



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

In order to comply with Connecticut General Statutes regarding minutes of meetings, the following will be used to record information during all public meetings that take place. An original must be submitted to the Town Clerk of Rocky Hill within 48 hours of the meeting being adjourned. Motions should be complete, showing the maker and second of the motion as well as how each member voted. Unanimous votes may be listed as unanimous.

NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION	Board of Education Special Education Committee	
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	October 8, 2026	
LOCATION	Moser School Media Center	
DATE OF MEETING	October 13, 2026	
TIME MEETING STARTED	7:01 p.m.	
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Sandy Mal, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools	
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	☐ Yes	☒ No
AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	☐ Yes	☒ No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

Mr. Thomas Cosker (Committee Chair)	Mr. Bryan Addy
Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz	Ms. Jessica Loffredo (Board Chair)
Also present: Mr. Jay Chhabra, Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent, Dr. Scott Nozik, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Mr. Ryan Cleary, Director of Human Capital & Leadership Development, Mr. Ronald Lamontagne, Director of Facilities & Food Services, and Ms. Jessie Herman, Director of Special Education & Pupil Services	

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 2 QUORUM PRESENT ☒ Yes ☐ No

Summary of Meeting

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Mr. Thomas Cosker at 7:01 p.m.

1. Bright Beginning & KIP programming update:
 - Looking into possibly increasing hours to get additional peer models
 - Model KIP program is going very well
2. Staffing update:
 - 1 paraeducator still needs to be hired
3. Effective Solutions update:
 - West Hill, Taylor Leonard, Clinical Social Worker
 - Program is fully functioning at this time
 - Providing group, individual, and family therapy sessions and providing support/instruction in lunch, recess, and other activities
 - Weekly meetings with Compass teachers, building admin, Taylor, and Taylor's ESS supervisor
 - Team weekly reviews student progress, program implementation, and programmatic issues
 - Moser Michelle Carey, Clinical Social Worker, begins on 10/19/2026
 - She will provide support to identified students with the Connections program
 - ESS team and Admin will incorporate lessons learned from West Hill implementation to speed up facilitation

4. SEED Grant
 - 2026-2027 Grant allocation of \$100,032 was approved, paid in three installments
 - .06 BCBA at GMS
 - Behavior Specialist 30 hours a week at West Hill
 - Math Tutor 28.75 at Moser School
5. Dream Academy update
 - Space is tight when all the students and staff are present
 - Staffing: 2 Special Education Teachers, 1 nurse, and 8 Paraeducators
 - Student enrollment will stay similar to this year
6. Dream Academy and Career Center Connection
 - Career Fair November 20, 2026: Students from Dream Academy will attend at the RHHS
 - Dream students will be able to attend presentations that align with their interests
 - Mr. Szczygiel and Mr. Learned will collaborate to support workplace development
 - Mr. Learned will share job site contacts and connections with Mr. Szczygiel
7. Update on Assistive Technology in the district: Students have access to the following per their IEP accommodations.
 - Physical & Low Tech: Pencil grips, Colored overlays, highlighters & manipulatives, adapted paper, fidgets, and adapted seating
 - Visual & Communications: Graphic organizer, Visual schedules, PECS, audiobooks, calculators.
 - Digital & High-Tech: Touch Screens, word prediction software, text-to-speech and speech-to-text, AAC Devices, Noise cancelling headphones
 - District Apps: Communication & ACC, Literacy & Learning, and Social & specialized

Adjournment

- Committee Chair Mr. Thomas Cosker requested a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Made by Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz and Seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

1st Motion

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TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:31 P.M. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: _____

Date of BOE Approval: _____ Signature of BOE Secretary: _____
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