



## A G E N D A

### THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, April 13, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Auditorium Entrance - Door# 2

*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](mailto: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  
Anthony Kepler  
Roxy Fainer

### 1. Establishment of a Quorum and Call to Order

[\(Bylaws of the Board 93251-Quorum\)](#)

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Approval of Agenda ▲

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

**Vote to accept/reject the agenda dated April 13, 2026 as presented.**

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

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9325 - Meeting Conduct\)](#)

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

- Five minutes may be allotted to each speaker and a maximum of twenty minutes to each subject matter.
- No boisterous conduct shall be permitted; persistence in boisterous conduct shall be grounds for termination of that person's privilege to address the Board. The Chairperson may clear the room so that Board members may continue the meeting.
- No oral presentation shall include charges/complaints against any Board of Education employee regardless of whether or not the employee is identified by name.
- Speakers are asked to express themselves in a civil manner, with due respect for the dignity and privacy of others who may be affected by their comments. While it is not the Board's intent to stifle public comment, speakers should be aware that if their statements violate the rights of others under the law of defamation or invasion of privacy, the speaker may be held legally responsible. Speakers unsure of the legal ramifications of what they are about to say are urged to consult first with their legal advisor.

NOTE: Per the August 2016 Policy Committee Meeting, responses to speakers will be in the form of a written letter from the Board Chairperson. Speakers will not receive a verbal reply to public comment during a meeting. The written response will be linked to the minutes of the meeting during which the comments were made and the same response will be linked to the agenda of the next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education under "Chairperson Report."

### 5. Approval of Minutes ▲

#### 5.1. [Special Meeting Minutes - February 4, 2026](#)

**Vote to accept/reject the Special Meeting Minutes dated February 4, 2026 as presented.**

#### 5.2. [Regular Meeting Minutes - February 9, 2026](#)

**Vote to accept/reject the Regular Meeting Minutes dated February 9, 2026 as presented.**

#### 5.3. [Budget Workshop Minutes - March 12, 2026](#)

**Vote to accept/reject the Budget Workshop Minutes dated March 12, 2026 as presented.**

### 6. Recognitions ▲

#### 6.1. Student Shout-Out

##### 6.1.1. [Rotary Student of the Month - February 2026 - Kylee Ballance](#)

##### 6.1.2. [Students of the Month - February 2026](#)

Grade 12: Kylee Ballance	Grade 11: Matthew Johnson	Grade 10: Dustin Galpin	Grade 9: Zoe Kociszewski
Grade 8: Elyssa Desrosiers	Grade 7: Madison Lachance	Grade 6: Brady Tita	Grade 5: Aaiden Cruz
Grade 4: Collin Moher	Grade 3: Colin Sayers	Grade 2: Marcus Lachance	Grade 1: Chen Kayden
Kindergarten: Cameron Donofrio	Preschool: Ava Rodriguez		

- 6.1.3. [Top Three Spelling Bee Winners](#) – Sponsored by the Thomaston Education Enrichment Fund  
 First Place Winner – Sophia Santa Maria – Grade 5  
 Second Place Winner -Isabella VanOrmer- Grade 6  
 Third Place Winner – Tristan Perez- Grade 5
- 6.1.4. Grade 6 Invention Convention Winners  
[Leon Gonzalez and Gino Pedreira](#) – Rim Adjust: This invention allows basketball players to change the size of the hoop.  
[Hunter Fedorich and Camron Tirell](#) – Sting Stopper: This invention is a device which attaches to a baseball bat to help reduce the sting one feels when hitting baseballs.  
[Elise Williams](#) – Paw Minder: This invention is a reminder to feed your dog or pet.
- 6.1.5. Connecticut Association of Schools (CAS) Celebration of the Arts Award Recipients  
[Thomaston Center School](#): Kaylani Marble – Grade 6                      Elise Williams – Grade 6  
[Black Rock School](#):                      Eliana Kuehl – Grade 3                      Everett Weigold – Grade 3
- 6.2. Staff Shout-Out
  - 6.2.1. [March 2026 Staff Spotlight: Heidi Laus – Social Studies Teacher, Thomaston High School](#)
  - 6.2.2. [April 2026 Staff Spotlight: Kristin Bernier – Principal, Thomaston Center School](#)
  - 6.2.3. [Ms. Lavoie’s Classroom Youtube Channel](#), Board Certified Behavior Analyst, Thomaston Public Schools
  - 6.2.4. Jennifer Zarrilli, Food Services Director – Thomaston Public Schools – President-Elect – School Nutrition Association of Connecticut (SNACT)
  - 6.2.5. Tenure Achievement – Thomaston Public Schools  
 Jennifer Babb – Art Teacher – Black Rock School & Thomaston Center School  
 Catherine Callahan – Physical Education Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Sarah DeMatteis – Grade 6 Teacher – Thomaston Center School  
 Grace Duke – Speech Language Pathologist – Thomaston Public Schools  
 Jessica Fistola – Grade 4 Teacher – Thomaston Center School  
 Erica Flanagan – English Teacher – Thomaston High School  
 Terri Franzi – History Teacher – Thomaston High School  
 Jaimee Hustek – School Counselor – Thomaston Center School  
 Beverly Johnson – Kindergarten Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Megan Kellogg – Library Media Specialist – Thomaston Center School  
 Cheyenne Kiely – Grade 1 – Black Rock School  
 Julia Kunic – Grade 2 Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Beth Lahey – Grade 2 Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Susan Larson – Reading Interventionist – Thomaston Public Schools  
 Kelly Pavelchak – Kindergarten Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Rachel Pelletier – School Counselor – Black Rock School  
 Breanna Riollano – School Counselor – Thomaston High School  
 Sarah Ryan – Grade 6 Teacher – Thomaston Center School  
 Eileen Stowe – Science Teacher – Thomaston High School  
 Nicole Sul – Preschool Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Jessyca Lyons-Tucker – English Teacher – Thomaston High School  
 Sarah Wallace – Kindergarten Teacher – Black Rock School  
 Michael Watson – Mathematics Teacher – Thomaston High School  
 Elizabeth West – Special Education Teacher – Thomaston High School

