



A G E N D A

THOMASTON BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING

Monday, May 11, 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 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 May 11, 2026 as presented.

4. Discussion of current restrictions on length of Board Meetings

Potential Action related to discussion of current restrictions on length of Board Meetings.

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

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

6. Approval of Minutes ▲

6.1. [Regular Meeting Minutes – April 13, 2026](#)

Vote to accept/reject the Regular Meeting Minutes dated April 13, 2026 as presented.

6.2. [Special Meeting Minutes – April 17, 2026](#)

Vote to accept/reject the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 17, 2026 as presented.

6.3. [Special Meeting Minutes – April 24, 2026](#)

Vote to accept/reject the Special Meeting Minutes dated April 24, 2026 as presented.

7. Recognitions ▲

7.1. Student Shout-Out

7.1.1. [Rotary Student of the Month - March 2026 - Lucas Koval](#)

7.1.2. [Students of the Month - March 2026](#)

Grade 12: Lucas Koval

Grade 8: Scarlett Alvey

Grade 4: Ashley Valentine

Grade 1: Avery Lee

Grade 11: Zachary Brostek

Grade 7: Ella Holway

Grade 3: Maeve Hawley

Kindergarten: Macie Milazzo

Grade 10: Collin Moser

Grade 6: Leon Gonzalez

Grade 2: Avalyn Davies

Preschool: Landon Thomas

Grade 9: Colten Chasse

Grade 5: Matthew Ziemba

7.1.3. [Rotary Student of the Month - April 2026 - G Wilmont Hungerford](#)

7.1.4. [Students of the Month - April 2026](#)

Grade 12: G Wilmont Hungerford

Grade 8: Jeffrey Collins

Grade 4: Jamison Ireland

Grade 1: Samuel Duke

Grade 11: Briana Belanger

Grade 7: Evan Beierly

Grade 3: Mia Fairfax

Kindergarten: Lyric Joseph

Grade 10: Brynn Beaudoin

Grade 6: Lincoln Embleton

Grade 2: Adelina Santa Maria

Preschool: Evan Warren

Grade 9: Ahren-John Stadalnik

Grade 5: Angelina Villanueva-Uzategui

7.1.5. [Connecticut Association of Public Schools Superintendents/Litchfield County Superintendent Association Student Recognition](#)

Grade 12: [Abigail Sedgwick](#)

Grade 12: [Tyler Veronesi](#)

Grade 8: [Tessa Hungerford](#)

Grade 6: [Isabella VanOrmer](#)

7.2. Board of Education Member Shout-Out

7.2.1. [Marissa McGee - Participation in the Thomaston High School Career Fair](#)

7.3. Staff Shout-Out

7.3.1. [May 2026 Staff Spotlight: Pam Rinkus - Cafeteria Worker, Thomaston Center School](#)

7.3.2. [Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee - Robert McMahon, Grade 5 Teacher and Middle School Athletic Coordinator](#)

7.3.3. [Connecticut Women's Basketball Hall of Fame Inductee - Abby Hurlbert, Thomaston High School Class of 2014](#)

7.3.4. Special Olympics Connecticut, Inc. (SOCT) \$1,000 Grant Recipient - Jennifer Ewart - Health & Physical Education Teacher, Thomaston High School

7.3.5. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Planet Steward \$5,000 Grant Recipients - Thomaston High School

Susan Abbott - World Language Teacher - Thomaston High School

Michelle Dayton - Digital Science Library Media Specialist - Thomaston High School

James Newton - Science Teacher - Thomaston High School

Eileen Stowe - Science Teacher - Thomaston High School

8. Presentations ▲▲▲ - None

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

9. Student Representatives Report ▲▲▲

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

10. Chairperson's Report ▲▲▲

(Bylaws of the Board 9121 - Office of the Chairperson)

10.1. [Progress Report on 2025-2026 Goals for the Thomaston Board of Education and the Superintendent of Schools](#)

10.2. Feasibility Study Update

10.3. [Response to Public Comment at the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting of the BOE](#)

10.4. [2026-2027 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar - change spring break from April 5th- April 10th to April 12th to April 16th to coincide with surrounding districts](#)

Vote to accept/reject the proposed changes to the 2026-2027 Thomaston Public Schools District Calendar to change spring break from April 5th- April 10th to April 12th to April 16th as presented to coincide with surrounding districts.

