

**Minutes**  
**THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Special Meeting**

Thomaston Town Hall – Meeting Room One

Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012

6:30 p.m.



**Members:** Lucy Santopietro, Chair; Roxy Fainer, Vice Chair; Kathleen Freimuth, Secretary; Holly Herbert, Treasurer; Rebecca Guay, Member; Alexander Lee, Member; Anne Petrucci, Member; Joanne Gilland, Member; Debra Schriver, Member

Minutes

**Present:** Lucy Santopietro, Roxy Fainer, Holly Herbert, Kathleen Freimuth, Anne Petrucci, Alexander Lee, Rebecca Guay, and Debra Schriver

**Absent:** Joanne Gilland

**Also Present:** Superintendent, Lynda Mitchell; Business Manager, Susan Laone; Attorney for the Board, Nicholas Grello; AFSCME Council 4 Representative, Tim Oppenheimer; AFSCME Local President, Joan Batten; the Grievant, Jose Ortiz; and Board Recording Clerk, Patricia George

**I. Establishment of a quorum and call to order:**

Presiding Board Member, Lucy Santopietro established a quorum and called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 6:30 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda:**

On a motion made by Anne Petrucci and seconded by Kathleen Freimuth to approve/accept the agenda as presented; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**III. School Construction Resolutions:**

On a motion made by Kathleen Freimuth and seconded by Holly Herbert to accept/approve the School Construction Resolutions as presented; no further discussions; motion carried unanimously.

**IV. 2012/2013 School Calendar Revision:**

On a motion made by Alex Lee and seconded by Kathleen Freimuth to approve/accept the 2012/2013 calendar revision as presented; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**V. Executive Session:**

Prior to entering into Executive Session, Mr. Tim Oppenheimer spoke to the Board and reiterated the Union's position regarding Jose Ortiz and the End User position. It is his stance that the position is awarded to a qualified Union person prior to exploring external applicants and Jose Ortiz, the only internal applicant to apply, is the qualified Union employee.

On a motion made by Holly Herbert and seconded by Kathleen Freimuth to move into Executive Session for deliberations on the grievance matter; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously. The following persons entered into Executive Session at 6:40 p.m.:

Board Members:

Lucy Santopietro

Roxy Fainer

Holly Herbert

Kathleen Freimuth

Anne Petrucci

Alex Lee

Rebecca Guay

Debra Schriver

Superintendent, Lynda Mitchell

Attorney, Nicholas Grello

**VI. Public Session:**

The Board moved to Public Session at 7:05 p.m.

**Board Motion:**

A motion was made by Kathleen Freimuth and seconded by Holly Herbert to deny the grievance; no further discussion; motion carried unanimously.

**VII. Adjournment:**

On a motion made by Roxy Fainer and seconded by Holly Herbert to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 7:06 p.m.; no further discussions; motion carried unanimously.