
MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Thomaston High School Auditorium
Monday, January 14, 2019
7:00 p.m.

Members:

Rebecca Guay, Chairperson
Beth Campbell, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
David Colavecchio, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent

Roxy Fainer
Maureen McMahon
Jennifer Nolan
Scott Theriault
Frank Treglia

Student Representative: Erin Fainer

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Rebecca Guay** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
- 1.2. **Board members in Attendance:** Chairperson Rebecca Guay, Vice Chairperson Beth Campbell, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer David Colavecchio, Superintendent Francine Coss, Roxy Fainer, Maureen McMahon, Frank Treglia and Scott Theriault
- 1.3. **Board Members Absent:** Jennifer Nolan
- 1.4. **Others in Attendance:** John Perrucci, Jonathan Kozlak, Kristin Bernier, Eric Martin, Kristin Raymond, Joe Fainer, Anthony Coss, and Fire Marshal Robert Norton

2. Pledge of Allegiance

- 2.1. **Chairperson Rebecca Guay** led the Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.2 – Order of Business and Policy 1205 Community Relations – Participation by the Public – Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, January 14, 2019 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Heather Patchell seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, January 14, 2019 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

Beth Campbell motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to amend the agenda to move item 10.11.1 and 10.11.2 to follow 11.2 of the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, dated January 14, 2019 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
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4. Public Participation

(Policy 9325 – Bylaws of the Board Meeting Conduct)

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325 – 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

(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

5.1. Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2018

Vote to accept/approve the Regular of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated December 17, 2018 as presented.

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, December 17, 2018 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
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6. Recognitions

6.1. Rotary Student of the Month

6.1.1. January – Bianca Knox

6.2. Thomaston Public Schools Students of the Month

6.2.1. Kindergarten – Skyla Levy

6.2.2. 1st Grade – Madelyn Ciminera

6.2.3. 2nd Grade – Kendall Montana

6.2.4. 3rd Grade – Lana Devaux

6.2.5. 4th Grade – Quin Merritt

6.2.6. 5th Grade – Gracie Marble

6.2.7. 6th Grade – Francesco Treglia

6.2.8. 7th Grade – Ava Harkness

6.2.9. 8th Grade – Milan Grant

6.2.10. 9th Grade – Mel Shkrepi

6.2.11. 10th Grade – Nathan Scarola

6.2.12. 11th Grade – Alexander Thornberg

6.3. Connecticut Fire Prevention Poster Contest Winners

6.3.1. Samantha Pappas, Grade 4, Thomaston Center School

6.3.2. Nathaniel Williams, Grade 5, Thomaston Center School

7. Presentations

7.1. Serving the Average Secondary Student: Examining What Motivates Students to Learn Mathematics and How Classroom Factors Affect Their Motivation – Anthony Coss

8. Student Representatives Report

9. Chairperson’s Report

9.1. Signed Professional Agreement between the Thomaston Education Association and the Thomaston Board of Education

10. Superintendent’s Report

10.1. Portrait of a Graduate Update

10.2. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Student Use of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)

- 10.3. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Addressing Life-Threatening Allergies in Schools
- 10.4. Thomaston Public Schools – News for Staff – December 2018
- 10.5. Letters of Correspondence
- 10.6. Request to Dispose Outdated Books per Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies
Disposition of Outdated Books – Thomas Andronowitz, Library Media Specialist, Thomaston High School
- 10.7. Request to Dispose Outdated Books per Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies
Disposition of Outdated Books – Black Rock School

Vote to accept/approve the disposal of outdated books per Policy 3260 as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the disposal of outdated books per Policy 3260 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
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- 10.8. Administrator Reports
- 10.9. Enrollment Reports
 - 10.9.1. Thomaston Public Schools Enrollment Report December 2018
 - 10.9.2. 8th Grade Students Applying to Other High Schools 2019-2020
- 10.10. Effective School Solutions
 - 10.10.1. Insights – December
 - 10.10.2. Solutions – December
- 10.11. Personnel
(Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
 - 10.11.1. Enter into Executive Session to Present Letter of Application for Retirement per Article 38 of the Professional Agreement between the Thomaston Education Association and the Thomaston Board of Education.
 - 10.11.1.1. Tammy Dayton, Retirement, Elementary Teacher, Black Rock School
 - 10.11.1.2. Patricia Henderson, Retirement, Library Media Specialist, Black Rock School, June, 2019
 - 10.11.2. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session

Vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of New Hire/Transfers/ Resignations

per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

- 10.11.3. Engjellushe Pupriiqu, Resignation, Kitchen Worker, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.4. Susan Dalka, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Center School
- 10.11.5. Pamela Nascimento, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Black Rock School
- 10.11.6. Susan Larson, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Center School
- 10.11.7. Christopher McMullen, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.8. Susan Santovasi, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.9. Susan Abbott, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.10. Cecile Mancini, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.11. Preston Soeprasetyo, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.12. Megan Kellogg, Schedule K Position, Team Mentor, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.13. Andrea Bingham, Schedule K Position, Drama Coach, Center School
- 10.11.14. Ashley Royer, Schedule K Position, Drama Coach Assistant, Center School

Vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of New Hire/Transfers/Retirements/Resignations per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of New Hire/Transfers/Retirements/Resignation per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

- 10.11.15. Abby Zakorchevnoy, New Hire, Middle School Cheerleading Coach, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.16. Craig Prasauckas, New Hire, Varsity Baseball Coach, Thomaston High School
- 10.11.17. Mark Sousa, New Hire, Boy’s Freshman Basketball, Thomaston High School

Vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of Schedule K /Coach Positions per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of Schedule K/Coach Positions per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

11. Committee Reports

(Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees)

11.1. Budget/Audit Committee

(Policy 3430 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Periodic Financial Reports)

- 11.1.1. 2018-2019 Budget Table without Encumbrances
- 11.1.2. 2018-2019 Budget Table with Encumbrances
- 11.1.3. 2018-2020 Grant Report
- 11.1.4. 2018-2019 Transfers
- 11.1.5. Resolution Establishing Unexpended Education Funds Account and Providing Deposits and Expenditures of Funds Account and Providing for Deposits and Expenditure of Funds

Vote to accept/approve Resolution Establishing Unexpended Education Funds Account and Providing Deposits and Expenditures of Funds Account.

David Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to accept/approve Resolution Establishing Unexpended Education Funds Account and Providing Deposits and Expenditures of Funds Account with emphasis on capital or maintenance projects.

Discussion: Roxy Fainer stated that she thinks the resolution is great.

David Colavecchio mentioned that he too thinks that the resolution is great and that

basically there is a bunch of capital projections and building improvements that need to be done. David expressed that he is hopeful that the Board can save some money and use it for some good things.

Beth Campbell asked if the Board will still be able to send other items to capital.

Superintendent Coss replied yes and that the Board would have to work on what that means to the Board of Finance. The Board of Finance is asking the Board of Education to tell the Board of Finance what the Board of Education would want to spend it on. The Board of Finance is in favor of the resolution, but are waiting on the rules.

Superintendent Coss stated the rules that she is emphasizing is capital and maintenance of buildings; but, the Board of Education could also use it for emergencies such as a funds that are not budgeted for like a boiler that blew and the Board of Education would have to act urgently and not ask the tax payers for additional funds.

Chairperson Guay asked if the resolution is like a rainy day account.

Superintendent Coss replied that there has to be a purpose and the purpose would be capital, but if the Board needed it for an emergency, then the Board could go to that fund.

Frank Treglia mentioned that he too liked the idea to be able to go back to the Board of Finance for the approval to be able to spend the money in the future.

Superintendent Coss explained that the Board of Education proposed to the Board of Finance that the Board of Education would approve the spending and then go to the Board of Finance for approval, so that both Boards would show approval on their records.

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

11.2. Policy Committee

(Policy 2231 Administration – Policy and Regulation Systems)

- 11.2.1. Presentations – None
- 11.2.2. Action Items – None
- 11.2.3. Read Items
 - 11.2.3.1. 1st Read Policy Audit Series 6000
- 11.2.4. Discussion Items - None

12. Enter into Executive Session to Present Letter of Application for Retirement per Article 38 of the Professional Agreement between the Thomaston Education Association and the Thomaston Board of Education.

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to Enter into Executive Session to Present Letter of Application for Retirement per Article 38 of the Professional Agreement between the Thomaston Education Association and the Thomaston Board of Education and invite Superintendent Coss.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

- 12.1. Tammy Dayton, Retirement, Elementary Teacher, Black Rock School
- 12.2. Patricia Henderson, Retirement, Library Media Specialist, Black Rock School, June, 2019

Vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of New Hire/Transfers/Resignations per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to Enter into Executive Session to Present Letters of Applications for Retirement per Article 38 of the Professional Agreement between the Thomaston Education Association and the Thomaston Board of Education and invite Superintendent Coss at 7:50 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

13.Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session

13.1. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:38 p.m.

Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented

David Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of New Hire/Transfers/Resignation/Retirements per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	0

14.Adjournment

Vote to adjourn

Scott Theriault motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
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The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 p.m.