10.5. Student Representation of the Board of Education

10.5.1. [Letter of Recommendation - Dustin Galpin - Grade 11 Student Representative 2026-2027](#)

10.5.2. [Letter of Recommendation - Zachary Brostek - Grade 12 Student Representative 2026-2027](#)

Vote to accept/reject the recommendations of Dustin Galpin and Zachary Brostek as the 2026-2027 Student Representatives.

11. Superintendent's Report ▲▲▲

(Policy 2131 - Administration - Superintendent of Schools)

11.1. Correspondence

11.1.1. From Superintendent

11.1.1.1. [Shout Out Letters - April 13, 2026 Recognition](#)

11.1.1.2. [Thank You Letter to Francesco Treglia](#)

11.1.1.3. ParentSquare Correspondence from Superintendent - Posts/Alerts

11.1.1.3.1. Happy Easter Bear Nation! - April 5, 2026 at 9:01AM EST

11.1.1.3.2. We Appreciate Our Assistant Principal! - April 6, 2026 at 9:03AM EST

11.1.1.3.3. We Appreciate Our Administrative Professionals! - April 22, 2026 at 9:02AM EST

- 11.1.1.3.4. Police at BRS - April 22, 2025 at 3:22PM EST
- 11.1.1.3.5. We Appreciate Our School Bus Drivers! - April 28, 2026 at 9:01AM EST
- 11.1.1.3.6. We Appreciate Our Food Service Staff! - May 1, 2026 at 9:03AM EST
- 11.1.1.3.7. We Appreciate Our Teachers and Certified Staff! - May 4, 2026 at 9:02AM EST
- 11.1.1.3.8. We Appreciate Our School Nurses! - May 6, 2026 at 9:02AM EST

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

- 11.1.2. To Superintendent/Board of Education
 - 11.1.2.1. [Student Assessment News - April 2026](#)
 - 11.1.2.2. [Insights & Solutions: Screen Time, Sleep, and Mental Health](#)
- 11.2. Reports
 - 11.2.1. General Reports
 - 11.2.1.1. [Report on United States Semiquincentennial \(250th\) and Local Civics Education Initiatives](#)
 - 11.2.1.2. [2026-2027 Mid-term and Final Exams Committee Proposal - Thomaston High School, Cristina Kingsbury, Principal - Thomaston High School](#)

Vote to accept/reject the reinstatement of mid-term and final examinations for students in Grades 9 through 12 at Thomaston High School, effective beginning with the 2026-2027 school year.

- 11.2.1.3. [Connecticut Labor CONN-OSHA Consultation Report - Thomaston High School](#)
 - 11.2.1.3.1. [Cover Letter - March 16, 2026](#)
 - 11.2.1.3.2. [Appendix B - Employer Report of Action Taken](#)
 - 11.2.1.3.3. [Request for Extension 1](#)
 - 11.2.1.3.4. [Request for Extension 2](#)
 - 11.2.1.3.5. [Revised Thomaston Public Schools Chemical Hygiene Plan](#)

Vote to acknowledge documents pertaining to the OSHA Consultation Report (agenda items 11.2.1.3 through 11.2.1.3.5) as presented.

- 11.2.2. Administrator Reports
 - 11.2.2.1. [May 2026](#)
- 11.2.3. Residency - None
[\(Policy 5118-Nonresident Attendance/Tuition Students\)](#)
- 11.2.4. Student Discipline
[\(Policy 5144-Discipline\)](#)
 - 11.2.4.1. Expulsion Hearing Notice - Student XI
- 11.2.5. Homeschooling - None
[\(Policy 6172-3-Home Schooling\)](#)
- 11.2.6. Enrollment Report
[\(Policy 5112-Age of Attendance\)](#)
 - 11.2.6.1. [May 1, 2026](#)
- 11.2.7. Personnel
[\(Policy 4112/4212-Certified/Non-Certified Appointment and Conditions of Employment\)](#)
 - 11.2.7.1. New Hires
 - 11.2.7.1.1. Michael McMahan, full-time Paraprofessional, Thomaston Center School*April 13, 2026
 - 11.2.7.2. Transfer/New Assignment/Reassignment
 - 11.2.7.2.1. Heather Boulanger (temporary assignment) covering Attendance Secretary, Thomaston High School*April 22, 2026
 - 11.2.7.2.2. Kathy Squatriglia (transfer) from 12 month Black Rock School Secretary to Accounts Payable Accountant*April 22, 2026
 - 11.2.7.2.3. Wendy Thomas (temporary assignment) from 10 month Thomaston High School Secretary to 12 Month Black Rock School Secretary*April 22, 2026 - May 7, 2026
 - 11.2.7.3. Resignations
 - 11.2.7.3.1. Grace Duke, Speech Language Pathologist, Thomaston Center School/Thomaston High School *August 20, 2026
 - 11.2.7.4. Retirements
 - 11.2.7.4.1. Julie-Han Duggan, Accounts Payable Accountant*January 14, 2027
 - 11.2.7.4.2. Edward Stack, Custodian, Black Rock School*May 15, 2026
 - 11.2.7.5. Terminations/Non-Renewals
 - 11.2.7.5.1. Izaiah Ortiz, Custodian, Thomaston High School*April 16, 2026
 - 11.2.7.5.2. Dennis Mennillo, Science Teacher, Thomaston High School*June 23, 2026
 - 11.2.7.6. Stipends - 2025-2026
 - 11.2.7.6.1. Spring Sports - 2025-2026
 - 11.2.7.6.1.1. Sarah DeMatteis - Track and Field Middle School Assistant 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.

