



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Thomaston High School Auditorium
Monday, May 13, 2019
7:00 p.m.

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.

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 7:04 p.m.
- 1.2. Board members in attendance: Chairperson Rebecca Guay, Beth Campbell, Heather Patchell, David Colavecchio, Superintendent Francine Coss, Roxy Fainer, Maureen McMahon, Jennifer Nolan, Scott Theriault and Frank Treglia
- 1.3. Board members absent: None

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, May 13, 2019 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, May 13, 2019 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

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 April 8, 2019

Vote to accept/approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated, April 8, 2019 as presented

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, April 8, 2019 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
8	0	1
		Maureen McMahon

6. Recognitions ▲

(Policy 1170 Community Relations/Recognitions of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education and Bylaws of the Board 9420 Recognition of Accomplishments by Citizens, Students, Staff Members or Member of the Board)

6.1. Thomaston Rotary Student of the Month

- 6.1.1. April – Madison McCarthy
- 6.1.2. May – Jacob Hubbard

6.2. Thomaston Public Schools Student of the Month Recipients - April

- 6.2.1. Danielle Bottass – Grade 11
- 6.2.2. Anna Colavecchio – Grade 10
- 6.2.3. Zachary Stevenson – Grade 9
- 6.2.4. Stevilynn Fox – Grade 8
- 6.2.5. Anis Sadriu – Grade 7
- 6.2.6. Brooke Beaudoin – Grade 6
- 6.2.7. Madison Nevers – Grade 5
- 6.2.8. Annalise Ciminera – Grade 4
- 6.2.9. Kelvin Diaz – Grade 3

- 6.2.10. *Benjamin Bellemare – Grade 2*
- 6.2.11. *Olivia Moher – Grade 1*
- 6.2.12. *Felix Noski – Kindergarten*

- 6.3. Thomaston Public Schools Student of the Month Recipients - May
 - 6.3.1. *Briana Grecco – Grade 11*
 - 6.3.2. *Mackenzie McCarthy – Grade 10*
 - 6.3.3. *Ariana Komonaj – Grade 9*
 - 6.3.4. *Evelyn Lavertue – Grade 8*
 - 6.3.5. *Daniel Stancavage – Grade 7*
 - 6.3.6. *Mason Allen – Grade 6*
 - 6.3.7. *Samantha Dorlini – Grade 5*
 - 6.3.8. *Spencer Hults – Grade 4*
 - 6.3.9. *Dustin Galpin – Grade 3*
 - 6.3.10. *Spencer Dobos – Grade 2*
 - 6.3.11. *Georgia Coer – Grade 1*
 - 6.3.12. *Jack Gaudino – Kindergarten*

- 6.4. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - 2018-2019 Student Leadership Award Recipients
 - 6.4.1. *Stevilynn Fox*
 - 6.4.2. *Daniel Guerrero*
 - 6.4.3. *Jack McMahon*
 - 6.4.4. *Shay Murphy*

- 6.5. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)/Litchfield County Superintendents' Association (LCSA) 2018-2019 Student Recognition Award Recipients
 - 6.5.1. *Liliana VanOrmer*
 - 6.5.2. *Evelyn Lavertue*
 - 6.5.3. *Erin Fainer*
 - 6.5.4. *Jack McMahon*

- 6.6. Connecticut High School Coaches Association (CHSCA) – 2018-2019 Outstanding Coach of the Year in Girls Cross Country – Mark Olsen
- 6.7. Woodshop Assessment – Wooden Block Sets – Douglas Craig
- 6.8. Google Certified Educator – Susan A. Santovasi, Esq.

- 7. Presentations**
(Policy 2135.1 Administration/Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Student Assessment)
 - 7.1. CT Next Generation Accountability Data – Eric Martin, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment ▲ ▲

- 8. Student Representatives Report ▲**
(Bylaws of the Board /Student Representation on the Board of Education)

- 9. Chairperson's Report ▲**
 - 9.1. Thomaston Center School Student Letter to Thomaston Park and Recreation Commission
 - 9.2. Thomaston High School Honor Roll Letters – 3rd Quarter 2018-2019
 - 9.3. Student Representation on the Board of Education

Vote to accept/approve Principal John Perrucci's nominees Rising Junior Isabella Guerrero and Rising Senior Jacob Field as Student Representatives to the Thomaston Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year per Bylaw 9160,

or

Vote to accept/approve the suspension of all language referencing two Student Representatives in Bylaw 9160 for the 2019-2020 school year only for the specified purpose of permitting three (3) Student Representatives in the 2019-2020 school year, and vote to accept/approve Principal John Perrucci's nominees Rising Junior Isabella Guerrero, Rising Junior McKenna O'Sullivan, and Rising Senior Jacob Field as Student Representatives to the Thomaston Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year per Bylaw 9160.

Dave Colavecchio motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the suspension of all language referencing two Student Representatives in Bylaw 9160 for the 2019-2020 school year only for the specified purpose of permitting three (3) Student Representatives in the 2019-2020 school year, and vote to accept/approve Principal John Perrucci's nominees Rising Junior Isabella Guerrero, Rising Junior McKenna O'Sullivan, and Rising Senior Jacob Field as Student Representatives to the Thomaston Board of Education for the 2019-2020 school year per Bylaw 9160

Discussion: Frank Treglia asked if the Rising Juniors were invited to the Board meeting. Superintendent Coss explained due to not knowing the outcome of the meeting, the students were not invited.

Frank Treglia asked if the students knew they were on the agenda.

