



MINUTES

THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, June 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Learning Commons – Main Entrance Doors

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 93261 – 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
Roxy Fainer

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 93251-Quorum)

- 1.1. **Chairperson Nathan Vieira** called the meeting to order at 7:07p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Nathan Vieira, Vice Chairperson Sarah Ethier, Treasurer Marissa McGee, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Cara Files, Roxy Fainer, Amy Sedgwick, Larry Duffany** (*Larry joined the meeting @ 7:31p.m.*), **Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Student Representatives in Attendance: **Lucas Koval, Tyler Veronesi**
- 1.4. Student Representative Absent: **G Wilmont Hungerford** (*only two students are scheduled to attend each board meeting, as part of a rotating system designed to provide all student representatives the opportunity to participate*)
- 1.5. Administrators in Attendance: Kristin Bernier, Cristina Kingsbury, Dave Vecca, Pam Nascimento
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Dustin Galpin, Nancy Galpin, Zachary Brostek, Heather Brostek, Angela Coffill, Cindy Sabolcik, Doctor Michael Watson, Makenzie Chasse, Colten Chasse, Michelina Stanley

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 93252-Order of Business and Policy 1205-Participation by the Public/Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Tanya Galpin motioned and Marissa McGee seconded to accept the agenda dated June 8, 2026 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲ (to be read aloud by the Board Chairperson prior to soliciting public comment)

(Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct) and Community Relations 1120 – Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings)

The Board welcomes public participation in accordance with the rules of common courtesy and the Bylaws of the Board 9325 – Meeting Conduct:

- **TIME LIMITS:** Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter, unless modified by the Chairperson to ensure fairness or to accommodate significant public interest.
- **ORDER and DISRUPTION:** Conduct that materially disrupts the orderly conduct of the meeting shall not be permitted. A speaker who persists in materially disruptive conduct after warning may have their privilege of address terminated by the Chairperson solely to restore order. If necessary to restore order, the Chairperson may take reasonable steps consistent with constitutional standards to allow the Board to continue the meeting.
- **STUDENTS and PERSONNEL MATTERS:** Consistent with Policy 1120, oral presentations shall not be used to address confidential student matters or confidential personnel matters. Comments involving such matters may be redirected to appropriate administrative or statutory processes in order to protect privacy, due process, and legal obligations. This provision shall be applied in a viewpoint-neutral manner.

- **CIVILITY and LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY:** Speakers shall conduct themselves in a manner that does not materially disrupt the meeting. Speech shall not be restricted based on viewpoint, criticism, tone, or disagreement with the Board, its members, or its policies. While the Board does not seek to stifle public comment, speakers remain legally responsible for their own statements. Nothing in this policy shall be construed as prior restraint or as a determination by the Board regarding the legality of any comment.
- **LIMITED BOARD RESPONSE:**
 - 1) Chair-Only Response – The Board Chairperson may, at their discretion, provide a brief and limited response following public comment.
 - 2) Permitted Scope of Response – Any response shall be limited to one or more of the following purposes:
 - Acknowledging the speaker's comments.
 - Clarifying Board policy or procedure.
 - Correcting clear factual inaccuracies related to publicly available information.
 - Explaining the appropriate process for addressing a concern.
 - Indicating that a matter may be considered for inclusion on a future agenda.
 - 3) Informational Nature – Responses are informational only and shall not constitute debate, deliberation, or Board action.
 - 4) No Dialogue – Public participation shall not be used as a forum for dialogue. Speakers shall not engage in rebuttal or follow-up during the public comment period.
 - 5) Discretion Not to Respond – The Board Chairperson is not required to respond to every comment at the meeting. The absence of a response shall not be construed as agreement or disagreement.

Ms. Angela Coffill

Ms. Coffill is a parent of a senior student who addressed the Board regarding concerns about her son's ability to graduate this year. She stated that her son had completed required coursework in most classes but was struggling to pass a civics class. According to the parent, her son requested opportunities to make up work to improve his grade but was informed that certain assignments could not be completed because he was absent when they were assigned. The parent expressed concern that the course did not appear to provide the number of assignments outlined in the student handbook and questioned whether students were being given the opportunities specified in district policy. She noted that she had communicated with the school principal and Mrs. Coss about the matter and requested consideration of additional assignment opportunities that could help her son meet graduation requirements.

