



**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
BOARD OF EDUCATION 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 Meeting
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	October 13, 2026
LOCATION	Rocky Hill Town Hall Council Chambers
DATE OF MEETING	October 15, 2026
TIME MEETING STARTED	7:00 p.m.
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Sandy Mal, Recording Secretary
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	☐ Yes ☒ No
AUDIO/VIDEO/LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	☒ Yes ☐ No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Ms. Jessica Loffredo, Chairperson	Ms. Maria Mennella, Vice Chairperson	Mr. Bryan Addy
Mr. Jay Chhabra	Mr. Brian Clemens	Mr. Thomas Cosker
Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz	Ms. Amber Tucker	Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea
ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Scott Nozik, Asst. Supt. for Finance & Operations, Ms. Wendy Durand, Asst. Supt. for Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Ryan Cleary, Director of Human Capital & Leadership Development, Ms. Jessie Herman, Director of Special Education, Dr. Mary Schaefer, Language Arts Coordinator, Mr. John Fote, Principal (RHHS), Mr. David DeCarli, Asst. Principal (RHHS), Mr. Jason Maziarz, Principal (GMS), Dr. Anabelle Diaz-Santiago, Principal (Moser), Mr. Thomas Cassello, Asst. Principal (Moser), Ms. Cara Quinn, Principal (West Hill), Ms. Bethany Calado, Principal (Stevens), Ms. Sarah St. Pierre, Asst. Principal (Stevens), Mr. Ron Lamontagne, Director of Facilities & Food Services, Mr. Jeffrey Papciak, Baseball Coach at RHHS		

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 5 QUORUM PRESENT ☒ Yes ☐ No

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

Summary of Meeting

Executive Session 6:20 p.m. Review of the successor Superintendent's contract

Ms. Jessica Loffredo, Board Chair, called the meeting back to order at 7:00 p.m.

- 1. Pledge of Allegiance:** Chloe Coffey led us in the Pledge
- 2. Audience Participation**
 - **Meeting Open to Public** – *No comments were offered during the portion of the meeting open to the public.*
 - **Report of Student Representatives** – *Members of the high school student council reported on activities at Rocky Hill High School.*
 - **Report of Student Representatives from Myrtle Stevens School** – *Student representatives from Myrtle Stevens School reported on activities.*
- 3. District Celebrations**

Myrtle Stevens School Civility Awards

 - **Chloe Coffey**
 - **Drishaan Dutta**
- 4. Appointment of a new Superintendent of Schools, Brian J. White, effective January 1, 2027**

Ms. Loffredo called the meeting back to order at 7:40

5. Approval of Minutes

- September 17, 2026 - [Board of Education Meeting](#)
- September 17, 2026 - [Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting](#)
- September 24, 2026 - [Board of Education Technology Committee Meeting](#)
- September 24, 2026 - [Board of Education Finance Committee Meeting](#)
- September 30, 2026 - [Board of Education Safety Committee Meeting](#)
- October 13, 2026 - Board of Education Facilities Committee Meeting
- October 13, 2026 - Board of Education Special Education Committee Meeting
- October 13, 2026 - Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting

6. Correspondence

Dr. Zito reported.

7. Consent Calendar

- Approval of Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2027
- New Course Proposal: Fundamentals of Nutrition / UConn ECE

8. Curriculum

9. Facilities

10. Finance

11. Personnel & Negotiations

12. Policy

13. Special Education

14. CREC Council

15. School Safety

16. Technology

17. VOICE

18. Approval of Varsity [Baseball Spring Break Trip to Orlando, Florida](#)

19. Discussion and Review of the Proposed [2027-2028 School Year Calendar](#)

20. Class Size Analysis

Dr. Zito reviewed class size enrollments across all grade levels as of October 1, 2026.

21. Director of Human Capital & Leadership Development's Report

Mr. Cleary reported

22. Assistant Superintendent for [Finance & Operations' Report](#)

Dr. Nozik reported

23. Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction's Report

Wendy Durand reported

24. Superintendent's Report

Dr. Zito reported

25. Board Chairperson's Report

Ms. Jessica Loffredo reported

1st MOTION

☒ Passed

☐ Failed

☐ Tabled

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing the successor Superintendent's contract. The motion was moved by Ms. Maria Mennella and seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra to convene in Executive Session to discuss and review the terms of the successor Superintendent's employment contract.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

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2nd MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to come out of Executive Session. Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

3rd MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to appoint a new Superintendent of Schools, effective January 1, 2027. Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra, the motion to appoint a new Superintendent of Schools, effective January 1, 2027.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

4th MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to approve the new Superintendent of Schools contract, effective January 1, 2027. It was moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Brian Clemens, to approve the new Superintendent of Schools contract, effective January 1, 2027.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

5th MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed for 15 minutes at 7:25 p.m. upon a motion by Ms. Jessica Loffredo.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

6th MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Bryan Addy, to approve the minutes:

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**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

7th MOTION

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Ms. Amber Tucker, to approve the Consent Calendar for 2027-2028

- Approval of Board of Education Meeting Schedule for 2027
- New Course Proposal: Fundamentals of Nutrition / UConn ECE

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

8th MOTION

Ms. Loffredo requested a motion to approve the Varsity Baseball Spring Break Trip to Orlando, Florida. The motion was moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Brian Clemens, to approve the Consent Calendar for 2027-2028

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

9th MOTION

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to adjourn: The motion was moved by Mr. Bryan Addy, seconded by Mr. Thomas Cosker, to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:04 p.m. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: _____

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