



## MINUTES THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING (VIRTUAL)

Thursday, July 2, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting will be recorded and can be viewed on the [Board of Education YouTube Channel](#).  
(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  
Cara Files  
Amy Sedgwick  
Zachary Brostek, Student Representative

Sarah Ethier, Vice Chairperson  
Tanya Galpin, Secretary  
Francine Coss, Superintendent  
Larry Duffany

Marissa McGee, Treasurer  
Roxy Fainer  
Matthew VanOrmer (*appointed; not yet sworn in*)  
Dustin Galpin, Student Representative

### 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 6:02p.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, Superintendent Francine Coss
- 1.3. Student Representatives Absent: Dustin Galpin, Zachary Brostek (*the student representatives were not required to attend this meeting*)
- 1.4. Others in Attendance: Michelina Stanley

### 2. Pledge of Allegiance

### 3. Filling Board of Education Vacancy or Anthony Kepler per Policy 9221

(Bylaws of the Board 9221 - Filling Vacancies)

- 3.1 [Rebecca Shypinka](#)
- 3.2 [Matthew VanOrmer](#)
- 3.3 Potential Nominee from the Floor

**Roxy Fainer moved to nominate Matthew VanOrmer to fill the vacancy on the Board of Education and Tanya Galpin seconded.**

Discussion: None

Opposed: **Marissa McGee**

Abstain: None

Motion Carried: 7-1-0

### 4. 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 6:07p.m.**