



MINUTES THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET WORKSHOP

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. Thomaston High School Cafeteria Entrance

Due to inclement weather, this meeting was held virtually. A ParentSquare notification was sent to the district families and staff

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
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 6:03p.m.
- 1.2. Board Members in Attendance: **Chairperson Nathan Vieira, Vice Chairperson Sarah Ethier, Secretary Tanya Galpin, Treasurer Marissa McGee, Cara Files, Amy Sedgwick, Larry Duffany, Roxy Fainer, Superintendent Francine Coss**
- 1.3. Board Member Absent: **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: Andrea Peters, Cristina Kingsbury, Jonathan Kozlak, Kristin Bernier, Pamela Nascimento
- 1.6. Others in Attendance: Attallah Roundtree, Adam Silverman, Beth Campbell, Rich Sileo, George Seabourne, Jack DeOliviera, Luke Freimuth, Doctor Michael Watson, Mike Madow, Michelina Stanley, Makenzie Chasse

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Welcome the Thomaston Board of Selectmen and Thomaston Board of Finance

4. Enter into Executive Session for the Purpose of Negotiations with Respect to Collective Bargaining – Entered into Executive Session at 6:04p.m.

Larry Duffany motioned that we enter into executive session with the members of the invited boards, our superintendent and Ms. Roundtree to join us and Tanya Galpin seconded.

Nathan Vieira had difficulty hearing due to some feedback on his end. He asked Larry Duffany to repeat his motion.

Larry Duffany motioned that we enter into executive session with our board, the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, Superintendent Coss and Ms. Roundtree – Tanya Galpin seconded.

Discussion: Roxy Fainer requested that the motion be modified to state the purpose of entering into executive session.

Larry Duffany amended the motion to include – for the purpose of collective bargaining – Tanya Galpin seconded.

Opposed: None

Abstain: Nathan Vieira

Motion Carried: 7-0-1

5. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Public Session – Exit Executive Session at 6:38p.m.

There were technical difficulties preventing members of the Board of Education, the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen from rejoining the Zoom session. All members were ultimately able to reconnect, with the exception of Roxy Fainer. Roxy Fainer texted Nathan Vieira that she was not able to rejoin the meeting and tried various times and methods for over half an hour. She was only able to view the meeting live on YouTube.

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. 2026-2027 Thomaston Public Schools Education Budget PowerPoint

8.2. Central Office Narrative

A request was made by Larry Duffany for clarification regarding the expenses included in the CABE fees. At the time of the meeting, Attallah Roundtree did not have the CABE invoice available. The invoice was provided to Superintendent Coss the following morning and was immediately shared with members of the Board of Education. Please click [here](#) to view the CABE invoice.

8.3. Technology Narrative

Technical difficulties prevented Geoff Dobos from rejoining the meeting following the executive session. Superintendent Coss and Attallah Roundtree addressed the majority of questions raised during this session. Additional questions regarding chromebooks were answered by Geoff Dobos the following morning. Superintendent Coss subsequently shared this information with members of the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance. Please click [here](#) to read the responses regarding chromebooks and associated [documents](#)..

8.4. Emergency Management Narrative

8.5. Pupil Services and Medical Services Narrative

8.6. Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Narrative

8.7. Thomaston High School and PATHS and Athletics Narrative

Cristina Kingsbury updated her narrative after the agenda was distributed on January 22, 2026. Click [here](#) to view Cristina's updated narrative that she presented during the meeting.

8.8. Thomaston Center School Narrative

8.9. Black Rock School Narrative

9. 2026-2031 Capital

9.1. Thomaston High School

A question regarding the Thomaston High School gymnasium floor was raised by Sarah Ethier. The following day, Cristina Kingsbury contacted Spencer Luthy, the District Lead Custodian, to address the inquiry. Spencer Luthy's response was shared with Sarah Ethier and Superintendent Coss, who subsequently shared the information to members of the Board of Education, the Board of Selectmen, and the Board of Finance. Please click [here](#) to read the information that was provided.

9.2. Thomaston Center School

9.3. Black Rock School

9.4. Technology

10. Questions and Discussion

Discussion link

Sarah Ethier motioned to ask the admins to come in with a 3% increase to the school budget down from to the four and change that we had and we will reconvene in March and Marissa McGee seconded.

Discussion: Superintendent Coss recommended including the date of the Budget Workshop in the motion.

Sarah Ethier amended the motion to include - by March 2nd - Marissa McGee seconded.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: Nathan Vieira

A roll call vote was conducted due to the departure of a few Board of Education members from the meeting.

Sarah Ethier, Larry Duffany, Marissa McGee, Cara Files voted in favor of the amended motion and Nathan Vieira abstained.

Motion Carried: 4-0-1

11. Adjournment

Sarah Ethier motioned and Marissa McGee seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Discussion: None

Opposed: None

Abstain: Nathan Vieira

Motion Carried: 4-0-1

Chairperson Nathan Vieira adjourned the meeting at 10:21p.m