



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 13, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Due to the predicted forecast, the meeting was held virtually

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)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 7:02p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Virtual Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson David Colavecchio, Secretary Heather Patchell, Sarah Ethier, Matthew VanOrmer, Marie Eldridge, Beth Campbell, Frank Treglia, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member Absent: **Steven Carr**
- 1.4. Student Representatives In Virtual Attendance: **Delaney Jose and Nathan Marsh**
- 1.5. Administrators in Virtual Attendance: Jessica Bedosky, Todd Bendtsen, Kristin Bernier, Jonathan Kozlak, Gianni Perugini, John Perrucci, Andrea Peters
- 1.6. Others in Virtual Attendance: Pam Nascimento

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)

Marie Eldridge motioned and Beth Campbell seconded to accept/approve the agenda of the Board of Education Meeting dated March 13, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲ - None

(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/complaints against any employee of the Board of Education, regardless of whether or not the employee is identified by name.

5. Approval of Minutes ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9326 – Minutes)

- 5.1. Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes - February 13, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 13, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5.2. Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes - 9:30a.m. February 15, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes dated February 15, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5.3. Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes - 10:30a.m. February 15, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes dated February 15, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5.4. Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes - 11:30a.m. February 15, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes dated February 15, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5.5. Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes - February 22, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Residency Hearing Minutes dated February 22, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

5.6. Thomaston Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes - March 8, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Thomaston Board of Education Special Meeting Minutes dated March 8, 2023 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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. February Rotary Student of the Month - Morgan LeClair

6.2. Students of the Month - February 2022

Grade 12: Morgan LeClair

Grade 11: Katerina Collaku

Grade 10: Erti Shkrepi

Grade 9: Abigail Sedgwick

Grade 8: Mackenzie Fayer

Grade 7: Brady Prahm

Grade 6: Zoe Kociszewski

Grade 5: Aiden Wood

Grade 4: Ivan Chen

Grade 3: Cody Deland

Grade 2: Aiyana Bjorn

Grade 1: Charlie Melisky

Kindergarten: Nico Seitlinger

Preschool: Muhammad Sheikh

6.3. March 2023 Staff Spotlight - Alisa Zepecki, Grade 2 Teacher - Black Rock School

7. Presentations ▲▲▲

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

7.1. Science of Reading Waiver Report and Thomaston K-3 Reading Data - Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment and Pamela Nascimento, Literacy Coach, Black Rock and Thomaston Center Schools

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

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

8.1. March 2023

9. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

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

- 9.1. Board Appreciation Month - March 2023 - Thomaston Board of Education Members
- 9.2. Thomaston High School - Second Quarter Honor Roll
- 9.3. Progress Report on 2022-2023 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools
- 9.4. EdAdvance Board of Directors Meeting Report

10. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

- 10.1. Correspondence
 - 10.1.1. Superintendent
 - 10.1.1.1. Results of Residency Hearing - February 15, 2023 - Student J
 - 10.1.1.2. Results of Residency Hearing - February 15, 2023 - Student K
 - 10.1.1.3. Results of Residency Hearing - February 15, 2023 - Student L
 - 10.1.1.4. Results of Residency Hearing - February 15, 2023 - Student M
 - 10.1.1.5. Results of Residency Hearing - February 22, 2023 - Student M
 - 10.1.1.6. Thank You Letters to the Students of the Thomaston Center School Learning Enrichment Academic Program for the Legislative Proposal at the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on February 13, 2023
 - 10.1.1.7. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 15, 2023
 - 10.1.1.8. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - February 22, 2023
 - 10.1.1.9. Effective School Solutions - Insights & Solutions - March 2023
 - 10.1.1.10. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - March 1, 2023
 - 10.1.1.11. Effective School Solutions - MINDBEAT - March 8, 2023
 - 10.1.1.12. Letter of Recommendation from Superintendent Coss to Connor Foss, Student, Thomaston High School
 - 10.1.1.13. Journal for Leadership and Instruction - Fall 2022 - New England School Development Council (NESDEC)
 - 10.1.1.14. Appointment Letter from Superintendent Coss to Amy McKenna for the Approval of Appointment to the Wamogo Agriscience Advisory Board by the Thomaston Board of Education
 - 10.1.1.15. Letter of Appreciation from Superintendent Coss to First Selectman Ed Mone for In-Kind Services/Supplies for the Thomaston Center School Construction Project
 - 10.1.1.16. Letter from Thomaston Fire Marshall to Superintendent Coss Regarding the Thomaston High School Underground Storage Tank (UST)
 - 10.1.1.17. Letter from Thomaston Fire Marshall to Superintendent Coss Regarding the Thomaston Center School Underground Storage Tank (UST)
 - 10.1.1.18. Exit Interview Response Per Policy 4117 - Thomaston Public Schools Staff
 - 10.1.2. Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE) - None
 - 10.1.3. Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents (CAPSS)
 - 10.1.3.1. Revised Inventory of State Mandates in Title 10 Pertaining to School Districts
 - 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. Emergency Certification Funding for Free School Meals Guidance
 - 10.1.6.2. Student Assessment News - February 2023
- 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
 - 10.2.3. Black Rock School Blue Wing Flood Update
 - 10.2.4. Administrator Reports
 - 10.2.4.1. March 2023
 - 10.2.5. Enrollment Report
 - 10.2.5.1. March 1, 2023
- 10.3. Contracts
 - 10.3.1. Memorandum of Agreement - Thomaston Public Schools and Connecticut Junior Republic - 2023-2024
 - 10.3.2. High 5 Adventure Learning Center 2023 Challenge Course Services Contract - Thomaston Public Schools
- 10.4. Grants - None
- 10.5. General Information
 - 10.5.1. Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.1. Fundraising Follow Up

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- 10.5.1.1.1. Candy Cane Grams - Business Club - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.2. Ticket Sales for Production - Drama Club - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.3. Program Booklets - Drama Club - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.4. Advertisement for Musical - Drama Club - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.5. Sale of Concessions for Production - Drama Club - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.6. Gift Card Drive - Link Crew - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.7. School Dance - Middle School Student Council - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.8. Volleyball Game - Class of 2025 - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.1.9. Homecoming Dance - Class of 2024 - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.2. Gifts/Donations - None
 - 10.5.1.3. Approved Fundraisers
 - 10.5.1.3.1. Prom Dress Drive - Senior Capstone - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.3.2. Valentine Sale - Link Crew - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.3.3. Basketball Tournament - Class of 2026 - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.3.4. Can Jam Tournament - Women in STEM - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.3.5. Talent Show - Women in STEM - Thomaston High School
 - 10.5.1.4. Denied Fundraisers - None
 - 10.6. Personnel (*Denotes Effective Date)
(Policy 4112/4212 - Personnel - Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
 - 10.6.1. New Hires
 - 10.6.1.1. Krystal Thornton, Paraprofessional (Instructional) - Part-time Black Rock School*February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.1.2. Sara Walker, full-time Paraprofessional, Black Rock School*February 27, 2023
 - 10.6.1.3. Danielle Sullo - Long-Term Substitute, Library Media Specialist Teacher, Black Rock School*March 1, 2023
 - 10.6.2. Transfer/New Assignments
 - 10.6.2.1. Jade Morey, from Paraprofessional, PATHS program to Paraprofessional, Thomaston Center School*February 6, 2023
 - 10.6.2.2. Wendy Thomas, from Temporary full-time (10 Month) Secretary, Main Office ,Thomaston High School to Permanent full-time (10 Months) Main Office Secretary *February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.2.3. Debbie Green, Temporary Assignment Upgraded Workers Comp Light Duty, from General Education Paraprofessional to Special Education Paraprofessional , Black Rock School *February 27, 2023
 - 10.6.2.4. Theresa Tortorici, from Long-Term Substitute, Special Education (per diem) to Special Education Teacher, Thomaston High School*January 30, 2023
 - 10.6.3. Reassignment
 - 10.6.3.1. Rachel Bip, Pupil Services Secretary - Change in Work Location from Black Rock School to Thomaston Center School*February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.3.2. Andrea Peters, Director of Pupil Services - Change in Work Location from Black Rock School to Thomaston Center School*February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.3.3. Andrea Butwell, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Secretary - Change in Work Location from Thomaston Center School to Black Rock School*February 21, 2023 and Change in Hours from 8:00am to 1:30pm to 7:30am to 1:00pm.*February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.3.4. Jessica Bedosky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment - Change in Work Location from Thomaston Center School to Black Rock School*February 21, 2023
 - 10.6.4. Resignations
 - 10.6.4.1. Melissa Bentley, full-time Paraprofessional, Black Rock School*February 27, 2023
 - 10.6.5. Retirement - None
 - 10.6.6. Termination - None
 - 10.6.7. Non-Renewals - None
 - 10.6.8. Stipends - 2022-2023
 - 10.6.8.1. Richard Kelly, Jr. - Baseball - Boys - Middle School Coach
- Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded 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.**
- Discussion: None
 Opposed: None
 Abstain: None
 Motion Carried: 8-0-0
- 10.6.9. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) - None
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(Policy 4152.6/4252.6 – Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act)

