



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Held Virtually
[Board of Education YouTube Channel](#)
Monday, November 16, 2020
5:30 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:

Beth Campbell, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Roxy Fainer, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent

Salvatore SantaMaria
Frank Treglia
Jennifer Nolan
Matthew VanOrmer
Sarah Ethier

Student Representatives 2020-2021

Isabella Guerrero
McKenna O'Sullivan
Cesar Velez

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order (*Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum*)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Beth Campbell** called the meeting to order at 5:34pm.
- 1.2. **Attendance by Roll Call : Chairperson Beth Campbell, Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Roxy Fainer, Salvatore SantaMaria, Frank Treglia, Jennifer Nolan, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Student Representatives Present : **McKenna O'Sullivan , Cesar Velez**
- 1.4. Student Representative Absent : **Isabella Guerrero**
- 1.5. The meeting was streamed live on the Board of Education YouTube Channel. The youtube link was made available on the Special Meeting agenda.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discussion of Current Pandemic Conditions in the Town of Thomaston and in Thomaston Public Schools as they pertain to In-Person Instruction and CIAC Athletics.

- 3.1. [Superintendent Coss' Presentation](#)
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3.2. Questions Posed by Board Members

- 3.2.1. [Matthew VanOrmer](#)
- 3.2.2. [Jennifer Nolan](#)
- 3.2.3. [Frank Treglia](#)
- 3.2.4. [Beth Campbell](#)
- 3.2.5. [Matthew VanOrmer](#)
- 3.2.6. [Salvatore SantaMaria](#)
- 3.2.7. [David Colavecchio](#)
- 3.2.8. [Sarah Ethier](#)
- 3.2.9. [Frank Treglia](#)
- 3.2.10. [Roxy Fainer](#)
- 3.2.11. [Heather Patchell](#)

4. Potential Action resulting from discussion

It was decided as a Board to make 2 separate motions - a motion for distance learning and a motion for sports

Salvatore SantaMaria motioned to go to remote learning for all three schools starting November 30th and reinstate in-school learning approximately January 19th. The Board will reconvene before then to see if January 19th is feasible. **Jennifer Nolan** seconded.

[Discussion](#)

Nays: **Sarah Ethier and Matthew VanOrmer**

Abstentions : None

Motion Carried : 7-2-0

David Colavecchio motioned regarding winter sports to be determined by the Board of Education after recommendations from the CIAC , athletic director, and administrators. **Frank Treglia** seconded.

Discussion : None

Nays : None

Abstentions : None

Motion Carries : 9-0-0

[Superintendent Francine Coss' Closing Remarks](#)

5. Adjournment

David Colavecchio motioned to adjourn and Jennifer Nolan seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Beth Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:00 pm.
