



**MINUTES**  
**THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
Monday, April 25, 2022 at 12:30 p.m.  
Thomaston Town Hall  
Meeting Room One

**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.

**Members:**

**Roxy Fainer, Chairperson**  
**David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson**  
**Heather Patchell, Secretary**

**Steven Carr, Treasurer**  
**Francine Coss, Superintendent**  
**Frank Treglia**  
**Marie Eldridge**

**Sarah Ethier**  
**Beth Campbell**  
**Matthew VanOrmer**

**Student Representatives 2021-2022**

**Cesar Velez      Delaney Jose**

**1. Call to Order**

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 12:32pm.
- 1.2. Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Sarah Ethier, Steven Carr, Frank Treglia, Beth Campbell**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Delaney Jose and Cesar Velez** (*the student representatives were not required to attend this meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: **Andrea Peters, Student J, Parent of Student J, Sister of Student J, Attorney Nicholas Grello**

**2. Proposed Executive Session regarding a confidential student school accommodations matter**

**Roxy Fainer** motioned that the Board enter into Executive Session at 12:50pm to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210, subsections (b), (11), and (17). Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The board invites the following individuals into executive session: Parent of Student J, Sister of Student J, **Superintendent Francine Coss, Andrea Peters and Attorney Nicholas Grello** as the Board attorney and **Marie Eldridge** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

Exit Executive Session at 1:15pm.

**Roxy Fainer** moves that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186 and the discussion held in executive session, the Thomaston Board of Education conclude that Student J is not a resident of the Town of Thomaston, and therefore, is not entitled to school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston. In making such determination, the Board reserves the right to seek tuition reimbursement, as permitted by law, from the Parents of Student J based on its findings. Further, the Board authorizes Attorney Grello to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to Student J and his parents. **Marie Eldridge** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

### **3. Adjournment**

**Marie Eldridge** motioned and **Matthew VanOrmer** seconded to adjourn the meeting.

**Roxy Fainer** adjourned the meeting at 1:29pm.