



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
Residency Hearing
Thomaston High School
Superintendent’s Conference Room
Tuesday, April 23, 2024
10:00a.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.

2023-2024 Board of Education Goals:

1. The Board will evaluate the Superintendent based on the effectiveness of her leadership in implementation and achievement of the district goals.
2. The Board will participate in biannual professional development provided by CAFE to improve the collaborative leadership team with the Superintendent to focus on priorities around high achievement for all students in the district.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Tanya Galpin, Secretary
Sarah Ethier
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Beth Campbell
Megan Campbell, Student Representative
Landen Galpin, Student Representative

Matthew VanOrmer, Vice Chairperson
Steven Carr, Treasurer
Anthony Kepler
Nathan Vieira

1. Meeting called to order by **Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer** at 10:00a.m.
This is a special meeting of a subcommittee of the Thomaston Board of Education called for the purpose of conducting a residency hearing in accordance with Section 10-186 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
 - 1.1. Board Members in Attendance: **Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Frank Treglia, Nathan Vieira, Superintendent Francine Coss**
 - 1.2. Board Members Absent: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Treasurer Steven Carr, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Anthony Kepler**
 - 1.3. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell and Landen Galpin** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
 - 1.4. Others in Attendance: Parents of Students A & B, Kristin Bernier, Attorney Nicholas Grello
2. **Proposed Executive Session Regarding a Confidential Student School Accommodations Matter**

DRAFT UNTIL BOARD APPROVED

Nathan Vieira motioned and Frank Treglia seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 10:07a.m. 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 1-210, 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: Parents of Students A & B, Superintendent Coss, Kristin Bernier - Principal of Thomaston Center School, and Attorney Nicholas Grello as the board's procedural advisor.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

3. Potential Action on Matters Discussed in Executive Session - Exit Executive Session at 10:30a.m.

Nathan Vieira motioned and Frank Treglia seconded that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes § 10-186 and the discussion held in the Executive Session, the Thomaston Board of Education concludes that Students A and B are residents of the Town of Thomaston, and therefore, should not be denied school accommodations in the Town of Thomaston. Accordingly, Students A and B shall be provided school accommodations in the town of Thomaston. In the event that Students A and B or the family of Students A and B's circumstances change after the date of the final decision in this matter, the Board reserves the right to consider such circumstances and determine whether the residency of Students A and B or their family has changed and take appropriate action, including but not limited to denying school accommodations and seeking tuition reimbursement, as permitted by Law, from the Parents of Students A and B. Further, the Board authorizes Attorney Grello to communicate in writing the board's decision and the reasons therefore consistent with the board's Executive Session discussion with Students A and B and their parents.

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

4. Adjournment

Nathan Vieira motioned and Frank Treglia seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40a.m.