



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING
Meeting held Via Zoom
<https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o>
Monday, May 11, 2020
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:

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 2019-2020

Jacob Field
Isabella Guerrera
McKenna O'Sullivan

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 7:03PM
 - 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Beth Campbell, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Roxy Fainer, Frank Treglia, Jennifer Nolan, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Superintendent Francine Coss**
 - 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio and Salvatore SantaMaria**
 - 1.4. Student Representatives in Attendance: **Isabella Guerrera, Jacob Field, McKenna O'Sullivan,**
 - 1.5. Student Representatives Absent: **None**
 - 1.6. Others in Attendance: **John Perrucci, Andrea Peters, Eric Martin, Kristin Bernier, Kristin Raymond, Jonathan Kozlak**
 - 1.7. Members of the Public: Names that were logged in are as follows: **Stacey Sefcik (host), Alex, Dan, Heather Boulanger, Hedy Kelly, Jen Guerin, Jonathan Ronalter, Kelly Dube, Kian, Mia Vasquez, Sarah Jackson, Susan Root, Syd, Sydney Stevenson**
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2. **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*)

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Heather Patchell seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, May 11, 2020 as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

4. **Public Participation ▲▲▲** (*Bylaws of the Board 9325 – 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 20, 2020

Heather Patchell motioned and Sarah Ethier seconded to accept/approve the Board of Education Meeting Minutes Dated April 20, 2020 as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

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. Rotary Student of the Month - May 2020 - Alexandra Houle
- 6.2. Thomaston Public Schools Student of the Month Recipients - May 2020
- 6.2.1. Courtney LeClair - Grade 11
- 6.2.2. Ashley Guerin - Grade 10

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- 6.2.3. Kian Reyes - Grade 9
 - 6.2.4. Olivia Blasko - Grade 8
 - 6.2.5. Christopher Lamy - Grade 7
 - 6.2.6. Sophia Guertin - Grade 6
 - 6.2.7. Arianna Rinaldi - Grade 5
 - 6.2.8. Jack Holway - Grade 4
 - 6.2.9. Jazlynn Knapp - Grade 3
 - 6.2.10. Cameron Phair - Grade 2
 - 6.2.11. Mason Cote - Grade 1
 - 6.2.12. Kara Gueli - Kindergarten
- 6.3 CABE Student Leadership Awards
- 6.3.1. Kaylee Falter - Grade 12
 - 6.3.2. Alexander Thornberg - Grade 12
 - 6.3.3. Jonathan Ronalter - Grade 8
 - 6.3.4. Mia Vasquez - Grade 8
- 6.4. Thomaston High School Senior and Scholar-Athlete Award Winners - CIAC
- 6.4.1. Briana Grecco
 - 6.4.2. Chet Pierce
7. **Presentations** ▲▲▲ (*Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments*)
- 7.1 End-of-Year Events Report - Thomaston High School - John Perrucci
<https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o?t=13m22s>
8. **Student Representatives Report** ▲▲▲ (*Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education*) - NONE
9. **Chairperson’s Report** ▲▲▲ (*Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson*)
- 9.1. Third Marking Period Honor Roll
 - 9.2. Teacher Appreciation Week - May 4 - 8, 2020
10. **Superintendent’s Report** ▲▲▲ (*Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools*)
- 10.1. Correspondence
 - 10.1.1. Superintendent
 - 10.1.1.1. April 2020 Staff Newsletter from Superintendent Coss
 - 10.1.1.2. Thank you letter to Eric Martin from Superintendent Coss - Distance Learning Presentation - April 2020 Board Meeting
 - 10.1.1.3. Residency Determination Letter
 - 10.1.1.4. Residency Status Letter
 - 10.1.1.5. Congratulatory Letter from Superintendent Coss to the Rotary Student of the Month - April 2020
 - 10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
 - 10.1.2.1. The CABE Journal - May 2020
 - 10.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS) - None.
 - 10.1.4. U.S. Department of Education - None
 - 10.1.5. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)
 - 10.1.5.1. Temporary Flexibilities - Non-Renewal and Tenure

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- 10.1.5.2. CARES Act Summary
 - 10.1.5.3. Questions Regarding Executive Order 7R
 - 10.1.5.4. Pearson Remote Learning AGA and Integrated Math Resources for Teachers, Students, and Parents
 - 10.1.5.5. Remote Learning K-8 Math Resources for Teachers, Students, and Parents
 - 10.1.5.6. Pearson Remote Learning K-12 Literacy Resources
 - 10.1.5.7. Performance Matters Newsletter - April 2020 Issue
 - 10.1.5.8. 2021 Connecticut Teacher of the Year Program
 - 10.1.5.9. 2021 Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award
 - 10.1.5.10. NCAA Eligibility Center COVID-19 Response
 - 10.1.5.11. Learning at a Distance: Journeys of Connecticut Schools
 - 10.1.5.12. Employment Hearing Extensions
 - 10.1.5.13. Food Resources for Kids
 - 10.1.5.14. Food Resources for Kids - Spanish Translation
 - 10.1.5.15. Resources to Support School Closures Due to COVID-19
 - 10.1.5.16. Department of Children and Families Referral
 - 10.1.5.17. FAQ for Department of Children and Families Electronic Reporting
 - 10.1.5.18. Referrals to Department of Children and Families Careline
 - 10.1.5.19. Student Engagement Attendance Guidance for Districts
 - 10.1.5.20. Temporary Flexibilities - Fingerprinting
 - 10.1.5.21. Regional Advisory Teams
 - 10.1.5.22. Federal CARES Act Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund
 - 10.1.5.23. Professional Support Series for Districts - April 22, 2020
 - 10.1.5.24. Superintendent to Various Grant Provisions
 - 10.1.5.25. Continued Educational Opportunities and Special Education
 - 10.1.5.26. Resources to Foster Resilience
 - 10.1.5.27. Professional Support Series for Districts - April 24, 2020
 - 10.1.5.28. Executive Orders Affecting Education and Child Care
 - 10.1.5.29. Webinar - Building Powerful Partnerships with Families
 - 10.1.5.30. Professional Support Series for Districts - April 29, 2020
 - 10.1.5.31. Superintendents' Memo Regarding ED003
 - 10.1.5.32. Educational Focus
 - 10.1.5.33. K-12 Funding Priorities
 - 10.1.5.34. Regional Advisory Team - School Reopening - EdAdvance Region
 - 10.1.5.35. CSDE Thought Exchange Summary - May 5, 2020