## 7. Presentations ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9410 – Public Announcement of Accomplishments)

- 7.1. [Francesco Treglia, Class of 2025 – Capstone Presentation](#)

## 8. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9160 – Student Representation on the Board of Education)

- 8.1. [March 2026](#)
- 8.2. [April 2026](#)

## 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. [Second Quarter Honor Roll – Thomaston High School](#)
- 9.3. [Board of Education Member Appreciation Month – March 2026 – Thomaston Board of Education Members](#)
- 9.4. Feasibility Study Update
- 9.5. United States Semiquincentennial Celebration

**Potential action on United States Semiquincentennial Celebration.**

9.6. [CABE Resolution – Comprehensive Student Mental Health and Behavioral Support Framework](#)  
**Vote to accept/reject the CABE resolution “Comprehensive Student Mental Health & Behavioral Support Framework” as presented.**

9.7. [Designate CABE Liaison](#)  
**Potential actions related to the Chairperson's Report.**

## 10. Superintendent’s Report ▲▲▲▲

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

### 10.1. Correspondence

#### 10.1.1. From Superintendent

##### 10.1.1.1. ParentSquare Correspondence from Superintendent – Posts/Alerts

10.1.1.1.1. We Appreciate Our School Counselors! February 2, 2026 at 9:00AM EST

10.1.1.1.2. Governor’s Prevention Partnership – Inside the Teen Mind: Cannabis Facts for Parents and Teens, February 9, 2026 at 4:39PM

10.1.1.1.3. Early Dismissal and No Afterschool/Evening Activities TODAY-February 20, 2026 at 6:07AM EST *(this message was sent to staff only)*

10.1.1.1.4. Early Dismissal and No Afterschool/Evening Activities TODAY-February 20, 2026 at 7:07AM EST

10.1.1.1.5. Thomaston Schools Closed beginning 6pm today through Monday, February 23, 2026 –February 22, 2026 at 1:50PM

10.1.1.1.6. NO SCHOOL TOMORROW – February 24, 2026–February 23, 2026 at 1:51PM

10.1.1.1.7. School Status for Tomorrow–February 24, 2026 at 4:38PM EST

10.1.1.1.8. 3–Hour Delayed Opening TODAY-February 25, 2026 at 4:35AM EST

10.1.1.1.9. Change in Status: SCHOOL IS CLOSED TODAY-February 25, 2026 at 8:07AM EST

10.1.1.1.10. We Appreciate Our Board of Education!–March 1, 2026 at 9:02AM EST

10.1.1.1.11. We Appreciate our School Social Workers!– March 2, 2026 at 9:03AM EST

10.1.1.1.12. School is CANCELED–March 3, 2026 at 4:59AM EST

10.1.1.1.13. 2–Hour Delay – TODAY – March 4, 2026 at 5:31 AM EST

10.1.1.1.14. Police at BRS–March 9, 2026 at 3:57 PM EST

10.1.1.1.15. Cancellation of History Rocks!–March 10, 2026 at 4:08PM EST

10.1.1.1.16. We Appreciate Our Board Certified Behavior Analyst!– March 20, 2026 at 9:03AM EST

10.1.1.1.17. We Appreciate Our Paraprofessionals!–April 1, 2026 at 9:03AM EST

**Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent’s correspondence per Policy 2131 as presented.**

#### 10.1.2. To Superintendent/Board of Education

10.1.2.1. [EdAdvance Scholarship Letter](#)

10.1.2.2. [Student Assessment News – February 2026](#)

10.1.2.3. [February Insights & Solutions: Helping Kids Develop a Healthy Self-Concept](#)

10.1.2.4. [Journal for Leadership and Instruction – Fall 2025 Issue](#)

10.1.2.5. [March Insights & Solutions: Recognizing Signs of Trauma in Children](#)

10.1.2.6. [Student Assessment News – March 2026](#)

### 10.2. Reports

#### 10.2.1. General Reports

10.2.1.1. [Quarterly Goals Reports – Quarter 3](#) (January 5, 2026 – March 20, 2026)