5. Consent Agenda ▲

[*\(Bylaws of the Board 9325.21 – Consent Agenda\)*](#)

5.1. Minutes

5.1.1. [Special Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026](#)

5.1.2. [Regular Meeting Minutes – May 11, 2026](#)

5.2. ParentSquare Correspondence from Superintendent – Posts/Alerts

5.2.1. Happy Mother's Day Thomaston! – May 10, 2026 at 9:01AM EST

5.2.2. 2026.05 Happenings of the BOE – May 15, 2026 at 9:04AM EST

5.2.3. We Appreciate Our Speech-Language Pathologists! – May 18, 2026 at 9:00AM EST

5.3. Personnel

[*\(Policy 4112/4212–Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment\)*](#)

5.3.1. New Hires

5.3.1.1. Wanda Dulac, full-time Custodian II, District-wide floater*June 8, 2026

5.3.1.2. Jonathan Hotchkiss, full-time Custodian II, Black Rock School*June 1, 2026

5.3.1.3. Kathleen Hynick, full-time Lead Secretary, Black Rock School*June 17, 2026

5.3.2. Transfer/New Assignment/Reassignment

5.3.2.1. Yvette Lefebvre, reassignment of Summer Custodian (temporary), Thomaston Public Schools*June 29, 2026 – August 21, 2026

5.3.2.2. Thomas Stockno, reassignment of Summer Custodian (temporary), Thomaston Public Schools*June 29, 2026 – August 21, 2026

5.3.2.3. Christine Thomas, reassignment of Clerical Assistant (temporary, summer only), Central Office *June 24, 2026 – August 21, 2026

5.3.2.4. Brian Ulrich, transfer from full-time Custodian II, District Wide (floater) to full-time Custodian II, Thomaston High School*June 1, 2026

5.3.3. Resignations – None

5.3.4. Retirements

5.3.4.1. Brian McCarthy, Lead Custodian, Black Rock School*April 9, 2027

5.3.5. Terminations/Non-Renewals

5.3.5.1. Sana Masood, Paraprofessional, Black Rock School*May 22, 2026

5.3.6. Summer Enrichment Program – Temporary/Part-Time: June 23, 2026 – July 20, 2026

5.3.6.1. Sarah DeMatteis – Certified Teacher (Grades 7-12)

5.3.6.2. Kimberly Guerrera – Certified Teacher (Grades 1-6)

5.3.6.3. Cheyenne Kiely – Program Director (Grades 1-12)

- 5.3.6.4. Julia Kunic – Certified Teacher (Grades 1-6)
- 5.3.6.5. Jennifer McAtee – Certified Teacher (Grades 1-6)
- 5.3.7. Extended School Year (ESY) – Temporary/Part-Time: June 24, 2026 – July 17, 2026
 - 5.3.7.1. Kimberly Adamski – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.2. James Alberto – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.3. Rachel Bip – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.4. Ashley Duffy – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.5. Cassandra Jordan – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.6. Susan Larson – Special Education Teacher
 - 5.3.7.7. Janae Lawrence – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.8. Alyssa Misenti – Paraprofessional
 - 5.3.7.9. Kelsey Murzak – Special Education Teacher
- 5.3.8. Stipends – 2025-2026 – None
- 5.3.9. [May 2026 Business Manager's Report](#)

Tanya Galpin motioned and Amy Sedgwick seconded to accept the items listed on the consent agenda as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-0-0

6. Recognitions ▲

6.1. Student Shout-Out

6.1.1. [Rotary Student of the Month – May 2026 – Hailey Carlo](#)

6.1.1.1. [Students of the Month – May 2026](#)

Grade 12: Hailey Carlo	Grade 8: Kaylee Boulanger	Grade 4: Jake McGee	Grade 1: Jaxson Garnett
Grade 11: Ethan Ranney	Grade 7: Brooke Callahan	Grade 3: Zackary Chouinard	Kindergarten: Alina Hicks
Grade 10: Ava Nicosia	Grade 6: Ryan McGee	Grade 2: Gabriella Baptista	Preschool: Hunter Lamy
Grade 9: Joshua Pelletier	Grade 5: Jacob Rosa		