11.2.7.7. Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) – None

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

11.2.7.8. Interns and Student Teachers – None

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

11.2.8. Field Trips

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

11.2.8.1. [Modification of April 13, 2026–Approved Science Club Field Trip \(Addition of Grades 7–8\)](#)

Vote to accept/reject the request to amend the previously approved Science Club field trip from the April 13, 2026 Regular Meeting of the BOE, for the Cape Ann Whale Watch scheduled on June 16, 2026, to include participation from students in grades 7 and 8, as outlined in the email submitted by Cristina Kingsbury.

11.2.9. Sales and Disposal of Books, Equipment and Supplies – None

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

12. Committee Reports ▲

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

12.1. [Budget Audit Committee – May 6, 2026](#)

12.1.1. [April 2026 Business Manager’s Report](#)

12.1.2. Expenditures for the Month: \$1,381,123

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 April 2026.

12.1.3. [Proposal to the Thomaston Board of Education: Increase in Meal Prices for the 2026 – 2027 School Year](#)

Vote to accept/reject the Proposal to the Thomaston Board of Education: Increase in Meal Prices for the 2026 – 2027 School Year as presented.

12.2. [Policy Committee – May 4, 2026](#)

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

12.2.1. Fast – Tracking Seven Policies

Vote to permit Policy 6140 (Curriculum), Policy 6161.12/1312.3 (Library Material Review and Reconsideration), Policy 6161.13/1312.4 (Library, Collection Development and Maintenance), Policy 6161.14/1312.5 (Library Display and Program Policy), Policy 9325.21 (Bylaws of the Board – Order of Business – Consent Agenda), Policy 5141.213 (Administering Medication), Policy 5114 (Removal/Suspension/Expulsion) be “fast tracked” by 2/3 vote of the members present at tonight’s meeting.

Vote to accept/reject Policy 6161.12/1312.3 (Library Material Review and Reconsideration), Policy 6161.13/1312.4 (Library, Collection Development and Maintenance), Policy 6161.14/1312.5 (Library Display and Program Policy), Policy 9325.21 (Bylaws of the Board – Order of Business – Consent Agenda), Policy 5141.213 (Administering Medication), Policy 5114 (Removal/Suspension/Expulsion) as presented.

12.2.2. Action Items

12.2.2.1. Policy 9121 – Office of the Chairperson

12.2.2.2. Policy 5113.13 – Work-Study Student Employment/Work

Vote to accept/reject Policy 9121 – Office of the Chairperson and Policy 5113.13 – Work Study Student Employment/Work as presented.

13. Enter into Executive Session for the purpose of self-assessment of individual members of the Leadership Team including discussion regarding goal attainment and handling of unanticipated challenges

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9322 – Public and Executive Session\)](#)

13.1. [Policy 2400 – Evaluation of the Superintendent](#)

13.2. [Form 1 – Board of Education Self-Evaluation](#)

Vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of self-assessment of individual members of the Leadership Team (Board of Education) including discussion regarding goal attainment and handling of unanticipated challenges inviting Superintendent Coss.

14. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session

Potential action on the matters discussed in Executive Session.

15. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of Superintendent Francine Coss’ presentation of “year in review” self-assessment to the Board of Education

[\(Bylaws of the Board 9322 – Public and Executive Sessions\)](#)

15.1. [Policy 2400 – Evaluation of the Superintendent](#)

15.2. [Superintendent Evaluation Form](#)

Vote to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of Superintendent’s presentation of “year in review” self-assessment to the Board of Education (Leadership Team) inviting Superintendent Coss.

16. Exit Executive Session/Enter into Regular Session

Potential action on the matters discussed in Executive Session.

17. Adjournment

Vote to adjourn.