
A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One
Monday, April 13, 2015
7:00 p.m.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Kathleen Freimuth, Vice Chairperson
Anne Petrucci, Secretary
Alexander Lee, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent

Beth Campbell
Carol Pettinicchi
Rebecca Guay
Jennifer McDonald
Maureen McMahon

- I. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order**
- II. Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. Approval of Agenda**
Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda, April 13, 2015
- IV. Approval Minutes:**
- A. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated *March 9, 2015*
Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented
 - B. Budget Committee Meeting Minutes dated March 9, 2015
Vote to accept/approve Budget Committee Minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented
 - C. Policy Committee Meeting Minutes dated *March 9, 2015*
Vote to accept/approve Policy Committee Minutes dated March 9, 2015 as presented
 - D. Policy Committee Minutes dated March 31, 2015
Vote to accept/approve Policy Meeting Minutes dated March 31, 2015 as presented
 - E. Special Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2015
Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated April 1, 2015 as presented
- V. Student Representatives:**
- A. Megan Foell
 - B. Justin Gallo
- Vote to accept/approve Student Representatives Report as presented*
- VI. Recognitions:**
- A. Rotary Student of the Month
 - *Hannah Abbott - April Student of the Month*

VII. Superintendent's Report:

- A. Connecticut State Department of Education Initial Adoption of Social Studies Frameworks
- B. InfoSnap Press Release
- C. WAMOGO Accepted Students
- D. Protocol Recruitment and Selection of Certified and Non-Certified Employees
- E. Minor Capital Improvements Pre-School Grant
- F. 2015-2016 Professional Development and Evaluation Plan
- G. Education Connection Foothills Adult Education
- H. Enrollment
- I. Administrator Reports
- J. Personnel
 - a. Transfers/Resignations:
 - *Melissa Saramanidis, Library Media Specialist, Thomaston Center School and Black Rock School, transfer effective July 1, 2015*
 - *Allison Ghiglia, Grade Three Teacher, Black Rock School, transfer effective July 1, 2015*
 - *Susan Kraut, Biology Teacher, Thomaston High School, resignation effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
 - *Nancy Alexander, Chemistry Teacher, Thomaston High School, resignation effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
 - b. Coaches:
 - a. *Alexandra Maura, Varsity Girls Tennis Coach, effective immediately*
 - b. *Kimberly Theriault, Middle School Softball Coach, effective immediately*
 - c. *Kelly Finlay, Varsity Softball Coach, effective immediately*
 - d. *Gabriel Olsen, Middle School Track & Field, effective immediately*
 - e. *Preston Soeprasetyo, Middle School Track & Field, **Resignation** effective March 26, 2015*
 - f. *Preston Soeprasetyo, Middle School Baseball Coach, effective immediately*

Vote to accept/approve Transfers, Resignations and Coaches as presented

- c. Reduction in Force (Layoffs):
 - *Chantal Grenier, Paraprofessional II, Black Rock School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
 - *Marion Samoska, Paraprofessional III, Thomaston Center School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*
 - *Regina Terrino, Paraprofessional III, Black Rock School, effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*

Vote to accept/approve Layoffs as presented

- d. Reduction in Force (Non-Renewal):
 - *Andrea Burnell, Special Education Teacher, Non-Renewal effective end of 2014/2015 School Year*

Move that, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151, the Thomaston Board of Education nonrenew the teaching contract of Andrea Burnell, at the end of the 2014/2015 school year as recommended by the Superintendent. I further move that the Superintendent be directed to communicate this action of the Board in writing to Andrea Burnell and that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to respond on behalf of the Board to any requests for a hearing, if required by law, or for other data which may be forthcoming from the teacher and/or his/her representative pursuant to applicable provisions of Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-151; and that the Superintendent be directed that any response to a request for a hearing, if a hearing is required by law, indicate that such hearing is to be before the Board of Education.

K. Field Trips:

- a. Heidi Laus, Travel Club, Ireland, Wales, and England, June 22, 2016 – July 1, 2016
- b. Mark Olsen, Grade 11, Six Flags New England, Agawam, MA, May 29, 2015
- c. Susan Abbott, Grade 10, Boston Science Museum, Boston, MA, May 27, 2015
- d. Preston Soepresetyo, Grade 9, Catamount Adventure, South Egremont, MA, May 29, 2015

Vote to accept/approve Field Trips as presented

VIII. Committee Reports:

A. Budget/Audit Committee

1. Reports:

a. Business Report:

- Executed Notice of Grant Award #014S140A
- Boiler Section Replacement
- Low Flow Shower Heads
- Mechanical Maintenance Invoice
- Tuition, Building Use, and Lunch Rates
- Thomaston Public Schools Education Budget 2015-2016
- Thomaston Board of Education 2015 – 2020 Capital Budget

b. Finance Report:

- 2014 - 2015 Financials
- 2014-2015 Budget Projection
- Grant Report
- Transfers

c. Discussion:

- Policy 3240 - Thomaston Public Schools Tuition Rates
 - General Education Tuition Rate
 - Special Education Tuition Rate
 - Pre-School Tuition Rate
 - PATHS Program Tuition Rate

2. Action Items:

a. Business and Finance Report

- 2014-2015 March Expenditures of \$1,544,818.50
- 2014-2015 March Transfers of \$0.00
- 2014-2015 Budget Projection deficit of \$149,432.00

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

B. Policy Committee

1. Read Items:

- First Reads:
 - Policy Audit Series 2000 - First Read
- Second Reads:
 - Policy 3542.33 - Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program (Policy and Regulation) -Second Read
 - Policy 3542.34 - Nutrition Program (Policy and Regulation) - Second Read
 - Policy 3542.45 - Vending Machines - Second Read

2. Discussion Items:

- Policy 5131.61 - Students - Drug, Alcohol, and Tobacco Policy
- Policy 5113 - Attendance - Students High School Attendance Excused Absences and Truancy, Regulation
- Policy 3551 - Business/Non-Instructional Operations - No School/No Play - Guidelines
- Policy 6146 - Graduation Requirements

- Two Year Board of Education Meeting Calendar
- 2016/2017 School Year Calendar
- Policy 4121 - Personnel - Certified Substitute Teachers
- Thomaston Public Schools Educator Evaluation and Support Plan
- Policy 1330 - Community Relations - Use of School Facilities
 - Fees
- Policy 3240 – Business - Tuition Fees
 - General Education Tuition Rate
 - Special Education Tuition Rate
 - Pre-School Tuition Rate
 - Positive Alternatives to Traditional High School (PATHS) Program Tuition Rate
- Policy Audit Series 3000 – Business/Non-Instructional Operation

3. Action Items:

- Policy Audit Series 1000 - Community
- Policy 6142.101 - Student Nutrition and Physical Activity (tabled from March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting)

Vote to accept/approve Policy Audit Series 1000 - Community as presented

Vote to accept/approve Policy 6142.101 – Instruction - Student Nutrition and Physical Activity Community as presented

IX. 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.*
- *Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by their comments. While it is not the Board's intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation of invasion of privacy, the speaker may be held legally responsible. Speakers unsure of the legal ramification of what they are about to say are urged to consult first with their legal advisor.*

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

X. Adjournment