



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.