6.1.1.2. [Rotary Student of the Month – June 2026 – Owen Proulx](#)

6.1.1.3. Students of the Month – June 2026

Grade 12: Owen Proulx	Grade 8: Ellie Fama	Grade 4: Benjamin Mazzarella	Grade 1: Reagan Fayer
Grade 11: Tiago Silva	Grade 7: Evangeline Villanueva	Grade 3: Casmira VanOrmer	Kindergarten: Lily Peck
Grade 10: Gazier Williams	Grade 6: Sapphire Stevens	Grade 2: Glauk Goroveci	Preschool: Emilia Lee
Grade 9: Harmony Remsen	Grade 5: Maya Holway		

6.1.1.4. Thomaston High School Halo Award Nominees – Chicago Production

Best Performance In A Supporting Male Role in a Musical: Scott Bard as Amos Hart

Best Performance in a Supporting Female Role in a Musical: Bella Bickford as Velma Kelly

Best Stage Management: Ava Nicosia, Jacob Caviasca, Ellye Losee

Best Running Crew: THS Crew

6.1.1.5. Thomaston High School Halo Award Nominees – Beetlejuice

Best Performance by a Dynamic Duo in a Musical: Scott Bard & Christina Spina as Charles and Delia Deetz

Best Performance in a Leading Male Role in a Contemporary Musical: Aaron Bernatisis as Beetlejuice

Best Scenic Design: THS Construction Classes

Best Hair & Makeup Design & Execution: Violet Alvey, Bella Bickford, Christina Spina and Crew

Best Props Design: Props Crew (Winner) – Violet Alvey, Scott Bard, Brooke Callahan

Best Special Effects: Violet Alvey, Scott Bard, and FX Crew

6.1.1.6. Violet Alvey – Recognition Received – Leader in Beetlejuice and Chicago Production

6.1.1.7. [Class of 2026 Graduates](#)

6.1.1.8. Outgoing Board of Education Student Representative

G Wilmont Hungerford

Lucas Koval

Tyler Veronesi

6.1.1.9. Audiovisual Services – Thomaston Board of Education Meetings – Makenzie Chasse

6.1.2. Staff Shout-Out

6.1.2.1. [June 2026 Staff Spotlight: Breanna Riollano – Guidance Counselor, Thomaston High School](#)

7. Presentations ▲▲▲ – None

[Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments](#)

8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education\)](#)

9. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson\)](#)

9.1. [Progress Report on 2025-2026 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools](#)

9.2. Feasibility Study Update

9.3. [Third Quarter Honor Roll 2025-2026 – Thomaston High School](#)

9.4. Two Year BOE Meeting Calendar Revisions – August Policy Committee Meeting Dates

9.4.1. [2026 – 2027](#) and [2028 – 2029](#)

Sarah Ethier motioned and Tanya Galpin seconded to accept revising the Two Year BOE Meeting Calendars to change the August Policy Committee Meeting dates for 2026 and 2027 and 2028 and 2029 as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

9.5. 2027-2028 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar

9.5.1. [Option One](#) – start date 8/25/27 with a tentative end date of 6/2/28

9.5.2. [Option Two](#) – start date 9/1/27 with a tentative end date of 6/9/28

Roxy Fainer motioned and Tanya Galpin seconded to accept Option One for the 2027-2028 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

9.6. Swearing in of 2026-2027 Student Representatives

Grade 12: [Zachary Brostek](#)

Grade 11: [Dustin Galpin](#)

10. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

[\(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools\)](#)

10.1. Correspondence

10.1.1. From Superintendent

10.1.1.1. [Shout Out Letters – May 11, 2026 Recognition](#)

10.1.2. To Superintendent/Board of Education

10.1.2.1. [Student Assessment News – May 2026](#)

10.1.2.2. [Thank You Card from Pam Rinkus, Thomaston Center School Kitchen Worker and May 2026 Staff Spotlight Recipient](#)

10.1.2.3. [Professional Learning Academy – 2026-2027 Connecticut Education Association](#)

