
**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING**

**Thomaston Town Hall
Meeting Room One
Monday, December 12, 2016
7:00 p.m.**

Members:

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

**Beth Campbell
David Colavecchio
Maureen McMahon
Scott Theriault
Frank Treglia**

Student Representatives:

Joshua Gallo

Michaela Palladino

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.2. Board Members in attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Kathleen Freimuth, Anne Perucci, Alexander Lee, Superintendent Francine Coss, David Colavecchio, Maureen McMahon, Scott Theriault, and Frank Treglia.**

1.3. Board Members Absent: **Beth Campbell**

1.4. Others in attendance: John Perrucci, Spencer Luthy, Patricia Lanese, Brittany Thornton, Kristin Bernier, Nathan Marsh, Maggey Monterio, Patrice McCarthy, Sheila McKay Ken Koval, Alan Sussman, and Tim Schaae

2. Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** led the pledge of allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda, December 12, 2016 as presented
Kathleen motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda, dated December 12, 2016.

Anne Petrucci moved and **Kathleen Freimuth seconded** to amend the agenda and add to the Superintendent's Report, under personnel, the new hire of Stephanie Szymonik and the retirement of Lesley Bischoff.

Kathleen Freimuth moved and **Anne Petrucci seconded** to accept/approve the amended agenda dated December 12, 2016.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

4. 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.

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

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2016

Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2016 as presented

Kathleen Freimuth moved and **Anne Petrucci seconded** to accept/approve Regular Meeting Minutes dated November 14, 2016 as presented.

Discussion:

Superintendent Coss stated that the subcommittee minutes are not provided due to FOIA requirements. The minutes/actions are required to be posted within two (2) business days. Since there are no actions taken during the committee meetings, the minutes will not be provided going forward unless the Board objects.

David Colavecchio stated that the board submits what was done, not what was said and the Board is submitting what is required to the town clerk.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
7	0	1
		Anne Petrucci

5.2. Special Meeting – November 28, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Kathleen Freimuth
		Maureen McMahon

5.3. Special Meeting – November 28, 2016 6:15 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 6:15 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 6:15 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Kathleen Freimuth
		Maureen McMahon

5.4. Special Meeting – November 28, 2016 7:00 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 7:00 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 7:00 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Kathleen Freimuth
		Maureen McMahon

5.5. Special Meeting – November 28, 2016 7:45 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 7:45 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 28, 2016 7:45 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Kathleen Freimuth
		Maureen McMahon

5.6. Special Meeting – November 30, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 30, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 30, 2016 5:30 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Maureen McMahon
		Anne Petrucci

5.7. Special Meeting – November 30, 2016 7:30 p.m. as presented

Vote to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 30, 2016 7:30 p.m. as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Special Meeting Minutes dated November 30, 2016 7:30 p.m. as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
5	0	3
		Chairperson Roxy Fainer
		Maureen McMahon
		Anne Petrucci

6. Recognitions:

- 6.1. Rotary Student of the Month – December – Marisa Santopietro
- 6.2. Connecticut Kid Governor Candidate - Nathan Marsh

7. Presentations:

- 7.1. USA LED Lighting Solutions – Ken Koval
 - 7.1.1. Thomaston Public Schools Proposal
 - 7.1.2. Thomaston High School
 - 7.1.3. Thomaston Center School
 - 7.1.4. Black Rock School

Kathleen Freimuth moved and Frank Treglia seconded to go forward with a demo from USA LED Lighting Solutions while continuing to pursue other vendors for quotes.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

- 7.2. Upcycling Program – Thomaston High School – Pat Lanese
- 7.3. Legislative Discussions with Boards of Education – CABE – Patrice McCarthy Director and General Counsel

