



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
VIRTUAL ONLY
Monday, March 29, 2021
6:00p.m.

This meeting can be viewed live on [Thomaston Board of Education YouTube Channel](#)

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

Steven Carr
Nicole Rinaldi
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 6:03pm.
- 1.2. Attendance by Roll Call: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Roxy Fainer, Steven Carr, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Jennifer Nolan, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Student Representatives Absent: **Isabella Guerrero, McKenna O'Sullivan, Caesar Velez**

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discussion on the Next Instructional Model Beginning April 19, 2021 - June 9, 2021

Discussion Link

- 3.1. Potential Action Resulting from Discussion

David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to enact the changes in quarantine per the CDC and to have the sports and athletes go with the CIAC guidelines as presented.

Discussion Link

Nays: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

David Colavecchio motioned and Steven Carr seconded for the start date of Wednesday, April 21, 2021 and an end date of June 9, 2021 to go with the early dismissal Wednesday program along with the cost associated with opt out meals.

[Discussion Link](#)

Nays: None
Abstentions: None
Motion Carried: 8-0-0

4. Formal Announcement of Board of Education Vacancy

- 4.1. Resignation Email to Superintendent Francine Coss - Frank Treglia
- 4.2. Letter from Frank Treglia to Cathy Dupont, Thomaston Town Clerk
- 4.3. Bylaws of the Board - Policy 9222 - Resignation/Removal from Office/Censure
- 4.4. Bylaws of the Board - Policy 9221 - Filling Vacancies
 - 4.4.1. Filling Board of Education Vacancy of Frank Treglia per Policy 9221
 - 4.4.1.1. Potential Board Action

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Roxy Fainer seconded to accept/approve the appointment of Frank Treglia back to his unexpired term of recently resigned Board of Education member, Frank Treglia, beginning immediately upon swearing by Town Clerk and continuing through election day on November 16, 2021.

[Discussion Link](#)

David Colavecchio placed a nomination for Nicole Rinaldi for the vacant position.

Heather Patchell amended the motion to include the Democratic Town Committee's nomination of Tanya Galpin. Heather Patchell motioned to amend the motion and Jennifer Nolan seconded to accept/approve the appointment of either Frank Treglia, Nicole Rinaldi, and Tanya Galpin to the unexpired term of recently resigned Board of Education member, Frank Treglia, beginning immediately upon swearing by the Town Clerk and continuing through election day on November 16, 2021.

| | <i>Frank Treglia</i> | <i>Nicole Rinaldi</i> | <i>Tanya Galpin</i> |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|
| David Colavecchio | | ✓ | |
| Steven Carr | | ✓ | |
| Jennifer Nolan | | ✓ | |
| Matthew VanOrmer | ✓ | | |
| Roxy Fainer | ✓ | | |
| Sarah Ethier | | ✓ | |
| Heather Patchell | | ✓ | |
| Beth Campbell | | | ✓ |

Nicole Rinaldi has won the vacant position with 5 votes. **Chairperson Beth Campbell** stated that Nicole Rinaldi will be appointed to the Board of Education once she is sworn in by the town clerk.

5. Adjournment

David Colavecchio motioned and Roxy Fainer seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Chairperson Beth Campbell adjourned the meeting at 7:02pm.