



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

Monday, January 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Auditorium Entrance - Door #2

*This meeting can be attended in person by the public ([see requirements](#)) or viewed live/recorded on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#).
([Bylaws of the Board 9322 - Public and Executive Sessions](#) and [Bylaws of the Board 9326.1 - Taping/Recording Board Meetings](#))*

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.

2022-2023 Board of Education Goals:

1. Board Members shall respond to invitations within 24 hours.
2. Board Members will attend district events.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Beth Campbell
Frank Treglia

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Marie Eldridge
Delaney Jose, Student Representative
Nathan Marsh, Student Representative

David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Steven Carr, Treasurer
Sarah Ethier
Matthew VanOrmer

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.2 – Order of Business and Policy 1205 Community Relations – Participation by the Public – Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Vote to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education Meeting dated January 9, 2023 as presented.

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct)

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with the rules of common courtesy and the Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct:

- Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter.
- No boisterous conduct shall be permitted; persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for termination of that person's privilege to address the Board. 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.

5. Approval of Minutes ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

5.1. Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2022

Vote to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 12, 2022 as presented.

6. Recognitions ▲

(Policy 1170 – Community Relations/Recognitions of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education and Bylaws of the Board 9420 – Recognition of Accomplishments by Citizens, Students, Staff Members or Member of the Board)

6.1. Thomaston Rotary Club Student of the Month - January 2023 - Connor Foss

6.2. Students of the Month - December 2022

Grade 12: Kian Reyes
Grade 11: Claire Saunders
Grade 10: Brooke Beaudoin
Grade 9: Gracie Marble
Grade 8: Briana Belanger

Grade 7: Kayla Kapusta
Grade 6: Adriana Rocco
Grade 5: Riley Crehan
Grade 4: Ella Holway
Grade 3: Hudson Atwood

Grade 2: Ella Thibault
Grade 1: Hailey Peck
Kindergarten: Coralyn Novakowski
Preschool: Ella Novakowski

6.3. January 2023 Staff Spotlight - Michelle Pope, Special Education Teacher - Thomaston Center School

7. Presentations ▲▲▲ - None

(Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

8.1. January 2023

9. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)

9.1. EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting Report

9.2. Progress Report on 2022-2023 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools

9.3. Contract of the Superintendent of Thomaston Public Schools - 2022-2025

10. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

10.1. Correspondence

10.1.1. Superintendent

10.1.1.1. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - December 14, 2022

10.1.1.2. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - December 21, 2022

10.1.1.3. Residency Determination Letter - Student G

10.1.1.4. Residency Hearing Notice - Student G

10.1.1.5. Residency Determination Letter - Student H

10.1.1.6. Residency Hearing Notice - Student H

10.1.1.7. Residency Determination Letter - Student I

10.1.1.8. Residency Hearing Notice - Student I

10.1.1.9. Holiday Card to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Public Schools Staff from Board of Education Chairperson Roxy Fainer and Family

10.1.1.10. Holiday Card from Dr. Stephen Hegedus, Office of the Dean, Southern Connecticut State University

10.1.1.11. Holiday Card from CIRMA to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education

10.1.1.12. Holiday Card from Superintendent Michael Yamin, Region School District #16 to Superintendent Coss and the Thomaston Board of Education

10.1.1.13. Holiday Card from Attorney Chinni & Associates to Superintendent Coss and Thomaston Board of Education

10.1.1.14. Letter to Caroline Osowiecki, President, Henry M. Osowiecki & Sons, to Permit the Use of Salt Instead of Sand on the Grounds of Thomaston Public Schools

10.1.1.15. Thank You Letter to Sheila McKay, Sr. Staff Associate for Government Relations (CABE), for her Presentation at the December 12, 2022 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education

10.1.1.16. EdAdvance Scholarship Letter

10.1.1.17. Waiver Letter on Bid Requirements for the Black Rock Blue Wing Asbestos Abatement Project

10.1.1.18. Thomaston Public Schools AFSCME Retiree Renewal Notices

10.1.1.19. Letter to First Selectman Edmond Mone from Superintendent Coss Regarding a Request to Utilize In-Kind Services and Supplies from the Thomaston Department of Public Works for Ground Testing Related to the Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Water Issue

10.1.1.20. Thank You Letter to Samantha Gaboury Regarding Monetary Donation to Offset Student Lunch Balances for Thomaston Public Schools

10.1.1.21. District Data Report from EdAdvance for Thomaston Public Schools

10.1.1.22. Letter Invitation to George Seabourne, Thomaston Board of Finance Chairperson, to the Thomaston Public School's Budget Workshop on January 30, 2023

10.1.1.23. Letter Invitation to Ed Mone, Town of Thomaston First Selectman, to the Thomaston Public School's Budget Workshop on January 30, 2023

10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - None

10.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS) - None

10.1.4. United States Department of Education (USDE) - None

10.1.5. Department of Public Health (DPH) - None

10.1.6. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE)

10.1.6.1. 2022 Application Requesting a Waiver of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program

10.1.6.2. Guidance Regarding the 2022 Application Requesting a Waiver of Connecticut Approved K-3 Reading Curriculum Model or Program