10.1.2.4. [Effective School Solutions Insights & Solutions: Forecasting Independence in Children](#)

10.1.2.5. [Performance Matters – June 2026](#)

10.2. Reports

10.2.1. General Reports

10.2.1.1. [Annual Report per Public Act 25-93, Section 32](#)

10.2.2. Administrator Reports

10.2.2.1. [June 2026](#)

10.2.2.2. [2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook and Staff Handbook – Thomaston Public Schools](#)

Tanya Galpin motioned and Larry Duffany seconded to accept the 2026-2027 Parent-Student Handbook and Staff Handbook – Thomaston Public Schools as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

10.2.3. Residency

[\(Policy 5118-Nonresident Attendance/Tuition Students\)](#)

10.2.3.1. Residency Determination Letter – Student XIII

10.2.3.2. Residency Determination Letter – Student XIV

10.2.4. Student Discipline

[\(Policy 5144-Discipline\)](#)

10.2.4.1. Expulsion Hearing Notice – Student XII

10.2.4.2. Expulsion Hearing Cancellation Notice – Student XII

10.2.5. Homeschooling

[\(Policy 6172.3-Home Schooling\)](#)

10.2.5.1. Superintendent's Acknowledgement to Homeschool – Student H

[\(Policy 6172.3-Home Schooling\)](#)

10.2.6. Enrollment Report

[\(Policy 5112-Age of Attendance\)](#)

10.2.6.1. [June 1, 2026](#)

10.2.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – None

[\(Policy 4152.6/4252.6-Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act\)](#)

10.2.8. Interns and Student Teachers – None

[\(Policy 1212-School Volunteers\)](#)

10.2.9. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies – None

[\(Policy 3260-Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies\)](#)

10.2.10. Field Trips

[\(Policy 6153- Field Trips – Secondary Schools\)](#)

10.2.10.1. [Washington D.C. and Gettysburg – Grade 8 – April 6, 2027 – April 9, 2027](#)

Tanya Galpin motioned and Larry Duffany and Marissa McGee seconded (Larry and Marissa simultaneously seconded the motion) to accept the Washington D.C. and Gettysburg – Grade 8 field trip as presented.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

11. Committee Reports ▲

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9132-Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133-Special Committees/Advisory Committees\)](#)

11.1. [Achievement Committee Meeting – June 3, 2026](#)

11.2. [Budget Audit Committee – June 3, 2026](#)

11.2.1. Expenditures for the Month: \$1,537,007

11.3. [Policy Committee – June 1, 2026](#)

[\(Policy 2231-Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems\)](#)

11.3.1. Fast – Tracking Two Policies

Sarah Ethier motioned and Tanya Galpin seconded to permit Policy 1112.6 (Video Taping of Staff/Students) and Policy 4115.3 (Evaluation Coaches) be “fast tracked” by 2/3 vote of the members present at tonight's meeting per the Bylaws 9311 of the Thomaston Board of Education.

[Discussion Link](#)

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

11.3.2. Potential Action Items

11.3.2.1. Policy 1112.6 – Video Taping of Staff/Students

11.3.2.2. Policy 4115.3 – Evaluation Coaches

Sarah Ethier motioned and Larry Duffany seconded to accept Policy 1112.6 (Video Taping of Staff/Students) and Policy 4115.3 (Evaluation Coaches) as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: **Roxy Fainer**

Motion Carried: 7-0-1

12. Executive Session for the purpose of strategy and negotiations with respect to the collective bargaining unit with AFSCME Council.

Larry Duffany motioned and Tanya Galpin seconded to enter into Executive Session at 7:50p.m for the purpose of strategy and negotiations with respect to the collective bargaining unit between the Thomaston Board of Education and AFSCME Council #4 Local 1303-97 regarding the contract dated July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2029 and invite Superintendent Coss.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

13. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session - Exit Executive Session at 8:05p.m.

Roxy Fainer motioned and Tanya Galpin seconded to approve the AFSCME Council #4 Local 1303-97 contract dated July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2029 as presented.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

14. Adjournment

Tanya Galpin motioned and Amy Sedgwick seconded to adjourn.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 8-0-0

Chairperson Nathan Vieira adjourned the meeting at 8:06p.m.