10.2. Reports, Contracts and General Information

- 10.2.1. Reports
 - 10.2.1.1. Administrator Reports – May - 2020
 - 10.2.1.2. Enrollment Report - May 1, 2020
 - 10.2.1.3. Distance Learning - Francine Coss - Superintendent of Schools
<https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o?t=24m33s>
- 10.2.2. Contracts
 - 10.2.2.1. Dime Oil Co - July 1, 2020 - June 20, 2022

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- 10.2.2.2. Sunbelt Staffing - Catherine Talbot - Speech Language Pathologist
 - 10.2.3. General Information Fund-Raisers
 - 10.2.3.1. Fund-Raisers
 - 10.2.3.1.1. Class of 2020 and Class of 2022 - Painting Bear Logos on Driveways and Parking Spots at Thomaston High School - denied per COVID-19
 - 10.2.3.1.2. Project Graduation Class of 2020 - Car Wash and Bake Sale denied per COVID-19
 - 10.2.3.1.3. Gay- Straight Alliance Club - Field Trip to North Western Community College - denied per COVID-19
 - 10.2.4. Personnel (Policy 4112/4212 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
 - 10.2.4.1. New Hire - None
 - 10.2.4.2. Transfers/New Assignments
 - 10.2.4.2.1. Megan Fitzgerald - Special Education Teacher - Therapeutic Learning Center - Black Rock School
 - 10.2.4.3. Retirements
 - 10.2.4.3.1. Donna LaMadeleine - Paraprofessional - Thomaston Center Center School - Effective June 30, 2020
 - 10.2.4.3.2. Joyce Knowlton - Grade 6 Teacher - Center School
 - 10.2.4.4. Resignations - None
 - 10.2.4.5. Renewals - None
 - 10.2.4.6. Stipends- None

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent’s notification of Personnel, specifically, New Hire/ Transfers/ Retirements/Resignations/Renewals/Stipends per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 10.2.4.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) (*Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel-- Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act*) - None
- 10.2.4.8. Interns and Student Teachers (*Policy 1212 – Community Relations – School Volunteers*) - None
- 10.2.4.9. Field Trips (out of state) (*Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools*) - None
- 10.2.4.10. Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies - None

11. Committee Reports ▲ (*Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees*)

- 11.1. Budget/Audit Committee (*Policy 3430 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Periodic Financial Reports*)

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- 11.1.1. April 2020 Business Manager Report
 - 11.1.1.1. Business Report
 - 11.1.1.1.1. 2019-2020 Budget Table Without Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.1.2. 2019-2020 Budget Table With Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.1.3. 2019-2021 Grant Report
 - 11.1.1.1.4. 2019-2020 Projection Expenditures
 - 11.1.1.1.5. April- 2020 – 2019-2020 Fiscal Year: \$1,146,003.53.

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Vote to accept/approve the 2020-2021 Healthy Food Certification Statement as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Vote to direct Superintendent Coss to continue negotiating with All-Star transportation.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o?t=51m20s>

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Roxy Fainer motioned and Jennifer Nolan seconded to Vote to decline the opening of an additional preschool in the 2020-2021 school year.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o?t=53m51s>

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to 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.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

- 11.2. Policy Committee (*Policy 2231 – Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems*)
 - 11.2.1. Presentations – Andrea Peters - Director of Pupil Services - Policy 6159
 - 11.2.1.2. Policy 6159 Individualized Education Program/Special Education Program (original policy)
 - 11.2.1.3. Policy 6159 (marked up copy)
 - 11.2.2. Discussion Items - None
 - 11.2.3. Read Items

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- 11.2.3.1. First Read - None
 - 11.2.3.2. Second Read
 - 11.2.3.2.1. Policy 5144.4 - Physical Exercise and Discipline of Students
 - 11.2.3.3. Action Items
 - 11.2.3.3.1. Revised Policy 6146.2 - Statewide Proficiency/ Mastery Examinations
 - 11.2.3.3.2. Policy 5141.214 Sunscreen Proposed to Board of Education

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Vote to accept/approve Policy 6146.2 - Statewide Proficiency/Mastery Examinations as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Vote to accept/approve Policy 5141.214 - Student Sunscreen Use as presented.

Discussion: <https://youtu.be/XThSLPC5u5o?t=1h36s>

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

12. Adjournment

Jennifer Nolan motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Beth Campbell adjourned the meeting at 8:02PM