



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Thomaston Town Hall
Meeting Room One
Thursday, March 31, 2022
9:30 a.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.

Board of Education Goals:

- 1) Spotlight on one staff member each Regular meeting (September - June)
 - 2) Conduct meetings that are efficient using hybrid meeting technology
 - 3) Provide relevant research and data prior to the formal presentation of that information to the Board.
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Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary

Steven Carr, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent
Frank Treglia
Marie Eldridge

Sarah Ethier
Beth Campbell
Matthew VanOrmer

Student Representatives 2021 - 2022

Cesar Velez Delaney Jose

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

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 9:29am.
- 1.2. **Members in Attendance: Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Marie Eldridge, Matthew Van Ormer, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. **Members Absent: Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Sarah Ethier, Steven Carr, Frank Treglia, Beth Campbell**
- 1.4. **Student Representatives Absent: Delaney Jose and Cesar Velez** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. **Others in Attendance: John Perrucci, Gianni Perugini, Attorney Nicholas Grello, Student A, Parents of Student A**

2. Anticipated Executive Session

2.1. Confidential Student Matter - Student

Roxy Fainer motioned that the Board enter Executive Session at 9:30am to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-201, subsections (b)(2), (11), and (17). Only those invited by the Board may be present in the Executive Session. The board invites the following individuals into executive session: Student A, the Parents of Student A, John Perrucci, Gianni Perugini, Attorney Nick Grello as the Board's procedural advisor and **Marie Eldridge** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

Exit Executive Session at 10:29am.

Roxy Fainer motioned that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Thomaston Board of Education expel Student A, as discussed in executive session from attendance at school in the Thomaston Public Schools for the period from March 22, 2022 until March 21, 2023 for the reasons presented by the Administration in executive session. Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity to Student A for the period of the expulsion served out of school in a form to be determined by the Superintendent. The Board also directs the Administration record this expulsion on Student A's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if Student A graduates from high school. Finally, the Board authorizes Attorney Nicholas Grello to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons thereof, consistent with the Board's session discussion, to Student A and Student A's parents, as appropriate and **Marie Eldridge** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

3. Adjournment

Roxy Fainer motioned and **Marie Eldridge** seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 10:29am.