



MINUTES

THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Thomaston High School Auditorium

*This meeting can be attended in person by the public 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.

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 5:41p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Frank Treglia, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Nathan Vieira** (*arrived at 5:41p.m.*), **Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Anthony Kepler, Steven Carr**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **Megan Campbell, Lucas Koval, Tyler Veronesi** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Jennifer Preuss, Tracy Decker
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Julie Duggan, Doreen French, Michelina Stanley, Makenzie Chasse

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Discussion of the \$25,000 budget cut to the Thomaston Board of Education 2025-2026 Operating Budget

Matthew VanOrmer motioned and Nathan Vieira seconded to approve the proposed \$25,000 budget cut to the Thomaston Board of Education 2025-2026 Operating budget (elimination of the Pathways Parent Outreach Program and a 0.1 FTE reduction of the Human Resources Generalist position)

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

4. Discussion on action taken during the April 21, 2025 Regular Meeting of the BOE regarding Thomaston Public Schools directive to schedule an early dismissal on the same date as the 2025 Thomaston Town Budget Referendum/Referenda.

Beth Campbell motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to not schedule an early dismissal on the same date as any future 2025 Thomaston Town Budget referendum/referenda.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

5. Adjournment

Beth Campbell motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 5:50p.m.