



**Thomaston Board of Education  
Special Meeting  
Thomaston Town Hall, Teen Center  
Wednesday, November 12, 2008  
5:00 p.m.**

**Present:**

Lucy Santopietro; Holly Herbert; Cheryl Roberts; Laura Rieley

**Presiding Board member:**

Lucy Santopietro

**Call to Order:**

Presiding Board Member, Lucy Santopietro called to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Education at 5:15 pm

**Approval of Agenda:**

On a motion made by Steve Catania and seconded by Laura Rieley to approve/accept the agenda as presented, motion passed unanimously (4-0).

**Executive Session:**

Motion for executive session made by Laura Rieley, seconded by Holly Herbert; no discussion; motion passed unanimously (4-0) at 5:16 p.m.

Move that the Board enter Executive Session to discuss a matter that would result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Sections 1-210(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 the executive session:

Lynda Mitchell, Superintendent of Schools  
John Perrucci, Thomaston High School Assistant Principal  
Dan Murphy, Board Attorney  
Officer Randy Graham

5:34 p.m. everyone excused for deliberations, except for Board Attorney Dan Murphy.

5:41 p.m.: back in executive session. Everyone returned into the executive session except for Officer Graham.

**Public Session:**

The Board exited the executive session at 5:41 p.m.

**Board Motion:**

Laura Rieley made a motion to expel the student, seconded by Holly Herbert; no discussion; motion passed unanimously (4-0) at 5:42 p.m.

Move that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Thomaston Board of Education shall expel the student discussed in executive session from attendance at Thomaston High School and from presence on school grounds or at school sponsored activities for the period from October 28, 2008 until October 27, 2009, for the reasons presented by the administration in this hearing.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative educational opportunity, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(d) in a form to be determined by the administration, to the student for the period of this expulsion.

The Board also directs the administration, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d(f), to record this expulsion on the student's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if the student graduates from high school.

Finally, the Board authorizes Lucy Santopietro and Attorney Daniel Murphy to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons therefore, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion to the student and/or his/her parents, as appropriate.

**Adjournment:**

Cheryl Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m., seconded by Holly Herbert, no discussion; motion passed unanimously (4-0) at 5:43 p.m.