



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Thomaston Town Hall
Meeting Room One
Tuesday, January 31, 2023
9:00AM.

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. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 9:10AM.
- 1.2. Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Beth Campbell, Marie Eldridge, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Frank Treglia, Steven Carr**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Delaney Jose and Nathan Marsh** (*the student representatives were not required to attend this meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: John Perrucci, Andrea Peters, Gianni Perugini, Attorney Nicholas Grello, Mother of Student A

2. Anticipated Executive Session

2.1. Confidential Student Matter - Student A

Roxy Fainer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to enter Executive Session at 9:12AM. 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: Parent of Student A, Francine Coss - Superintendent of Schools, John Perrucci - Principal of Thomaston High School, Gianni Perugini - Assistant Principal of Thomaston High School, Andrea Peters - Director of Pupil Services for Thomaston Public Schools, and Attorney Nicholas Grello as the Boards' procedural advisor.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

Exit Executive Session at 9:55AM.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Thomaston Board of Education expels Student A , as discussed in executive session, from attendance at school in the Thomaston Public Schools for the period from January 23, 2023, until January 22, 2024, for the reasons presented by the Administration in executive session. Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to Student A for the period of the expulsion served out of school in a form to be determined by the Superintendent. The Board also directs the Administration to record this expulsion on Student A's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if Student A graduates from high school. Finally, the Board authorizes Attorney Nicholas Grello to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefor, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to Student A and Student A's parents, as appropriate.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

3. Adjournment

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 10:06AM.