



Thomaston Board of Education
Special Meeting
Monday, June 15, 2009
Thomaston Town Hall
Lena Morton Gallery
7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Laurie Barrett, Deborah April, Beth Yaffe, Lucy Santopietro (arrived 7:10 p.m.), Holly Herbert and Laura Rieley

Board Members Absent:

Steve Catania, Joanne Gilland and Cheryl Roberts

Also Present:

Superintendent, Lynda Mitchell; Thomaston Center School Principal, James Diorio; Thomaston High School Vice Principal, John Perrucci; Black Rock School Principal, Paul Johnson; Pupil Services Director, Nancy Schnyer

I. Call to Order:

Board Chair, Laurie Barrett, called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:02 p.m.

II. Approval of Agenda:

On a motion made by Deborah April and seconded by Beth Yaffe to approve/accept the agenda as presented. No further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

III. “Two Schools, Two Principals...A Common Mission”:

The “Two Schools, Two Principals...A Common Mission” initiative was distributed in draft form to Board members for their review. Audience members were also offered a copy. Superintendent Mitchell provided a verbal synopsis of the plan. She noted that there were three or four different versions in the early planning stages which included buses as a cost savings piece. The intended initiative spans two years, each year outlining specific goals to implement, discuss and review. She continued by reading from the plan providing further particulars on the targeted goals.

A Special Board Meeting will be scheduled to approve/accept the plan.

Preliminary comments from Board members addressed the length of the plan, metrics, professional development, data sharing and Response to Intervention (RTI).

IV. Executive Session:

Motion for Executive Session made by Lucy Santopietro, seconded by Deborah April; no discussion; motion passed unanimously at 7:32 p.m.

Move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(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 the Executive Session:

Superintendent, Lynda Mitchell
Board Chair, Laurie Barrett
Board Vice Chair, Beth Yaffe
Board Secretary, Deborah April
Board Member, Lucy Santopietro
Board Member, Holly Herbert
Board Member, Laura Rieley
Thomaston High School Vice Principal, John Perrucci
Thomaston Center School Principal, Jim Diorio
Black Rock School Principal, Paul Johnson
Pupil Services Director, Nancy Schnyer

Public Session:

Motion to enter Public Session made by Lucy Santopietro and seconded by Holly Herbert at 8:51 p.m.; no discussion, motion carried unanimously.

V. Adjournment

On a motion made by Laura Rieley and seconded by Holly Herbert to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 8:53 p.m.; no discussion, motion carried unanimously.