Superintendent Coss replied that the student were not notified that they were on the agenda, since the outcome of the meeting was unknown. Superintendent Coss further explained that the plan going forward would be whoever is voted in as Student Representatives for the 2019-2020 school year, will be invited to the June Regular Board Meeting for the passing of the torch, and have a swearing in ceremony.

Frank Treglia mentioned that a Student Representative was present and asked if they were aware of the meeting.

Beth Campbell stated that the student might have seen it on the agenda that was sent out to parents and staff.

John Perrucci, explained to the Board that the reason he put forward three nominees was that due to the fact that the instructions were not clear regarding who to submit the applications to. All three candidates are awesome, and if he had to choose then he would follow the policy of one rising Junior and one rising Senior.

Superintendent Coss explained that the policy states one rising Junior and one rising Senior so the Board would have to illuminate one of the Juniors that were nominated.

If the Board were to go with the motion on the table then all three students would be accepted.

John Perrucci stated that all three students are excellent students.

Roxy Fainer asked if the Board suspends it for one year, the Board is supposed to have a Junior and a Senior, then the following year will the board need to suspend it again.

Superintendent Coss replied that it is a one year term.

Roxy Fainer asked if the Board will have to kick someone off next year and go back to the Junior and Senior. Roxy Fainer stated that she has a problem with suspending the policy.

John Perrucci explained that is why there were two (2) options presented to the Board.

Superintendent Coss stated that if the motion on the table is the one that satisfies the Board, then the Board would end up with three (3) representatives and if the Board wants to continue their membership, the Board would end up with two (2) Seniors next year and then the policy would have to be suspended for one (1) more year.

Frank Treglia asked if all application were submitted on time.

Superintendent Coss replied yes they were all on time.

Jennifer Nolan asked for the present Student Representatives opinion on the matter.

Erin Fainer, stated that she see both sides.

David Colavecchio stated to have three students who want to volunteer their time and learn more about their school and how the schools are run, by all means we should accept them onto the Board with open arms.

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

10. Superintendent’s Report ▲

(Policy 2131 Administration/Superintendent of Schools)

10.1. State of Connecticut Board of Education Memorandum – Month of the Military Child – April 10, 2019

10.1.1. *By His Excellency Ned Lamont, Governor: an Official Statement*

10.2. State of Connecticut Board of Education Memorandum – 2020 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program – April 29, 2019

10.3. State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum: Educator Evaluation and Support Plan (EESP) Submission – April 12, 2019

10.4. State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Letter – School Immunization Rates – April 29, 2019

10.5. 2020 Thomaston Teacher of the Year Nomination Letter

10.6. United State Senate Letter

10.7. Administrator Reports

10.8. Enrollment Report – April 29, 2019

10.9. Thomaston Public Schools – News for Staff – April 2019

10.10. Thomaston Public Schools 2019-2020 Faculty Handbook

Vote to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of the Thomaston Public Schools 2019-2020 Faculty Handbook

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott Treglia seconded to acknowledge Superintendent’s notification of the 2019-2020 Faculty Handbook as presented.

Discussion: **Chairperson Rebecca Guay** stated that she had requested that Superintendent Coss add the Faculty Handbook to the agenda for the Board to acknowledge.

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

- 10.11. Thomaston Public Schools 2019-2020 Parent-Student Handbook
Vote to acknowledge Superintendent's notification of the 2019-2020 Parent-Student Handbook

Beth Campbell motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to acknowledge Superintendent's notification of the 2019-2020 Parent-Student Handbook as presented.

Discussion: *Roxy Fainer* asked if the Board was any closer to having electronic signatures for the Handbook.

Superintendent Coss replied we are not any closer to electronic signatures.

Scott Theriault asked about any changes to the Parent-Student Handbook.

Superintendent Coss explained that the changes were highlighted in yellow and that there were very few changes.

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

- 10.12. CAFE Liaison Newsletter – May 2019
- 10.13. Thomaston Center School Open House and Extravaganza Letter
- 10.14. FMLA Designation Notices
- 10.15. Job Description
 - 10.15.1. Tutor – Certified Teacher (Part-Time, Temporary, Hourly Pay, Outside of School Hours)

Vote to accept/approve Job Description as presented

Scott Theriault motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the Job Description as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

- 10.16. Personnel
 (Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

10.16.1. Schedule K/Coach Positions

- 10.16.1.1. *D. John Long, Resignation, Schedule K Position, Grade 8 Team Leader – Thomaston High School - June 14, 2019*
- 10.16.1.2. *D. John Long, Resignation, Schedule K Position, Middle School Field Hockey Coach, Thomaston High School, March 26, 2019*
- 10.16.1.3. *Nicole Neilson, New Hire, Schedule K Position, J.V. Track and Field Coach, 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

Scott Theriault motioned and Dave Colavecchio 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
9	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

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

Scott Theriault motioned and Beth Campbell 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: Roxy Fainer asked if the HVAC units were part of the capital request.

Superintendent Coss said that she would talk to George Seabourne at the Budget Meeting. **Superintendent Coss** stated that the Board was also talking about adding paving. The issue with bonding is that bonding has a high fee rate. If the Board is able to add the paving, then the Board would be able to extend the life of the bond.

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	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

Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Evaluation of the Superintendent

(Policy 2400 Administration/Evaluation of the Superintendent)

Vote to move into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Coss for the purpose of Evaluation of the Superintendent

Beth Campbell motioned and Scott seconded to move into Executive Session and invite Superintendent Coss for the purpose of Evaluation of the Superintendent at 8:29 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
9	0	0

12. Exit Executive Session

12.1. The Board exited Executive Session at 8:47 p.m.

13. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn

Dave Colavecchio motioned and Scott Theriault seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motioned carried

Yes	No	Abstain
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The meeting was adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

