

MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING
Thomaston High School Cafeteria
Monday, January 30, 2023 at 6:00p.m.

The public may attend in person ([see requirements](#)) or remotely via live/recorded broadcast 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. Board members shall respond to invitations within 24 hours.
2. Board members will attend district events.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
David Colavecchio, Vice Chairperson
Heather Patchell, Secretary
Steven Carr, Treasurer

Francine Coss, Superintendent
Marie Eldridge
Beth Campbell
Delaney Jose, Student Representative

Sarah Ethier
Frank Treglia
Matthew VanOrmer
Nathan Marsh, Student Representative

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

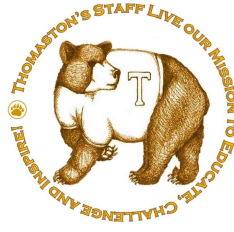
(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1 – Quorum)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Secretary Heather Patchell, Treasurer Steven Carr, Matthew VanOrmer, Sarah Ethier, Beth Campbell, Marie Eldridge, Frank Treglia, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member Absent: **Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Delaney Jose and Nathan Marsh** *(the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting)*
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Todd Bendtsen, Tracy Decker, Kristin Bernier, Jessica Bedosky, Jonathan Kozlak, Andrea Peters, John Perrucci, Gianni Perugini
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: First Selectman Edmond Mone, Board of Finance Chairman Rich Sileo, Raymond Rabuska

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

4. Executive Session for the Purpose of the Discussion of Confidential Student Matter
Steven Carr motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to enter into the Executive Session at 6:07p.m. and invite Superintendent Francine Coss, Business Manager Todd Bendsten, Director of



Pupil Personnel Services Andrea Peters, First Selectman Edmond Mone and Board of Finance member Rich Sileo.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session - Exit Executive Session at 6:58p.m.

6. Nonlapsing Account Annual Report

(Policy 3171.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Nonlapsing Education Fund)

7. 2023-2024 Operating Budget and Capital Presentations

(Policy 3110 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget: Planning)

(Policy 3120 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Preparation of Budget Document)

(Policy 3150 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Adoption of Budget)

7.1. 2023-2024 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rates

(Policy 3240 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Tuition Fees)

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rate.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

7.2. 2023-2024 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)

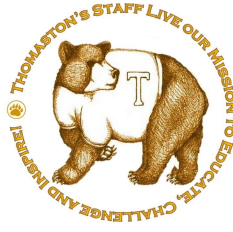
7.2.7. Black Rock School (Spreadsheet and Narrative)

7.3. 2023-2028 Capital Budget

7.3.1. Thomaston High School

7.3.2. Thomaston Center School

7.3.3. Black Rock School



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

(Policy 3120 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Preparation of Budget Document)

(Policy 3140 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Public Review of Budget)

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to approve the 2023-2024 Operating Budget and/or 2023-2028 Capital Budget as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: **Frank Treglia**

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-1-0

9. Creation of Building Committee of the Board of Education

(9133 Bylaws of the Board – Special Committees/Advisory Committee)

9.1. Purpose: To oversee the 2, 5, and 10 Year Plan development and to convene as needed to support the implementation and revision of the 2, 5 and 10 Year Plan and/or to address other building matters as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to create a Building Committee of the Board of Education per Bylaws of the Board 9133 - Special Committees/Advisory Committees to oversee the 2, 5, and 10 Year Plan development and to convene as needed to support the implementation and revision of the 2, 5 and 10 Year Plan, and/or to address other building matters as determined by the Superintendent of Schools.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to Authorize the Building Committee, specifically:

RESOLVED, that the Building Committee is hereby established as the Building Committee with regard to the oil tank removal at (a) Thomaston High School and (b) Thomaston Center School.

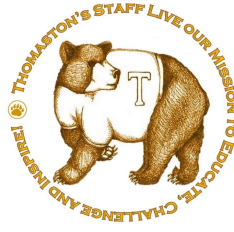
Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to request authorization from the Board of Selectmen to apply for a school construction grant and to prepare schematic drawings and outline specifications, specifically, that the Board of Selectmen approve the following resolutions:



RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Thomaston Board of Education to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the oil tank removal (code violation) at (a) Thomaston High School and (b) Thomaston Center School.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Selectmen authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the oil tank removal (code violation) at (a) Thomaston High School and (b) Thomaston Center School.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

10. Adjournment

Steven Carr motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 8:44p.m.