



**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	4/21/2026
LOCATION	Town Hall Council Chambers
DATE OF MEETING	April 23, 2026
TIME MEETING STARTED	6:30 p.m.
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Sandy Mal, Recording Secretary
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
AUDIO/VIDEO/LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING

Jessica Loffredo (Chairperson)	Maria Mennella (Co-Chairperson)	Bryan Addy
Jennifer Baron-Morfea	Brian Clemens	Thomas Cosker
Kristen Dudanowicz		

ALSO PRESENT: Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent, Dr. Scott Nozik, Asst. Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Wendy Durand, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Dr. Anabelle Diaz-Santiago, Interim Asst. Superintendent of Personnel & Student Services, Jason Maziarz, Principal GMS, John Fote, Principal RHHS, David DeCarli, RHHS Asst. Principal, Dr. Schaefer, Language Arts Coordinator, Bethany Calado, Principal Stevens School, Sarah St. Pierre, Asst. Principal Stevens School, Mr. Jordan Szczygiel, Technology Education Teacher, Henry Vassel, Rocky Hill Education Foundation, Jason Rosa, Vice President of the Rocky Hill Education Foundation

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 5 **QUORUM PRESENT** Yes No

Summary of Meeting

- **Rocky Hill Civility Awards:** Four students were honored for demonstrating exceptional character and civility within their schools:
 - **Athena Perez & Addison Ceruti (Rocky Hill High School)**
 - **Andrew Arace & Aanav Joshi (Stevens School)**
- The Board recognized **Sean Gavin** for his dedicated tenure on the Board of Education. In appreciation of his commitment to the Rocky Hill community, Superintendent **Dr. Zito** presented him with a commemorative bell.

District Celebration:

- RHHS Girls' Basketball Team on an incredible season.
- RHHS Drama Club production of The Little Mermaid.
- HOSA & DECA Club winners.
- Model UN updates.
- Harlem Wizards highlights.

- Career Expo, April 10, 2026 - Mr. Jordan Szczygiel, Technology Education Teacher reported.
- Non-Renewal of Employees (Long-Term and Building Substitutes).
- Mr. Lamontagne reported on the new traffic flow pattern & parking design by the town.
- Annual Healthy Food Certification approved.
- Policy #6120 Policy Guidelines regarding class sizes & 5200 Admission to Public School at or before Age Five (Second read) were approved.
- Ms. Durand presented on Diversity & Inclusion for the 25-26 school year.
- Dr. Diaz-Santiago reported.
- Dr. Nozik reported.
- Dr. Zito reported.
- Ms. Loffredo reported.

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

1st MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

The meeting was called to order by Board Chair **Ms. Jessica Loffredo** at **6:30 p.m.** **Ms. Loffredo** asked for a motion to go into **Executive Session for review of Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum.** **Mr. Bryan Addy** made the motion to go into **Executive Session for review of Confidential Attorney-Client Privileged Memorandum** and it was seconded by **Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

2nd MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to come out of Executive Session. **Mr. Thomas Cosker** made the motion to come out of Executive Session and it was seconded by **Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

3rd MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

The meeting reconvened at **7:06 p.m.**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to move Agenda item #2 to item #4b **Ms. Maria Mennella** made the motion and it was seconded by **Mr. Thomas Cosker** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

4th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to take a short recess at **8:16 p.m.**

Mr. Thomas Cosker made the motion to take a short recess and it was seconded by **Mr. Brian Clemens** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

5th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

The meeting reconvened at **8:32 p.m.**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to approve the following minutes: A motion was made by **Mr. Thomas Cosker** and seconded by **Ms. Maria Mennella** to approve minutes and passed unanimously.

- March 12, 2026 – Board of Education Meeting
- April 7, 2026 – Amended Board of Education Curriculum Committee Meeting
- April 7, 2026 – Amended Board of Education Policy Committee Meeting
- April 22, 2026 – Board of Education V.O.I.C.E Committee Meeting

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

6th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion Non-Renewal of Employees (Long-Term and Building Substitutes).

Ms. Maria Mennella made the motion to Non-Renewal of Employees (Long-Term and Building Substitutes) and it was seconded by **Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

7th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to Approve the Annual Healthy Food Certification.

Ms. Maria Mennella made the motion Approve the Annual Healthy Food Certification and it was seconded by **Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea**. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Vote 1: Motion language for healthy food option of HFC: Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Rocky Hill Board of Education certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups. **(7 yes and 0 No)**

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

8th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to approve Motion Language for combined food and beverage exemptions **Ms. Maria Mennella** made the motion to approve Motion Language for combined food and beverage exemptions and it was seconded by **Mr. Thomas Cosker**. A vote was taken and it passed unanimously.

Vote 2: Motion language for combined food and beverage exemptions: The Rocky Hill Board of Education will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales. **(7 yes and 0 No)**

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

9th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion for the **approval of Policy #6120** Guideline change to class size DRAFT).

Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz made the motion to Policy **#6120** Guideline change to class size DRAFT and it was seconded by **Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

10th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion for the **approval of Policy #5200** Admission to Public School at or before Age Five (Second read).

Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz made the motion to Policy [#5200](#) Admission to Public School at or before Age Five and it was seconded by **Ms. Jennifer Baron-Morfea** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

11th MOTION **Passed** **Failed** **Tabled**

Ms. Jessica Loffredo requested a motion to **adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.** A motion was made by **Mr. Bryan Addy** to **adjourn the meeting at 9:33 p.m.** and seconded by **Mr. Brian Clemens** and passed unanimously.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:33 p.m. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK:

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