Coss explained that the Board could make a recommendation that anything that is associated with ESY or Mathematics (for example) be eliminated from the list and go back to the drawing board and find that money. The Board still has to come up with one hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars (\$183,000.00).

Roxy Fainer said that then she would be concerned with the literacy intervention issue and the curriculum preparation. **Roxy Fainer** then asked if the district was updating curriculum.

Superintendent Coss replied that some of the curricular items are being postponed for update until the following fiscal year. **Superintendent Coss** went on to explain that some curriculum would be done this summer, but there are portions that will not.

Roxy Fainer said that she would not be voting yes on this list of deductions.

David Colavecchio questioned that the administrators have come up with the best of the worst-case scenarios

Superintendent Coss replied that is correct. The administrators presented a prioritized list to the business manager and Superintendent Coss. This was a list that the administrators thought they could live without or could pick up in another way. Then the business manager and **Superintendent Coss** went through the list and decided which ones are the priority to cut. **Superintendent Coss** reminded the Board that even though the Board has to abide by the cut, the Board could ask for reconsideration of particular areas.

Beth Campbell asked if the Board votes this motion down would the administrators go back and look.

Superintendent Coss stated that the administrators would go back and look whether the Board voted up or down. Superintendent Coss explained that there is a bunch of options and that it depends on how you word the motion/amend the motion.

Roxy Fainer amended the motion and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the 2018-2019 Operating and Capital Budget with a stipulation that based on the reports the Board heard, that there needs to be improvements in literacy, math, and English intervention, the administrators need to go back and reconsider the cuts they proposed.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

Vote to accept/approve the 2018-2019 Healthy Food Certification Statement as Presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the 2018-2019 Healthy Food Certification Statement as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Vote to approve/authorize Thomaston Public School's Business Manager to Determine the Strike Price for Diesel and Oil and the Authority to Enter into a Contract with Dime Oil using those Determined Prices.

Frank Treglia motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to approve/authorize Thomaston Public School's Business Manager to Determine the Strike Price for Diesel and Oil and the Authority to Enter into a Contract with Dime Oil using those Determined Prices with a Cap Price of \$2.35 per gallon

Discussion: Roxy Fainer stated that the business manager could continue to watch the price, so that the business manager could determine when to lock in.

Superintendent Coss stated that the business manager would try to lock in a price below \$2.35 a gallon, but it is a matter of how long the business manager is going to wait.

Frank Treglia said he would not wait much longer.

Maureen McMahon stated that the price is only going to get worst.

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Roxy Fainer seconded to accept/approve the Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

11.2. Policy Committee - Cancelled - No Quorum

11.2.1. Presentations - None

11.2.2. Action Items - None

11.2.3. Read Items

- 1st Read Policy Audit Series 6000

11.2.4. Discussion Items - None

12. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Evaluation of the Superintendent

12.1. The Board entered Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

13. Exit Executive

13.1. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:11 p.m.

14. Adjournment

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>
<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>