



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Thomaston Town Hall
Meeting Room One
Wednesday, November 5, 2025
9:00a.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.

2025-2026 Board of Education Goals:

1. By June 2026, the Thomaston Board of Education will adopt a districtwide curriculum alignment policy requiring that all English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum documents in grades PreK–12 explicitly identify connections to the Portrait of a Graduate (POG) competencies, as evidenced by formally approved curriculum maps that include POG indicators and a documented review process.
2. By June 2026, the Thomaston Board of Education will adopt a family–school communication policy that streamlines districtwide messaging practices as evidenced by published protocols and parent school climate survey results.

Members:

Roxy Fainer, Chairperson
Beth Campbell
Sarah Ethier
Larry Duffany

Matthew VanOrmer, Vice Chairperson
Francine Coss, Superintendent
G. Wilmont Hungerford, 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

- 1.1. **Chairperson Roxy Fainer** called the meeting to order at 9:24a.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Roxy Fainer, Vice Chairperson Matthew VanOrmer, Treasurer Steven Carr, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Secretary Tanya Galpin, Beth Campbell, Sarah Ethier, Anthony Kepler, Nathan Vieira, Larry Duffany**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **G Wilmont Hungerford, Lucas Koval, Tyler Veronesi** (*the student representatives were not required to attend the meeting*)
- 1.5. Others in Attendance: Christine Golino, Andrea Peters, David Vecca, Mother of Student II, Attorney Kyle McClain, Attorney Dan Murphy

2. Executive Session for Confidential Student Matter – Student II

Roxy Fainer motioned and Matthew VanOrmer seconded that the Board enter Executive Session at 9:24a.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, Christine Golino, School Social Worker – Thomaston High School, Andrea Peters, Pupil Personnel Services Director – Thomaston Public School, David Vecca, Assistant Principal – Thomaston High School, Attorney Dan Murphy, Counsel for the administration and Attorney Kyle McClain, the Board's attorney.

Discussion: None

Abstain: None

Opposed: None

Motion Carried: 3-0-0

2.1. Exit Executive Session at 9:36a.m.

The mother of Student II requested a continuance.

3. Adjournment

Roxy Fainer motioned and Steven Carr seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Roxy Fainer adjourned the meeting at 9:37a.m.