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. Bloomberg Tower and Discovery Studio in New York City - Business Club - Thomaston High School - May 17, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Bloomberg Tower and Discovery Studio New York City Field Trip as Presented

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

10.7.2. Bronx Zoo in New York City - Class of 2025 - Thomaston High School - April 27, 2023

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded to accept/approve the Bronx Zoo Field Trip as Presented

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

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. February 2023 Business Manager’s Report

11.1.1.1. 2023- 2024 Budget

11.1.1.2. 2022-2023 Budget Table Without Encumbrances

11.1.1.3. 2022-2023 Budget Table With Encumbrances

11.1.1.4. 2021-2023 Grant Report

11.1.1.5. 2022-2023 Projection

11.1.1.6. 2022-2023 Transfer

11.1.1.7. Expenditures

11.1.1.7.1. \$1,577,273.20

Beth Campbell motioned and Marie Eldridge seconded 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 February 2023.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: **David Colavecchio**

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-1-0

11.2. Policy Committee

(Policy 2231–Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)

11.2.1. Presentations

11.2.1.1. Policy 1330 - Use of School Facilities - Gianni Perugini, Assistant Principal - Thomaston High School

11.2.1.1.1. Facility Use Request Form - Community Members/Organizations/Agencies

11.2.1.1.1.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.1.1.1.2. Marked Up Copy

11.2.1.1.1.3. Clean Copy

11.2.1.1.2. Facility Use Request Form - District Employees/School Sponsored Events

11.2.1.1.2.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.1.1.2.2. Marked Up Copy

11.2.1.1.2.3. Clean Copy

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and David Colavecchio seconded that the Policy Committee proposed amendments to policy 1330 and the associated forms be permitted for fast tracking by a 2/3 vote of the members present at tonight’s Board of Education meeting.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and David Colavecchio seconded to accept/approve the change to policy 1330 and the associated forms as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

11.2.2. Discussion Items

11.2.2.1. New Proposed Policy and Regulation 3513.1 - Business/Non-Instructional Operations - Energy Conservation - Superintendent Francine Coss and District Lead Custodian Spencer Luthy

11.2.2.1.1. Eliminated Policy and Regulation 3513.1 from 2007 - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.2.1.2. Proposed Policy and Regulation 3513.1

11.2.2.2. Policy 3281 - School Fundraisers - Superintendent Francine Coss

11.2.2.2.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.2.3. CAFE Policy 4118.12 Freedom of Speech

11.2.3. First Read - None

11.2.4. Second Read - Policy 6140 - Curriculum - Jessica Bedsoky, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment

11.2.4.1. Current Policy - Thomaston Public Schools

11.2.4.2. Clean Copy

11.2.5. Action Items - None

12. Adjournment

David Colavecchio motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 7:47p.m.