
**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Thomaston Town Hall – Superintendent’s Office
Monday, March 14, 2016
5:30 p.m.**

Policy Committee Members:

**Roxy Fainer
Kathleen Freimuth
Maureen McMahon
Anne Petrucci
Frank Treglia
Francine Coss**

1. Call to Order

- 1.1. The meeting was called to order at 5:30P.M.
- 1.2. Board members in attendance: **Roxy Fainer, Anne Petrucci, Francine Coss.**
- 1.3. Members absent: **Kathleen Freimuth, Maureen McMahon, Frank Treglia.**
- 1.4. Others in attendance: N/A.

2. Discussion Items

Francine Coss shared the following discussion items:

2.1. CABE Policy Update Service Report – Mailing No. 1

- 2.1.1. *PA 15-6 An Act Concerning Online Privacy – 4118.41/4218.41*
- 2.1.2. *PA 15-17 An Act Concerning A Labor and Free Market Capitalism Curriculum – 6142*
- 2.1.3. *PA 15-94 An Act Concerning the Inclusion of CPR Training, the Safe Use of Social Media and Computer Programming in the Public School Curriculum – 6142*
- 2.1.4. *PA 15-97 An Act Concerning Students with Dyslexia – 6142.2 4131*
- 2.1.5. *PA 15-133 An Act Concerning Alternative Education – 6172*
- 2.1.6. *PA 15-138 An Act Concerning Financial Literacy Education – 6142*
- 2.1.7. *PA 15-173 An Act Concerning Municipal Communications Regarding Referenda – 3152*
- 2.1.8. *PA 15-205 An Act Protecting School Children – 5141.4*
- 2.1.9. *PA 15-232 An Act Concerning Trauma-Informed Practice Training for Teachers, Administrators and Pupil Personnel – 4131.1*
- 2.1.10. *PA 15-237 An Act Concerning High School Graduation Requirements*

2.2. CABE Policy Update Service Report – Mailing No. 2

- 2.2.1. *Unmanned Aerial Systems “Drones” – 3523.11*
- 2.2.2. *Field Trips – 6153*
- 2.2.3. *New Social Studies Frameworks – 6142.5*
- 2.2.4. *Food Services Personnel – 3542.22*
- 2.2.5. *Professional Standards for Personnel in School Nutrition Programs – 0523*

- 2.2.6. *CIRMA Risk Transfer*
- 2.2.7. *Certificate of Liability Insurance/Booster Club*
- 2.2.8. *Appointment of Designee for Superintendent of Schools – 2131.1*

The committee suggested that discussion of items 2.1.1. through 2.2.5 be moved to the April Policy Committee meeting agenda due to the 6:00PM Board meeting.

Francine Coss explained items 2.2.6. CIRMA Risk Transfer and 2.2.7 Certificate of Liability Insurance/ Booster Club. Last fall, there was a discussion between the Superintendent and a representative of the Booster Club regarding whether the Booster Club was required to provide a Certificate of Liability Insurance; something that other quasi-school groups provide. The Booster Club representative did not recall having to provide a Certificate of Liability in the past. After searching through Central Office files, **Francine Coss** found that the Booster Club had provided a Certificate of Insurance to the district in the past. **Francine Coss** contacted CIRMA, the district's liability insurer, and asked if Booster Clubs or similar groups are required to provide a Certificate of Insurance to the district. The CIRMA representative said that a Certificate of Insurance was required from all groups like Booster Clubs. The CIRMA representative will send a written explanation of this requirement to the District which will be shared with all quasi-school groups (Booster Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, PTO/PTA, Project Graduation, etc.).

Francine Coss stated that a Board member had asked for Policy 2131.1 – Appointment of Designee for Superintendent of Schools be discussed. **Roxy Fainer** stated that the policy is vague but feels that this is an “as needed appointment.” With today's technology it is rare that the Superintendent is out of contact with the district, so there really is no need for an appointment unless something catastrophic happens. Just the same, **Roxy Fainer** wanted to bring the policy to the full board for discussion. **Francine Coss** stated that there is no designee at this time and if one was needed, she would write a letter to the Board explaining why one was needed.

3. Read Items

3.1. Policy Audit Series 4000 – Personnel Certified/Non-Certified – Second Read

Francine Coss received feedback from staff which will be incorporated into the draft of the 4000 policy audit series changes will be made before the next meeting. A clean copy (final copy) will be ready for the April meeting.

4. Suggested Future Items

4.1. New Standard Required for School Food Services Personnel – Series 3542.41

4.2. Policy Audit Series 5000 - Students

5. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.