10.1.6.3. Reading Waiver Data Template

10.1.6.4. Waiver Letter Regarding the K-3 Reading Curriculum Models or Programs

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- 10.1.6.5. Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) Response to Waiver Letter
 - 10.1.6.6. 2023-2024 State Summative Assessment Calendar
 - 10.1.6.7. Performance Matters - December 2022
 - 10.1.6.8. State Assessment News

10.2. Reports

- 10.2.1. 2022-2023 Thomaston Public Schools COVID-19 Positivity and Vaccination Rate
- 10.2.2. Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Project Update

Vote to direct Superintendent Coss to request funds for the Thomaston Center School Gymnasium Floor Project from the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

- 10.2.3. Black Rock School Blue Wing Flood Update
- 10.2.4. Administrator Reports
 - 10.2.4.1. January 2023
- 10.2.5. 2022-2023 Enrollment Report
 - 10.2.5.1. January 3, 2023
 - 10.2.5.2. 2022-2023 Enrollment Projection Data Form
 - 10.2.5.2.1. 2022-2023 Enrollment Projection Report

10.3. Contracts

- 10.3.1. Intergovernmental and Cooperative Arrangement Agreement - Litchfield Board of Education, Region 6 Board of Education, Region 14 Board of Education and Thomaston Board of Education

10.4. Grants - None

10.5. General Information

- 10.5.1. Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.1. Fundraising Follow Up - None
 - 10.5.1.2. Gifts/Donation - None
 - 10.5.1.3. Approved Fund-Raisers - None
 - 10.5.1.4. Denied Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.4.1. Raising Highly Capable Kids/ Pathways to Prevention - Seek Sponsorship from Local Restaurants

10.6. Personnel (*Denotes Effective Date)

(Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)

- 10.6.1. New Hires - None
- 10.6.2. Transfer/New Assignments - None
- 10.6.3. Reassignment - None
- 10.6.4. Resignations - None
- 10.6.5. Retirement
 - 10.6.5.1. Helen Guerrero, Pupil Services Secretary *March 7, 2023
- 10.6.6. Termination
 - 10.6.6.1. Flor Rodriguez, Substitute Paraprofessional, Black Rock School *December 16, 2022
- 10.6.7. Non-Renewals - None
- 10.6.8. Stipends - 2022-2023
 - 10.6.8.1. Mark Olsen - Indoor Track Coach
 - 10.6.8.2. Eric Kociszewski - Indoor Track Junior Varsity Coach
 - 10.6.8.3. Aaron Bunel - Varsity Boys Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.4. James Bunel - Assistant Coach Boys Basketball
 - 10.6.8.5. Sean Fitzpatrick - Boys Freshman Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.6. Laura Miller - Girls Freshman Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.7. Jonathan Green - Junior Varsity Wrestling Coach
 - 10.6.8.8. Terry Waldron - Varsity Cheerleading Coach
 - 10.6.8.9. Abigail Zakorchevnoy - Middle School Cheerleading Coach
 - 10.6.8.10. Kayla Marble - Middle School Boys Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.11. Richard Kelly - Boys B Team Middle School Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.12. Bob Stack - Girls Middle School Basketball Coach
 - 10.6.8.13. Marc Beaudoin - Girls B Team Middle School Basketball Coach

Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent's notification of Personnel, specifically, New Hires/Transfers/ Retirements/ Resignations/Renewals/Stipends per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented.

- 10.6.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
(Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)

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- 10.6.9.1. Employee I
 - 10.6.9.2. Employee J
 - 10.6.9.3. Employee K
 - 10.6.10. Interns and Student Teachers - None
(Policy 1212–Community Relations–School Volunteers)
 - 10.7. Field Trips
(Policy 6153 - Instruction Field Trips - Secondary Schools)
 - 10.7.1. Broadway, Drama Club, March 15, 2023 or May 24, 2023

Vote to accept/approve the Broadway Field Trip as presented.

- 10.8. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies - None
(Policy 3260 Business/Non-Instructional Operations Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies)

11. Committee Reports ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9132 – Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

- 11.1. Budget Audit Committee
 - 11.1.1. December 2022 Business Manager’s Report
 - 11.1.1.1. 2022-2023 Budget Table Without Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.2. 2022-2023 Budget Table With Encumbrances
 - 11.1.1.3. 2021-2023 Grant Report
 - 11.1.1.4. 2022-2023 Projection
 - 11.1.1.5. 2022-2023 Transfer
 - 11.1.1.6. Expenditures
 - 11.1.1.6.1. \$1,634,959.14

Vote to accept/approve Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/ Non-Instructional Operations - Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented for December 2022.

- 11.2. Policy Committee
(Policy 2231–Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)
 - 11.2.1. Presentations
 - 11.2.1.1. Policy 6140 - Curriculum - Jessica Bedsoky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - 11.2.1.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.1.1.2. Clean Copy
 - 11.2.2. Discussion Items
 - 11.2.2.1. Policy 3281 - School Fundraisers - Superintendent Francine Coss
 - 11.2.2.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.3. First Read - None
 - 11.2.4. Second Read - Policy 5145.511 - Sexual Abuse Prevention and Education Program - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment
 - 11.2.4.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools
 - 11.2.4.2. Marked Up Copy
 - 11.2.4.3. Clean Copy
 - 11.2.5. Action Items - None

12. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn.