



MINUTES
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. Thomaston High School

This meeting can be attended in-person by the public or viewed live/recorded on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#). If school or afterschool/evening activities are canceled: The Board of Education meeting will be held virtually only (no in-person meeting). If the meeting is virtual-only and public comment is on the agenda, comments must be emailed to mstanley@thomastonschools.org at least one hour before the meeting starts.
[\(Bylaws of the Board 9322 - Public and Executive Sessions\)](#) 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.

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.
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Members:

Nathan Vieira, Chairperson
Cara Files
Amy Sedgwick
Larry Duffany

Sarah Ethier, Vice Chairperson
Francine Coss, Superintendent
G Wilmont Hungerford, Student Representative
Lucas Koval, Student Representative
Tyler Veronesi, Student Representative

Tanya Galpin, Secretary
Marissa McGee, Treasurer
Anthony Kepler
Roxy Fainer

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1-Quorum\)](#)

- 1.1. **Superintendent Francine Coss** called the meeting to order at 5:37p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members Present: **Nathan Vieira, Sarah Ethier, Marissa McGee, Tanya Galpin, Anthony Kepler, Larry Duffany, Amy Sedgwick, Roxy Fainer, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member Absent: **Cara Files**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Present: **Lucas Koval**
- 1.5. Student Representatives Absent: **Tyler Veronesi, G Wilmont Hungerford** (*the student representatives attendance was strictly optional*)
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Karim Belica, Carol Hanson, Steven Ethier, Glenn Prushinski, Michelina Stanley, Makenzie Chasse

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. [Organizational Meeting](#)

- 3.1. [Organizational Meeting for the Purpose of Electing Officers - Bylaw 9120 - Superintendent Francine Coss](#)
 - 3.1.1. [Nomination for Board of Education Chairperson - Bylaw 9121 - Superintendent Francine Coss](#)
Superintendent Coss asked the board to nominate a chairperson.
Larry Duffany nominated **Nathan Vieira**
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Nathan	
Tanya	✓
Marissa	✓
Amy	✓
Anthony	✓
Nathan	✓
Larry	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	abstain

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: **Nathan Vieira** was congratulated as the Chairperson of the Board.

3.1.2. [Nomination for Board of Education Vice-Chairperson - Bylaw 9122 - Newly Elected Chairperson](#)

Chairperson Nathan Vieira asked the board to nominate a Vice Chairperson.

Tanya Galpin nominated **Sarah Ethier**.

Sarah	
Tanya	✓
Marissa	✓
Amy	✓
Anthony	✓
Nathan	✓
Larry	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.

Vote Results: **Sarah Ethier** was congratulated as the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

3.1.3. [Nomination for Board of Education Secretary - Bylaw 9123 - Newly Elected Chairperson](#)

Chairperson Nathan Vieira asked the board to nominate a Secretary.

Sarah Ethier nominated **Tanya Galpin**.

Tanya	
Tanya	✓
Marissa	✓
Amy	✓
Anthony	✓
Nathan	✓
Larry	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.
Vote Results: **Tanya Galpin** was congratulated as the Secretary of the Board.

3.1.4. [Nomination for Board of Education Treasurer – Bylaw 9126 – Newly Elected Chairperson](#)
Chairperson Nathan Vieira asked the board to nominate a Treasurer.
Amy Sedgwick nominated **Marissa McGee**.

Marissa	
Tanya	✓
Marissa	✓
Amy	✓
Anthony	✓
Nathan	✓
Larry	✓
Sarah	✓
Roxy	✓

The ballot cards were collected and the count was read aloud.
Vote Results: **Marissa McGee** was congratulated as the Treasurer of the Board

4. Policies Related to Board Member Conduct

- 4.1. [Bylaw 9270 – Conflict of Interest](#)
- 4.2. [Bylaw 9271 – Code of Ethics](#)
- 4.3. [Bylaw 9272 – Code of Conduct on Data Use](#)
- 4.4. [Bylaw 9325 – Meeting Conduct](#)

5. [Committee Sign Up – Bylaw 9132](#)

Budget/Audit Committee: **Marissa McGee, Roxy Fainer, Nathan Vieira** (ex officio)

AFSCME Negotiations Committee: **Tanya Galpin, Larry Duffany, Sarah Ethier, Roxy Fainer, Nathan Vieira** (ex officio)

AD HOC Achievement Committee: **Tanya Galpin, Marissa McGee, Amy Sedgwick, Larry Duffany, Sarah Ethier, Roxy Fainer, Nathan Vieira** (ex officio), *Cara Files was absent and submitted her committee selection via email following the meeting*

Policy Committee: **Tanya Galpin, Amy Sedgwick, Anthony Kepler, Larry Duffany, Sarah Ethier, Roxy Fainer, Nathan Vieira** (ex officio), *Cara Files was absent and submitted her committee selection via email following the meeting.*

6. Adjournment

Tanya Galpin motioned to adjourn and Sarah Ethier seconded to adjourn
Chairperson Nathan Vieira adjourned the meeting at 6:02p.m.