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THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
VIRTUAL POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 2, 2026 at 5:15 P.M.

This recorded meeting can be viewed on the Board of Education YouTube Channel.

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.

2026-2027 Board of Education Goals:

1. By June 2027, 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 2027, 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:

Rebecca Shypinka, Board Member	Sarah Ethier, Committee Chairperson and Board of Education Vice-Chairperson	Larry Duffany, Board Member
Tanya Galpin, Board of Education Secretary	Nathan Vieira, Ex-Officio Member/Board of Education Chairperson	Cara Files, Board Member
Amy Sedgwick, Board Member	Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent	Amy Pedreira, Board Member

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Presentations** *(Information Related to Current or Future Policy)* - None

3. Discussion Items *(Consider for Policy Revision)*
   - 3.1. 2026 Education Legislation Update - October 5, 2026, Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent
     - 3.1.1. Kindergarten Early Admission - Phase-Out Waivers (Public Act 26-1, Sections 26-27)
     - 3.1.2. Out-of-School Suspension - PreK-Grade 2 (Public Act 26-1, Section 40)
     - 3.1.3. Alternative Educational Opportunity for Twice-Expelled Students (Public Act 26-1, Section 41)
     - 3.1.4. Notification of Restraint and Seclusion (Public Act 26-1, Section 42)
     - 3.1.5. Academic Standards for Interscholastic Athletes (Public Act 26-139, Section 3)
     - 3.1.6. Education of Homeless Children and Youth (Public Act 26-125)
     - 3.1.7. Public School Teacher Payroll Deduction of Union Dues (Public Act 26-12, Section 13)
     - 3.1.8. Administration of Opioid Antagonists (Public Act 26-38, Section 1 & Public Act 26-28, Section 165)
   - 3.2. Athletic Team Offerings and Student Enrollment - Rebecca Shypinka, Board of Education Member
   - 3.3. Policy 2400 Evaluation of the Superintendent - Nathan Vieira, Board of Education Chairperson
     - 3.3.1. Current Policy

4. First Read (Proposed Policy Revisions)
   - 4.1. Policy 3542 - School Lunch Service, Jennifer Zarrilli, Director, Food Services
     - 4.1.1. Initial Marked Up Copy
     - 4.1.2. Updated/Revised Marked Copy
     - 4.1.3. Clean Copy

5. **Second Read** (Proposed Policy Revisions) - None

6. **Action Items** (Finalized Policy Revisions) - None

7. **Adjournment**