
A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

Thomaston High School
Auditorium
Monday, December 11, 2017
7:00 p.m.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Francine Coss, Superintendent
Beth Campbell
David Colavecchio
Rebecca Guay

Maureen McMahon
Jennifer Nolan
Heather Patchell
Scott Theriault
Frank Treglia

Student Representatives:

Erin Fainer

Naime Gilani

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda

Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda of the Board of Education, December 11, 2017 as presented

4. Public Participation

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with Thomaston Board of Education Policy 9325(a) - 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:

5.1.Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated November 13, 2017

Vote to accept/approve Regular Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes dated November 13, 2017 as presented

6. Presentations:

6.1.Legislative Discussion – Patrice McCarthy, Deputy Director and General Counsel, CABE

6.2.Bullying – Allison Andrade, Victoria Bottass, Jack Brody, Ada Cruz, Michael Duggan, Katelyn Everett, Kaylyn Foss, Paige Frisbie, Joshua Gallo, Alexa Lewis, Alexa Milus, Jameson O’Sullivan, Kaitlyn Root, and Alexa Sanson

6.3.District Mission Statement & Thomaston High School Core Values – Heidi Laus & Michelle Dayton

Vote to accept/approve the District Mission Statement & the Thomaston High School Core Values

7. Recognitions:

7.1.December Rotary Student of the Month – Alexa Sanson

7.2.Teaching and Learning Spotlight – Kelly Dube

8. Student Representative’s Reports

9. Chairperson’s Report

9.1.Education Enrichment Fund Mini Grant Letters

9.2.Thank you Letters

9.2.1. Susan Larson

9.2.2. Patricia Lanese

9.2.3. Susan Dalka

9.2.4. Sandra McDonald

9.3.Appointment of Board Attorney Bylaw 9125 - Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson Duhl & Grello P.C. – Kyle McClain

Vote to appoint Zangari Cohn Cuthbertson Duhl & Grello as the Board of Education Attorney

10. Superintendent’s Report

10.1. Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Connecticut Writing Portfolio Guides for the Assessment of Writing in Grades K-2

10.2. Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Updates on Educator Evaluation and Support

10.3. State Board of Education Memorandum – Changes to the Teacher Education and Mentoring (TEAM) Program

10.4. Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – Residential Placements and Noneducational Public Agencies

10.5. State Board of Education Memorandum – Residential Placements

10.6. State Board of Education Memorandum – Connecticut State Department of Education’s Ombudsman

10.7. State of Connecticut DMV-Travelers Teen Safe Driving Contest

10.8. EdAdvance Letter – Website Link – Foothills Adult Education Program

10.9. Waterbury Public Schools – School Hours

10.10. Effective School Solutions

10.10.1. Insights, November 2017

10.10.2. Solutions, November 2017

10.11. Thomaston Public Schools News for Staff – November 2017

10.12. FMLA Requests

10.13. Administrator Reports

Vote to accept/approve the Grade 9 English Language Arts Curriculum

10.14. Enrollment Report

10.15. Personnel

10.15.1. Corinne Wong, Retirement, Thomaston Center School, February 1, 2018

10.15.2. Laura Miller, Resignation, Curriculum Writer, History/Social Studies Grade 5 Thomaston Public Schools

10.15.3. Sharon Bouffard, New Hire, Lunch Monitor, Thomaston Center School

10.15.4. Bethany Lahey, New Hire, Long-Term Substitute Teacher Kindergarten, Black Rock School

Vote to accept/approve New Hires/Retirements/Resignations as presented

11. Committee Reports

11.1. Budget/Audit Committee

11.1.1. November Business Report

- Legal Fees Thomaston vs WAMOGO
- State Department of Education – 2016-2017 Audit Process for Local and Regional School Districts
- Town of Thomaston Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commissions
- Snow Plow Contract
- Connecticut Department of Emergency Services & Public Protection – Grant Adjustment Notice
- Kids Wheels

Vote to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a contract with Kids Wheels for Special Education transportation services for the period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023.

11.1.2. November Finance Report

- 2016/2019 Grant Report
- November 2017 Expenditures \$1,070,651.90
- November 2017 Transfers \$5,884.35

Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures as presented

11.2. Policy Committee

11.2.1. Presentations – None.

11.2.2. Action Items – None

11.2.3. Read Items

11.2.3.1. 1st Read Policy Audit Series 7000

11.2.3.2. 2nd Read Policy 6142.10 Health Education Program

11.2.3.3. 2nd Read Audit Series 6000

11.2.4. Discussion Items - None

12. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of strategy and negotiations with respect to pending litigation.

13. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session

14. Adjournment