



**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES/MOTIONS**

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION	<b>Board of Education VOICE Committee</b>
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	<b>March 23, 2026</b>
LOCATION	<b>GMS Media</b>
DATE OF MEETING	<b>April 22, 2026</b>
TIME MEETING STARTED	6:32 p.m..
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Sandy Mal, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

**MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:**

Jennifer Baron-Morfea (Committee Chair)	Bryan Addy
Thomas Cosker	
Jessica Loffredo Board Chair	
Also present: Kristen Dudanowicz, Maria Mennella, Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent, Dr. Scott Nozik, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations, Wendy Durand, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Anabelle Diaz-Santiago, Interim Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Student Services, Ron Lamontagne, Director of Facilities, John Fote, Principal, Jason Maziarz, Principal, Bethany Calado, Principal, Cara Quinn, Principal, Cara Faucher, Asst. Principal, Thomas Cassello, Interim Principal, Kaitlyn Moore, Interim Assistant Principal, Jessie Herman, Director of Special Education.	

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM   2   QUORUM PRESENT  Yes  No

**TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES**

**DISCUSSION**

<p><b>1. Call to Order-</b> Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea called the meeting to order at 6:32</p> <p><b>2. Presentations &amp; Discussions-</b> Ms. Durand and Dr. Diaz-Santiago presented on:</p> <p><b>-An update on current curriculum work and a website overview.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural Celebrations, Field Trips (both in and out of the school) and Music Programs.</li> <li>• Community Engagement Book Clubs with staff and parents ongoing; <i>The Anxious Generation</i>, followed by <i>Trauma-Informed Practice</i>, and <i>Hidden Biases</i>.</li> <li>• Continued Professional Development to train staff on diversity.</li> <li>• Diversity &amp; Excellence Committee: Plans are underway to restart this committee with representation from all five schools, with a goal of incorporating student input by Fall 2026.</li> </ul>
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**-Student assembly feedback**

- 733 students took the survey; results were positive.
- The district will implement pre- and post-assembly surveys to better measure impact.
- Interactive group activities involving real-life scenarios.
- Balancing home and school life when navigating "courageous conversations" regarding challenging behaviors.
- Providing safe spaces for students to talk.

**-A PDEC update**

- Teacher Evaluation Plan.
- Half day Professional Developments on Culturally Responsive Pedagogy.
- Ongoing effort to assess specific teacher needs to support a Culturally Responsive Curricula.
- Identify a guest speaker for Convocation to discuss culturally responsive practices.

**-An overview of secondary supports, including SEL**

- Restorative practices at every school.
- Well-being of students to provide trust and growth to continue to foster positive relationships.
- DESSA Screener – GMS and RHHS started the program after January 2026.
- Moser will start the program in the 2026-2027 school year.
  - DESSA Screener data to be used at MTSS Meetings.

**3. Motion to Adjourn:** by Thomas Cosker and seconded by Bryan Addy

The meeting was officially closed 7:41p.m.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:41 p.m. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of BOE Approval: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of BOE Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_