
**MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING**

**Thomaston Town Hall
Meeting Room One
Monday, June 12, 2017
7:00 p.m.**

Members:

**Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Kathleen Freimuth, Vice Chairperson
Anne Petrucci, Secretary
Alexander Lee, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent**

**Beth Campbell
David Colavecchio
Maureen McMahon
Scott Theriault
Frank Treglia**

**Student Representative:
Joshua Gallo**

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Kathleen Freimuth, Anne Petrucci, Alexander Lee, Superintendent Francine Coss, Beth Campbell, David Colavecchio, Maureen McMahon, Scott Theriault and Frank Treglia.**

1.3. Others in Attendance: John Perrucci, Kristin Raymond, Kristin Bernier, Eric Martin, Jennifer Dewitt, Cindy Sabolcik, Susan Dalka, Jared Kahn, Heidi Laus, Douglas Craig, Kiersten Sundell, Abigail Blasko, Tracy Decker, and Kylie Decker.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

2.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** led the pledge of allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Vote to accept/approve, Regular Meeting Agenda, June 12, 2017 as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Agenda, dated June 12, 2017.

Discussion: Superintendent Coss requested to amend the agenda to add under Personnel 10.18 Monica Reed, Resignation, Math Teacher, Thomaston High School.

David Colavecchio motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Amended Regular Meeting Agenda, dated June 12, 2017.

Vote: Motion carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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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 Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2017

Vote to accept/approve the Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 8, 2017 as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Regular Meeting Minutes, dated May 8, 2017 presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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5.2 Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2107

Vote to accept/approve the Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2017 as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes dated May 23, 2017 as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

| Yes | No | Abstain |
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6. Recognitions

- 6.1. Rotary Student of the Month – Jared Kahn
- 6.2. CT History Day – Ms. Heidi Laus, Abigail Blasko & Kiersten Sundell
- 6.3. Connecticut Invention Convention – Mr. Douglas Craig, Ms. Melissa Saramanidis & Kylie Decker

7. Student Representative’s Report

8. Presentations

- 8.1. 2017-2018 Youth Data Collection – Jennifer DeWitt, Regional Action Council Director
 - 8.1.1. Policy 6162.51 Instruction – Surveys of Student (Student Privacy)
 - 8.1.2. CNVRAC Town Data Collection Table
 - 8.1.3. User Guide for the Attitudes & Behaviors Survey
 - 8.1.4. Profiles of Student Life
 - 8.1.5. Survey Notification Timeline
 - 8.1.6. Survey Brochure

Vote to accept/approve Survey of Students as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the Survey of Students as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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- 8.2. LED Lighting Project – Ken Koval
- 8.3. Historical Performance on SAT – John Perrucci
- 8.4. Thomaston Math Passport – Susan Dalka

9. Chairperson’s Report

- 9.1. CABE Membership
 - 9.1.1. List of CABE Services
- 9.2. Thomaston High School Honor Roll
 - 9.2.1. Sample Letter
 - 9.2.2. Honor Roll List – Quarter 3
- 9.3. Class of 2017 – Scholarship Recipients

10. Superintendent's Report

- 10.1.State of Connecticut Department of Education Memorandum – ReadConn: K-3 Professional Learning Opportunity
- 10.2.State of Connecticut Department of Education - State of Connecticut Board of Education's Five-year Comprehensive Plan 2016-2021
- 10.3.State of Connecticut Department of Education – Reducing Chronic Absence in Connecticut's Schools
- 10.4.State of Connecticut Board of Education Memorandum – Data Collection and Reporting Update/Reminders
- 10.5.State of Connecticut Board of Education Letter - Connecticut Reads – the 2017 Governor's Summer Reading Challenge.
- 10.6.Fund-Raiser Activity Approval Form – School Lunch Program
- 10.7.The Edge: Your Source for Information about CREC
- 10.8.FMLA Requests
- 10.9.Thomaston Public Schools News for Staff – May 2017
- 10.10. Town of Thomaston Staff Newsletter – Spring 2017
- 10.11. Letter - Shared Benefits Administrator Position
- 10.12. Effective Solutions
 - 10.12.1. Insights May 2017
 - 10.12.2. Solutions May 2017
- 10.13. Administrator Reports
- 10.14. May 2017 Business and Finance Report

Vote to accept/approve May 2017 Budget and Financial Report as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve the May 2017 Budget and Financial Report as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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10.15. Field Trips

- 10.15.1. World Trade Center – Late September/Early October 2017 – Mr. Richard Wilson & Ms. Terri Franzi
- 10.15.2. Washington DC – April 2018 – Ms. Megan Mazzini

Vote to accept/approve Field Trips as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve Field Trips as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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10.16. Enrollment

10.16.1. Enrollment Report

10.17. Job Descriptions

10.17.1. Consumer Science Teacher Grades 7-12

Vote to accept/approve Job Description as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve Job Descriptions as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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10.18. Personnel

10.18.1. Debra Green, Paraprofessional, Extended School Year, Thomaston Public Schools

10.18.2. Penelope Fox, Paraprofessional, Extended School Year, Thomaston Public School

10.18.3. Theresa Gambino, Paraprofessional, Extended School Year, Thomaston Public School

10.18.4. Terri Rousseau, Paraprofessional, Extended School Year, Thomaston Public School

10.18.5. Amanda Serenson, Teacher, Extended School Year, Black Rock School

10.18.6. Francesca Ciniglio, Resignation, Spanish Teacher, Thomaston High School

10.18.7. Julie-Anne Hood, Resignation, Kindergarten Teacher, Black Rock School

10.18.8. Monica Reed, Resignation, Math Teacher, Thomaston High School

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

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve New Hires/Terminations/Resignations as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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10.18.9. Aimee Turner, Girls' Tennis Coach, Thomaston High School

Vote to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions as presented

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to accept/approve Schedule K/Coach/Reappointment/Resignation Positions as presented.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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11. Committee Reports

- 11.1. Budget/Audit Committee – Cancelled
- 11.2. Policy Committee – Cancelled

12. Executive Session for the purpose of the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools

- 12.1. Policy 2400 Administration – Evaluation of the Superintendent

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of the evaluation of the Superintendent of Schools and to invite the Superintendent at 8:39 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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13. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:33 p.m.

14. Potential Action Regarding the Contract of Employment – Superintendent of Schools, Town of Thomaston, Connecticut.

15. Adjournment

Kathleen Freimuth motioned and Anne Petrucci seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:33 p.m.

Discussion: None

Vote: Motion carried

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