**Vote to acknowledge the Quarterly Goals Reports – Quarter 3 (January 5, 2026 – March 20, 2026).**

#### 10.2.2. Administrator Reports

10.2.2.1. [March 2026](#)

10.2.2.2. [April 2026](#)

10.2.2.3. [Recently Enacted State Legislation Public Act 26–1 Early Kindergarten Admission](#)

**Vote to accept/reject the recommendation of the superintendent to adopt a temporary early kindergarten admission policy effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 as presented in the superintendent's memo.**

10.2.2.4. [Curriculum Guides](#)

**Vote to accept/reject the curriculum guides as presented.**

#### 10.2.3. Residency – None

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

#### 10.2.4. Student Discipline

[\(Policy 5144–Discipline\)](#)

10.2.4.1. Expulsion Hearing Notice – Student IX

10.2.4.2. Expulsion Hearing Notice – Student X

## 10.2.5. Homeschooling

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

### 10.2.5.1. Superintendent's Acknowledgement to Homeschool – Student G

## 10.2.6. Enrollment Report

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

### 10.2.6.1. [March 2, 2026](#)

### 10.2.6.2. [April 1, 2026](#)

### 10.2.6.3. [2025-2026 Special Education Trend Report](#)

## 10.2.7. Personnel

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

### 10.2.7.1. New Hires

10.2.7.1.1. Sana Masood, full-time NAEYC Paraprofessional, Black Rock School\*March 23, 2026

### 10.2.7.2. Transfer/New Assignment/Reassignment

10.2.7.2.1. Kurt Brown, from Full Time, NAEYC Qualified Paraprofessional at Black Rock School to Full Time Paraprofessional at Thomaston Center School\*February 23, 2026

10.2.7.2.2. Izaiah Ortiz from Full Time Custodian II, Thomaston Public Schools to a Full Time Custodian II at Thomaston High School\*February 23, 2026

### 10.2.7.3. Resignations

10.2.7.3.1. Kurt Brown, Paraprofessional, Thomaston Center School\*February 26, 2026

### 10.2.7.4. Retirements – None

### 10.2.7.5. Terminations/Non-Renewals – None

### 10.2.7.6. Stipends – 2025-2026

10.2.7.6.1. Jessica Freeman – Building Test Coordinator – Black Rock School

10.2.7.6.2. Susan Larson – Building Test Coordinator – Thomaston Center School

10.2.7.6.3. Rachel Soss – Building Test Coordinator – Thomaston High School

10.2.7.6.4. Spring Sports – 2025-2026

10.2.7.6.4.1. Heather Patchell – Softball Junior Varsity Coach

***Vote to acknowledge the Superintendent's notification of Personnel per Policy 4112/4212 Personnel – Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment as presented.***

### 10.2.7.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)

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

10.2.7.7.1. Employee P

10.2.7.7.2. Employee Q

### 10.2.7.8. Interns and Student Teachers – None

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

## 10.2.8. Field Trips

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

### 10.2.8.1. [Cape Ann Whale Watch – Gloucester, Massachusetts – Science Club – June 16, 2026](#)

***Vote to accept/reject the Cape Ann Whale Watch field trip in Gloucester, Massachusetts on June 16, 2026.***

## 10.2.9. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies

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

### 10.2.9.1. [Superintendent's Acknowledgement to Request for Disposal of Books](#)

## 11. Committee Reports ▲

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

### 11.1. [Virtual Achievement Committee Meeting – March 24, 2026](#)

### 11.2. [Budget Audit Committee – March 4, 2026](#)

#### 11.2.1. [February 2026 Business Manager's Report](#)

11.2.2. Expenditures for the Month: \$1,334,845

***Vote to accept/reject the Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented for February 2026.***

### 11.3. [Budget Audit Committee – April 8, 2026](#)

#### 11.3.1. [March 2026 Business Manager's Report](#)

11.3.2. Expenditures for the Month: \$1,748,850

***Vote to accept/reject the Business and Finance Report and Expenditures per Policy 3432/3433 Business/Non-Instructional Operations – Budget & Expense Report/Annual Financial Statement as presented for March 2026.***

### 11.3.3. Healthy Food Certification – Thomaston Public Schools

11.3.3.1. Healthy Food Option, Specifically Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f

***Vote to accept/reject that Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Thomaston Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the***

*period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.*

#### 11.3.3.2. Combined Food and Beverage Exemptions

*Vote to accept/reject that the Thomaston Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.*

#### 11.4. [Policy Committee - March 2, 2026](#)

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

#### 11.5. [Policy Committee - April 13, 2026](#)

##### 11.5.1. Policy 9325 - Meeting Conduct

*Vote to accept/reject Policy 9325 - Meeting Conduct as presented.*

##### 11.5.2. Policy 1120 - Public Participation

*Vote to accept/reject Policy 1120 - Public Participation as presented.*

##### 11.5.3. Policy 2120 - Thomaston Board of Education Organizational Chart

*Vote to accept/reject Policy 2120 - Thomaston Board of Education Organizational Chart as presented.*

## 12. Adjournment

*Vote to adjourn.*