A G E N D A
THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Thomaston Town Hall - Meeting Room One

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.

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:

Nathan Vieira, Chairperson	Sarah Ethier, Vice Chairperson	Tanya Galpin, Secretary
Cara Files	Mark Winzler, Interim Superintendent	Marissa McGee Treasurer
Amy Sedgwick	Dustin Galpin, Student Representative	Rebecca Shypinka
Larry Duffany	Zachary Brostek, Student Representative	Amy Pedreira

1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.1-Quorum)

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of Agenda ▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9325.2-Order of Business and Policy 1205-Participation by the Public/Agenda Format/Preparation and Dissemination)

Vote to accept/reject the agenda dated November 9, 2026 as presented.

4. Public Participation ▲▲▲

(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.

5. Consent Agenda ▲
(Bylaws of the Board 9325.21 - Consent Agenda)

5.1. Meeting Minutes
- 5.1.1. Special Meeting Minutes - October 14, 2026
- 5.1.2. Regular Meeting Minutes - October 19, 2026
- 5.1.3. Special Meeting Minutes - October 26, 2026

5.2. Superintendent Communication
- 5.2.1. ParentSquare Correspondence from Superintendent - Posts/Alerts - None

5.3. Personnel
(Policy 4112/4212-Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment)
- 5.3.1. New Hires - None
- 5.3.2. Transfer/New Assignment/Reassignment - None
- 5.3.3. Resignations - None
- 5.3.4. Retirements - None
- 5.3.5. Terminations/Non-Renewals - None
- 5.3.6. Stipends - 2026-2027 - None
- 5.3.7. Sports Stipends - 2026-2027 - None

5.4. Business Manager's Report
- 5.4.1. October 2026 Business Manager's Report

Vote to accept/reject the items listed on the consent agenda as presented.

6. Executive Session for discussion of pending class grievances filed by the T.E.A. and invite Julie Wilde from Shipman & Goodwin and Interim Superintendent of Thomaston Public Schools, Mark Winzler.
Vote to enter into executive session for discussion of pending class grievances filed by the T.E.A. and invite Julie Wilde from Shipman & Goodwin and Interim Superintendent of Thomaston Public Schools, Mark Winzler.

7. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session
Potential action on matters discussed in Executive Session

8. Recognitions ▲

8.1. Student Shout Out
- 8.1.1. Rotary Student of the Month - October 2026 - Matthew Johnson
- 8.1.2. Thomaston Varsity Girls Soccer Team - Berkshire League Tournament Champs

Hannah Zuklie	Kaylee Boulanger	Head Coach: Gregory Blasko
Hana Sela	Kyla Lahey	Assistant Coach: Marc Beaudoin
Samantha Rinaldi	Elyssa Desrosiers	Volunteer: Michael Mentone
Skylar Wain	Leila Wiles	Volunteer: Marc Coer
Jayla Pages	Christina Spina	
Brynn Beaudoin	Emily DosAnjos	
Brooke Salvieitti	Emma Wiles	
Aylin Lahey	Mikilah Gilmore	
Georgia Coer	Tess Harkness	
Emma Harkness	Bruna Fraga (not photographed)	

8.2. Staff Shout Outs
- 8.2.1. November 2026 Staff Spotlight: Carmine DeFiore - Kitchen Manager - Black Rock School

9. Presentations ▲▲▲ - None
Bylaws of the Board 9410 - Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

10. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲
(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

11. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲
(Bylaws of the Board 9121 – Office of the Chairperson)

11.1. 2026 CABE Board of Distinction Award - Thomaston Board of Education (Recipient Since 2015)
11.2. 2026 CABE/CAPSS Convention - November 20-21, 2026 Mystic Marriott, Groton
11.3. Budget Review
11.4. Updated 2026-2027 Thomaston Public Schools Calendar - Change Pertains to High School Only (Early Release Days due to Mid Term Exams: January 19- January 22)
11.5. Discussion and Action Regarding Appointment of Special Counsel Regarding Superintendent Contract
11.6. Discussion on Reaching Out to the State for Technical Support

12. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲
(Policy 2131 – Administration – Superintendent of Schools)

12.1. Correspondence
- 12.1.1. To Superintendent/Board of Education

12.1.1.1. 2026 CABE Board of Distinction Award Notice
12.1.1.2. Student Assessment News - October 2026

12.2. Reports
12.2.1. General Reports - None
12.2.2. Administrator Reports
12.2.2.1. November 2026
12.2.2.2. Change the Scheduled Monday, December 21, 2026 (6:00P.M.) Budget Workshop to Tuesday, January 5, 2027 (6:00P.M.) and Change the Location from Meeting Room One to the Thomaston High School Cafeteria

12.2.3. Residency - None
(Policy 5118-Nonresident Attendance/Tuition Students
12.2.4. Student Discipline - None
(Policy 5144-Discipline)
12.2.5. Homeschooling - None
(Policy 6172.3-Home Schooling)
12.2.6. Enrollment Report
(Policy 5112-Age of Attendance)
12.2.6.1. November 2, 2026
12.2.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
(Policy 4152.6/4252.6-Personal Leaves Family and Medical Leave Act
12.2.7.1. Employee D
12.2.8. Interns and Student Teachers - None
(Policy 1212-School Volunteers)
12.2.9. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies - None
(Policy 3260-Sales & Disposal of Books, Equipment & Supplies)
12.2.10. Field Trips
(Policy 6153- Field Trips - Secondary Schools)
12.2.10.1. Broadway, New York City, The Lost Boys Musical, April 28, 2027 - Drama Club

Vote to accept/reject the Broadway, New York City, The Lost Boys Musical, Field Trip as presented for April 28, 2027

13. Committee Reports ▲
(Bylaws of the Board 9132-Standing Committees and Bylaws of the Board 9133-Special Committees/Advisory Committees)

13.1. Budget Audit Committee - November 9, 2026
13.1.1. Expenditures Report - November 2, 2026
13.1.2. Expenditures for the Month: $2,157,351
13.1.3. Payroll Update
13.2. Policy Committee - November 2, 2026
(Policy 2231-Administration/Policy and Regulation Systems)

14. Adjournment
Vote to adjourn.