8. Student Representative's Report

9. Chairperson's Report – None

10. Superintendent's Report

- 10.1. State Board of Education Memorandum – Updates from the Talent Office Bureau of Educator Effectiveness
- 10.2. State Board of Education Memorandum – Residential Placements
- 10.3. Residency Determination Letter
- 10.4. FMLA Requests
- 10.5. Thomaston Public Schools November News for Staff
- 10.6. Administrator Reports
- 10.7. Enrollment Report
- 10.8. Job Descriptions
 - 10.8.1. Chemical Hygiene Officer

- 10.8.2. Hazardous Material/Asbestos Coordinator
- 10.8.3. Special Education Teacher – Grades K-3(Reading Emphasis)
- 10.8.4. Teacher Grade K-3
- 10.8.5. Teacher Grade 4-6
- 10.8.6. Teacher Grade 5 Science and Social Studies
- 10.8.7. Grade 6 Mathematics Teacher – Long Term Substitute Teacher
- 10.8.8. Speech and Language Pathologist – Part-Time

Vote to accept/approve Job Descriptions as presented

Anne Petrucci moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Job Descriptions as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

10.9. Personnel

- 10.9.1. Susan Root, Transfer, Special Education Teacher, Black Rock School
- 10.9.2. Thomas Andronowitz, Transfer, Library Media Specialist, Thomaston High School
- 10.9.3. Stacey Fisher, Involuntary Transfer, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston Center School
- 10.9.4. Stephanie Szymonik, New Hire, Special Education Teacher, Black Rock School
- 10.9.5. Lesley Bischoff, Retirement, Special Education Teacher, Thomaston High School

Vote to accept/approve New Hires/Retirement/Transfer Positions as presented

Kathleen Freimuth moved and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve New Hires/Retirement/Transfer Positions as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

- 10.9.6. Geoffrey Dobos, Schedule K Position, Web Page Coordinator, Thomaston Public Schools
- 10.9.7. Melanie Basil, Resignation, Lunch Monitor, Black Rock School
- 10.9.8. Ernie LeClair, Coach, MS Girls' Soccer, Thomaston High School
- 10.9.9. Ernie LeClair, Coach, MS Boys' Basketball, Thomaston High School
- 10.9.10. Anthony Geraci, Coach, Girls' JV Basketball, Thomaston High School

Vote to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions as presented

Kathleen Freimuth moved and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions as presented

Discussion:

Frank Treglia asked if the Board can vote on the individual lines.

Superintendent Coss replied that the board would have to change the motion.

Alex Lee stated that the board would need to move to divide the motion.

Frank Treglia moved and David Colavecchio seconded to divide the motion and separate out line 10.9.9 for the MS Boys' Basketball Coach at Thomaston High School.

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

The board voted to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions as presented minus the line 10.9.9 MS Boys' Basketball Coach at Thomaston High School

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

The board voted to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions line 10.9.9 MS Boys' Basketball Coach at Thomaston High School

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
4	1	3
	Frank Treglia	David Colavecchio Maureen McMahon Scott Theriault

11. Committee Reports

11.1. Reports

11.1.1. November Business Report

- CSDE Memorandum – 2016-2017 Education Cost Sharing, Adult Education, and Health Services Revenue
- Forthill Service Agreement
- AFSCME Contractual Wages

11.1.2. November Finance Report

- 2016/2018 Grant Report
- November 2016 Expenditures \$1,530,533.59
- November 2016 Transfers \$0.00

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

Alexander Lee moved and Kathleen Freimuth seconded to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as Presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

11.2. Policy Committee

11.2.1. Presentations – None

11.2.2. Action Items – None

11.2.3. Read Items

11.2.3.1. First Read Policy Audit Series 5000

11.2.3.2. Second Read Community Relations – Policy 1330 – Use of School Facilities

11.2.4. Discussion Items

- 11.2.4.1. Policy/Regulation 4118.51/4218.51
- 11.2.4.2. Policy 5144 Students – Discipline - Expulsion

Alexander Lee moved and **Kathleen Freimuth seconded** to fast track policy 5144 to eliminate C of 5144(g)

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

12. Adjournment

Kathleen Freimuth moved and **Frank Treglia seconded** to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

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