

Amended



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.

Table with 2 columns: Field Name and Value. Fields include: NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION (Board of Education Policy Committee), DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED (April 2, 2026), LOCATION (Moser, Media Center), DATE OF MEETING (April 7, 2026), TIME MEETING STARTED (7:24 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 Title. Rows include: Kristen Dudanowicz (Committee Chairperson), Jennifer Baron-Morfea, Jessica Loffredo (Board Chair). Also present: Amber Tucker, 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 7:24 p.m.
Presentations: Dr. Zito
Kindergarten Waiver Discussion & Recommendation
1. Discussion and Action Items
The committee discussed recent changes to state law regarding kindergarten enrollment. Students are now required to be five years old by September 1st to register; however, the Board of Education will continue a waiver process for four-year-old for the 2026-2027 school year only.
• Current Status: Dr. Zito reported that 28 parents have already submitted waiver requests for four years old children for the upcoming school year.

Recommendation: Dr. Zito recommended that the district accept kindergarten waivers for four-year children not reaching age five by September 1 for the 2026-27 school year only, with no waivers permitted beyond August 27, 2026. The legislative decision will impact the 2027-28 school year, when students must be five years old by September 1 to enter kindergarten with no exceptions.

Policy #5200 Revision (Second Reading)

The committee reviewed updates to **Policy #5200**, ensuring it aligns with the updated state mandate.

- **Action:** This policy revision will be moved to a **second reading** at the Regular Board of Education meeting scheduled for **April 23, 2026**.

4. Adjournment

- Committee Chair Kristen Dudanowicz requested a motion to adjourn. **Motion:** Made by Jennifer Baron-Morfea and Seconded by Jessica Loffredo

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:36 P.M. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK:

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