



**MINUTES**  
**THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING**  
**First Selectmen's Conference Room**  
**Meeting Room One**  
**Wednesday, May 14, 2025**  
**3:00p.m.**

**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.

**2024-2025 Board of Education Goals:**

1. The establishment of a comprehensive strategy to improve English Language Arts growth in Thomaston Public Schools.
2. The establishment of a comprehensive strategy to address bullying in Thomaston Public Schools.

**Members:**

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson  
Beth Campbell  
Sarah Ethier  
Frank Treglia

Matthew VanOrmer, Vice Chairperson  
Francine Coss, Superintendent  
Megan Campbell, Student Representative  
Lucas Koval, Student Representative  
Tyler Veronesi, Student Representative

Tanya Galpin, Secretary  
Steven Carr, Treasurer  
Anthony Kepler  
Nathan Vieira

**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 3:16p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Frank Treglia, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Secretary Tanya Galpin, Treasurer Steven Carr, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Anthony Kepler, Nathan Vieira**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell, Lucas Koval, Tyler Veronesi** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Cristina Kingsbury, Attorney Nicholas Grello, Attorney Dan Murphy

**2. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter - Student XXI**

**Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that the Board enter Executive Session at 3:16p.m. to discuss a matter involving a student that would likely result in the disclosure of public records or the information contained therein as described in Connecticut General Statutes Section 1-210, subsections (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 executive session: **Francine Coss**, Superintendent of Thomaston Public Schools, Cristina Kingsbury, Principal - Thomaston High School, Attorney Dan Murphy, legal counsel for the administration and Attorney Nicholas Grello, as the board's procedural advisor.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

*Attorney Nicholas Grello noted at 3:17 p.m. that the hearing had commenced at 3:00 p.m., and that neither the student nor the student's parents had appeared. The hearing proceeded as scheduled.*

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*The board deliberated at 3:35p.m and entered into Public Session at 3:39p.m.*

**2.1. Exit Executive Session at 3:39p.m.**

**Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-233d, the Thomaston Board of Education expel Student XXI, as discussed in executive session, from attendance at school in the Thomaston Public Schools for the period from May 14, 2025 until May 8, 2026 for the reasons presented by the Administration in executive session.

Further, the Board directs the administration to offer an alternative education opportunity to Student XXI for the period of the expulsion served out of school in a form to be determined by the Superintendent.

The Board also directs the Administration to record this expulsion on Student 's XXI's cumulative educational record, to be expunged from such record if Student XXI graduates from high school.

Finally, the Board authorizes Attorney Nicholas Grello to communicate in writing the Board's decision and the reasons thereof, consistent with the Board's executive session discussion, to Student XXI and Student XXI's parents, as appropriate.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

**3. Adjournment**

**Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded** to adjourn the meeting.

**Roxy Fainer** adjourned the meeting at 3:40p.m.