



**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Residency Hearing
Wednesday, January 18, 2022 10:30a.m.
Thomaston High School
Superintendent's Conference Room**

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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals:

1. Board Members shall respond to invitations within 24 hours.
2. Board Members will attend district events.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Beth Campbell
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Marie Eldridge
Delaney Jose, Student Representative
Nathan Marsh, Student Representative

David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Steven Carr, Treasurer
Sarah Ethier
Matthew VanOrmer

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. Meeting called to order by **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** at 10:36a.m.
- 1.2. Board Members In Attendance: **Superintendent Francine Coss, Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Steven Carr, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Frank Treglia**
- 1.4. **Student Representatives Absent: Delaney Jose and Nathan Marsh** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Jonathan Kozlak, John Perrucci, Andrea Peters, Parents of Students G & H, Grandfather of Students G & H, Attorney Nicholas Grello

2. Executive Session

Proposed executive session regarding a confidential student accommodations matter entered into executive session at 10:47a.m.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded for the Board to enter into Executive Session 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)(2), (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: **Superintendent Francine Coss, Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer**, Jonathan Kozlak - Black Rock School Principal, John Perrucci - Thomaston High School Principal, Andrea Peters - Director of Pupil Services, Parents of G & H, Grandfather of G & H, Attorney Grello - Board attorney.

Motion Carried 3-0-0

3. Potential Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session - Exit Executive Session at 11:17a.m.

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186 and the discussion held in executive session, the Thomaston Board of Education concludes that Students G & H are not residents of the Town of Thomaston, and therefore, are not entitled to school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston. In making such a determination the board reserves the right to seek tuition reimbursement as permitted by the law from the parents of Students G & H based on its findings. Further, the Board authorizes Attorney Grello to communicate in writing the board's decision and the reason therefore consistent with the board's executive session discussion with students G & H and their parents.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

4. Adjournment

Matt VanOrmer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 11:18a.m.