
**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thomaston High School
Auditorium
Monday, June 11, 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 7:08 p.m.

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

1.3. **Board members absent: David Colavecchio**

1.4. **Others in attendance: Eric Martin, Kristin Raymond, Jonathan Kozlak, Melissa Hamel, Jalysa Smith, Marie Eldridge, Joan Heery, Liz Haskell, Theresa Gambino, Joyce DiPietro, Steve LaPorta, Dana LaPorta, Tyler Laporta, Nathan Marsh, Maggey Montero, Beth Lahey, Ken Bottass, Noella Bottass, Chip Hungerford, Tracy Hungerford, Beverly Johnson, Pat Henderson, Kelli Luchun, Kevin Luchun, Tim Jackson, Sarah Jackson, Cindy Sabolcik, and Tammy Dayton**

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, June 11, 2018 as presented

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

Discussion: Jennifer Nolan motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to amend the agenda to include after 11.2.4 to vote to accept the CABE Resolution as written

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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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 May 14, 2018

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

Beth Campbell motioned and Maureen McMahon seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education, May 14, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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| | | Scott Theriault |

5.2. Special Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 25, 2018

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes dated May 25, 2018 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to accept/approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education, May 25, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> |
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| <i>6</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>2</i> |
| | | <i>Maureen McMahon</i> |
| | | <i>Scott Theriault</i> |

5.3. Special Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated June 4, 2018

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes dated June 4, 2018 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to accept/approve the Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Education, June 4, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> |
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| <i>2</i> | <i>0</i> | <i>5</i> |
| | | <i>Roxy Fainer</i> |
| | | <i>Maureen McMahon</i> |
| | | <i>Heather Patchell</i> |
| | | <i>Scott Theriault</i> |
| | | <i>Frank Treglia</i> |

6. Recognitions

6.1. Rotary Student of the Month - June - Ada Cruz

6.2. 2018 Connecticut Invention Convention Semi-finalist and Finalists

6.3. Quinnipiac School of Education - Excellence in Scholarship and Practice Award - Susan Larson

6.4. 2018 Thomaston Public Schools Paraprofessional of the Year - Joan Heery

7. Student Representatives' Report

8. Presentations

8.1. Lion King - Thomaston Center School Drama

8.2. Shrek Cast - Thomaston High School Drama

9. Chairperson’s Report

- 9.1. Notice Regarding July 2018 Board of Education Meetings
- 9.2. Thank You Letter - Lynda Mitchell

10. Superintendent’s Report

- 10.1. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – TEACH
 - 10.1.1. Memorandum - TEACH Connecticut Partnership Letter of Agreement
 - 10.1.2. Letter of Agreement
 - 10.1.3. Partner LEA & TEACH Contributions
- 10.2. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Educator Evaluation and Support Plan (EESP) Submission
- 10.3. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – ED607 – Title IX Coordinator Survey
- 10.4. State of Connecticut Department of Education Letter – Completion of Request for Proposals for the Secondary Supplemental Enhancement Grant
- 10.5. State of Connecticut Board of Education Memorandum – Certification Endorsement for School Marriage and Family Therapists
- 10.6. False Statement on Application Letter
- 10.7. Residency Determination Letter
- 10.8. Intent to Homeschool Letter
- 10.9. News for Staff – May 2018
- 10.10. Administrator Reports
- 10.11. Enrollment Report
- 10.12. Field Trip
 - 10.12.1. Washington D.C. and Gettysburg PA, Grade 8, April 30, 2019 – May 3, 2109, Megan Kellogg

Vote to accept/approve Field Trip as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to accept/approve the Field Trip as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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10.13. Personnel

- 10.13.1. Maria Jose Zamora Leyton, New Hire, Spanish Teacher, Thomaston High School, August 2018
- 10.13.2. Cheyenne Clark, New Hire, Elementary Teacher Grade 1, Black Rock School, August 2018
- 10.13.3. Nicole Neilson, New Hire, Mathematics Teacher, Thomaston High School, August 2018
- 10.13.4. Seth Murphy, New Hire, Social Studies Teacher, Thomaston High School, August 2018
- 10.13.5. Raymond Rabuska, New Hire, Chemistry Teacher, Thomaston High School, August 2018
- 10.13.6. Alexander Thornberg, New Hire, Summer Maintenance, Thomaston High School
- 10.13.7. Michael Duggan, New Hire, Summer Maintenance, Thomaston High School
- 10.13.8. Robert Stack, New Hire, Summer Custodial Position, Thomaston Center School
- 10.13.9. Theresa Chawner, Resignation, Social Worker, Thomaston High School, June 2018
- 10.13.10. Karen Newsome, Resignation, School Nurse, Thomaston High School, June 2018

Vote to accept/approve New Hire/Transfers/Retirement/Resignations as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Maureen McMahon seconded to accept/approve New Hire/Transfers/Retirement/Resignations as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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10.13.11. James Alberto, New Hire, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach/Thomaston High School

Vote to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach positions as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Maureen McMahon seconded to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach positions as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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11. Committee Reports

11.1. Budget/Audit Committee

11.1.1. May Business Report

- 2018-2019 Heating Oil
- AFSCME Contract Settlement
- Board of Finance Budget Reductions

11.1.2. May Finance Report

- 2016-2019 Grant Report
- May 2018 Expenditures \$1,145,233.81
- May 2018 Transfers \$0.00

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

Beth Campbell motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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11.2. Policy Committee

- 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
 - CABE Government Relations Committee

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the CABE Resolutions as presented

Discussion: Roxy Fainer asked what the resolutions were.

Superintendent Coss replied that the three (3) resolutions are:

- **On-line Learning**
- **Flexibility on School Day/School Time**
- **Carnegie Units**

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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12. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Confidential Written Communication Privileged by the Attorney-Client Relationship.

Beth Campbell motioned and Roxy Fainer seconded to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Confidential Written Communication Privileged by the Attorney-Client Relationship and invited Superintendent Francine Coss

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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12.1 The Board Entered into Executive Session at 7:51p.m.

13. Exit Executive Session

13.1. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:10p.m.

14. Potential Action regarding Confidential Written Communication Privileged by the Attorney-client Relationship.

14.1 No action taken

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

Beth Campbell motioned and Roxy Fainer seconded to Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Evaluation of the Superintendent

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> |
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15.1. The Board entered Executive Session at 8:11p.m.

16. Possible Action Regarding the Contract of Employment - Superintendent of Schools, Town of Thomaston, Connecticut

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to extend Superintendent Coss' contract another year through 2021 with details to follow.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> |
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17. Exit Executive Session

17.1. The Board exited Executive Session at 9:39p.m.

18. Adjournment

Scott Theriault motioned and Frank Treglia seconded to adjourn the meeting

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

| <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> | <i>Abstain</i> |
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18.1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:39p.m.

DRAFT **Board** **Approved**