



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Thomaston High School Cafeteria

Monday, January 24, 2022 at 6:00p.m.

This meeting can be attended in person by the public (see requirements) or viewed live/recorded on Board of Education YouTube Channel

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.

Board of Education Goals:

- 1) Spotlight on one staff member each Regular meeting (September - June)
 - 2) Conduct meetings that are efficient using hybrid meeting technology
 - 3) Provide relevant research and data prior to the formal presentation of that information to the Board.
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Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary

Steven Carr, Treasurer
Francine Coss, Superintendent
Frank Treglia
Marie Eldridge

Sarah Ethier
Beth Campbell
Matthew VanOrmer

Student Representatives 2021 - 2022

Cesar Velez Delaney Jose

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

A quorum was established and Chairperson Roxy Fainer called the meeting to order at 6:05PM.

- 1.1. Board Members in Attendance In-Person: Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Steven Carr, Frank Treglia, Marie Eldridge, Matthew VanOrmer, Superintendent Francine Coss.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance Virtually: Beth Campbell.
- 1.3. Invited Guests in Attendance In-Person: Thomaston Selectman Roger Perreault, Thomaston Board of Finance Vice-Chairman Michael Madow, Thomaston Board of Finance Members Adam Silverman and Richard Sileo, Business Manager Todd Bendtsen, Thomaston Pupil-Personnel Services Director Andrea Peters, Thomaston Curriculum, Instruction and Student Assessment Jessica Bedosky, Thomaston High School Principal John Perrucci, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal Gianni Perugini, Thomaston Center School Principal Kristin Bernier, Black Rock School Principal Jonathan M. Kozlak, Student/Audiovisual Assistant Connor Riley.
- 1.4. Invited Guests in Attendance Virtually: None.
- 1.5. Others in Attendance In-Person: None.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome Invited Guests from Thomaston Board of Finance and the Thomaston Board of Selectmen
Chairperson Roxy Fainer welcomed the invited guests in attendance.

4. Executive Session for the Purpose of the Discussion of Records, Reports and Statements of Strategy or Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining

Matthew Vanormer moved and Steven Carr seconded to enter into the Executive Session and invite Superintendent Francine Coss, Business Manager Todd Bendsten, Members of the Board of Finance and Members of the Board of Selectmen, and other persons where testimony or opinion is required.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried unanimously: 7-0-0.

The Board of Education members and those invited by the Board of Education entered into executive session at 6:11PM.

5. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session

The Board of Education meeting exited executive session and entered into public session at 6:27PM.

6. Nonlapsing Account Annual Report

Business Manager Todd Bendtsen presented the annual report on the nonlapsing account.

7. 2022-2023 Operating Budget and Capital Presentations

7.1. 2022-2023 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rates

Business Manager Todd Bendtsen presented the 2022-2023 Special Education, related services and equipment rates for non-resident students.

Matthew Vanormer moved and Steven Carr seconded to accept the 2022-2023 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rate sheet as presented.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried unanimously: 7-0-0.

7.2. 2022-2023 Operating Budget

7.2.1. Central Office (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.2. Technology (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.3. Pupil Services and Medical Services (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.4. Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.5. Thomaston High School and Athletics (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.6. Thomaston Center School (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.2.7. Black Rock School (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

Business Manager Todd Bendtsen presented an overview of the 2022-2023 Operating Budget and the details for the Central Office and technology budget. Pupil-Personnel Services Director Andrea Peters, Curriculum, Instruction and Student Assessment Jessica Bedosky, Thomaston High School Principal John Perrucci, Thomaston Center School Principal Kristin Bernier, and Black Rock School Principal Jonathan M. Kozlak presented their respective budget narratives.

7.3. 2022-2027 Capital Budget

7.3.1. Thomaston High School

7.3.2. Thomaston Center School

7.3.3. Black Rock School

Business Manager Todd Bendtsen presented an overview of the 2022-2027 Capital budget. Thomaston High School Principal John Perrucci, Thomaston Center School Principal Kristin Bernier, and Black Rock School Principal Jonathan Kozlak presented the details of their respective capital budget projects.

8. Board of Education, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen Questions and Discussion

Matthew Vanormer moved and Steven Carr seconded to accept/approve the 2022-2023 Operating Budget and/or 2022-2027 Capital Budget as presented.

Discussion:

Roxy Fainer: While we are asking for a significant increase, the need presented by the Administration team for the students of this district is evident. The class sizes and the counseling students need today are all vital to their development as successful people, so I feel that we should support the budget.

Motion carried unanimously: 7-0-0.

9. Adjournment

Matthew Vanormer moved and Steven Carr seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM.

Discussion: None.

Motion carried unanimously: 7-0-0.