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THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, December 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Cafeteria Entrance

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.

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. **Chairperson Nathan Vieira** called the meeting to order at 6:00p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Nathan Vieira, Vice Chairperson Sarah Ethier** (*exited the meeting at 7:00p.m.*), **Treasurer Marissa McGee, Secretary Tanya Galpin** (*present at the meeting but stepped away prior to roll call, rejoined the meeting at 6:04p.m.*), **Roxy Fainer, Cara Files, Larry Duffany, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Members Absent: **Amy Sedgwick, Anthony Kepler**
- 1.4. Student Representatives Absent: **G Wilmont Hungerford, Lucas Koval, Tyler Veronesi** (*the student representatives were not required to attend*)
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Cristina Kingsbury, David Vecca, Kristin Bernier, Andrea Peters, Jonathan Kozlak
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Attallah Roundtree, Pamela Nascimento, Dr. Michael Watson, Spencer Luthy, Michelina Stanley, Makenzie Chasse

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining

Larry Duffany motioned to enter into executive session at 6:02p.m. and **Marissa McGee** seconded to move into Executive Session. Discussion: **Roxy Fainer** stated that the motion needs to be made properly and invite the correct people.

Larry Duffany motioned to move into executive session for the purpose of negotiations with respect to collective bargaining inviting **Superintendent Coss, Business Manager Attallah Roundtree and others as identified by the Board of Education and Sarah Ethier** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: **Nathan Vieira, Tanya Galpin**

Motion Carried: 5-0-2

4. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session - 6:45pm.

No action taken during the executive session.

5. Budget Timetable

6. Nonlapsing Account Annual Report

(Policy 3171.1 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Nonlapsing Education Fund)

7. 2026-2027 Special Education, Related Services, and Equipment Rates

(Policy 3240 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations/Tuition Fees)

8. 2026-2027 Operating Budget and Capital Presentations

(Policy 3110 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget: Planning)

(Policy 3120 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Preparation of Budget Document)

(Policy 3150 – Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Adoption of Budget)

8.1. Central Office Narrative

8.2. Technology Narrative

8.3. Emergency Management Narrative

8.4. Pupil Services and Medical Services Narrative

8.5. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Narrative

8.6. Thomaston High School and PATHS and Athletics Narrative

8.7. Thomaston Center School Narrative

8.8. Black Rock School Narrative

9. 2026-2031 Capital Budget

9.1. Thomaston High School

9.2. Thomaston Center School

9.3. Black Rock School

9.4. Technology

10. Questions and Discussion

Larry Duffany commended the administrators and business manager for their hard and amazing work.

Tanya Galpin motioned that the budget be revised to a 5 percent or under increase and **Larry Duffany** seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: **Nathan Vieira**

Motion Carried: 6-0-1

11. Adjournment

Tanya Galpin motioned and **Cara Files** seconded to adjourn.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: **Nathan Vieira**

Motion Carried: 6-0-1

Chairperson **Nathan Vieira** adjourned the meeting at 8:25p.m.