

Amended



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

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Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include: NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION (Board of Education Curriculum Committee), DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED (April 2, 2026), LOCATION (Moser, Media Center), DATE OF MEETING (April 7, 2026), TIME MEETING STARTED (6:02 p.m.), PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES (Sandy Mal, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools), VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN (checkbox Yes, checked No), AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING (checkbox Yes, checked No).

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Role. Members listed: Kristen Dudanowicz (Committee Chairperson), Tom Cosker, Amber Tucker, Jessica Loffredo (Board Chair). Also present: Jennifer Baron-Morfea, Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent, Wendy Durand, Asst. Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Jason Maziarz, Principal at GMS, Dr. Mary Schaefer, Language Arts Coordinator.

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 2 QUORUM PRESENT [checked] Yes [] No

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by Committee Chair Kristen Dudanowicz at 6:02 p.m.
Presentations: Wendy Durand
Ms. Wendy Durand presented several key updates and proposals to the committee regarding district curriculum and support positions:
• Staffing Proposal: World Language, English Learner (EL), or Reading Support Position.
• Assessment Update: District State Assessment Audit.
• Community Engagement: The Anxious Generation Book Club.
• Mathematics Curriculum: Bridges Version 3 (Grades K-5).
1. Discussion and Action Items

Ms. Durand presented three staffing options to address current district needs. Following a Q&A session, the committee discussed budget allocations and student impact.

- **Outcome:** The committee reached a consensus to move forward with a **Multilingual Learner (ML) Position at the Middle School level**, determining this would be the most beneficial for student support.

2. State Assessment Audit

Ms. Durand provided an update on the State Assessment Audit.

- **Next Steps:** A district-wide committee will be formed to oversee the audit work and ensure progress.

3. "The Anxious Generation" Book Club

Ms. Durand shared the positive response to the upcoming book club.

- **Engagement:** Currently, 56 parents (Grades K–5) and 7 staff members have registered.
- **Goal:** Ms. Durand is attempting to secure a presenter from a recent West Hartford workshop to speak to the local community.

Bridges Math Version 3 (Grades K–5)

A proposal was made to transition to the updated version of the Bridges Math curriculum.

- **Improvements:** The new version is more culturally responsive and has removed ineffective lessons from previous iterations.
- **Implementation Plan:** Ms. Durand plans to order **two teacher kits per school** for 2026-2027 school year to begin curriculum writing.
- **Budget Impact:** The full rollout is projected for the **2027–2028 school year** with an estimated cost of **\$20,000**.

4. Adjournment

- Committee Chair Kristen Dudanowicz requested a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Made by Amber Tucker and Seconded by Thomas Cosker

The meeting was adjourned at 7:23 p.m.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:23 P.M. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK:

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