



**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	September 14, 2026
LOCATION	Rocky Hill Town Hall Council Chambers
DATE OF MEETING	September 17, 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	

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), Ms. Paige Weaver, Asst. Principal (GMS), Dr. Anabelle Diaz-Santiago, Principal (Moser), Mr. Thomas Cassello, Asst. Principal (Moser), Ms. Cara Quinn, Principal (West Hill), Ms. Cara Faucher, Asst. Principal (West Hill), Ms. Bethany Calado, Principal (Stevens), Ms. Charity Smith, Special Education Supervisor, Mr. Ron Lamontagne, Director of Facilities & Food Services

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 5 QUORUM PRESENT ☒ Yes ☐ No

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

Summary of Meeting

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

1. Pledge of Allegiance: Ryan Martin led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Special Recognitions:

- Paraeducators of the Year: Ms. Jessie Herman
- Teachers of the Year: Dr. Mark Zito
- Introduction of New Teacher: Mr. Ryan Cleary

3. Audience Participation: Meeting Open to Public: *This portion of the meeting is specifically set aside for comments from the public. Speakers are asked to limit their comments to two minutes on any topic.*

The following students requested that the Board excuse their absences when attending **CAS-CIAC Advisory Board** conferences:

Aryan Jangle is on the CAS-CIAC Advisory Board
Deedee Kollipakula is on the Athletic Advisory Board
Pon Yazhini Maruthian is on the Empowerment Advisory Board
Ishita Bhosle is on the Student Empowerment Advisory Board

- **Report of Student Representatives:** *Members of the high school student council reported activities at Rocky Hill High School.*
- **Report of Student Representatives from Griswold Middle School:** *Student representatives from Griswold Middle School reported on activities.*

4. District Celebration:

- **Rocky Hill Civility Awards:** Jason Maziraz gave 2 Civility Awards to deserving students.

5. Approval of Minutes

- [August 20, 2026:](#) Board of Education Meeting
- [June 22, 2026:](#) Amended Board of Education Special Education Committee Meeting
- [June 22, 2026:](#) Amended Board of Education V.O.I.C.E. Education Committee Meeting

6. Correspondence:

Dr. Zito reported meeting with representatives from Parks and Recreation, three community members, and certified staff to discuss cricket within the physical education curriculum. Parks and Recreation will collaborate with community members.

7. Consent Calendar:

- Approval of 2027-2028 [Budget Assumptions](#)
- Approval of Graduation date on Monday, June 14, 2027
- Stakeholder Feedback: Superintendent of Schools search process

8. Curriculum: Ms. Dudanowicz gave an update

9. Facilities: Will meet on Oct 13, 2026

10. Finance: Will meet on September 24, 2026

11. Personnel & Negotiations: N/A

12. Policy: Will meet on Oct 13, 2026

13. Special Education: Will meet on October 13, 2026

14. CREC Council: No update

15. School Safety: Will meet on September 30, 2026

16. Technology: Will meet on September 24, 2026

17. V.O.I.C.E.: Scheduling in progress

18. Approval of Deposit into the Non-Lapsing Account

19. Update on summer Facilities Projects: Mr. Lamontagne reported.

20. Ms. Herman reported.

21. Ms. Durand reported.

22. Mr. Cleary reported.

23. Dr. Nozik reported.

24. Dr. Zito reported.

25. Ms. Loffredo reported.

1st MOTION ☒ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

By unanimous consent, the Board recessed for 5 minutes at 7:32 p.m. upon a motion by Ms. Jessica Loffredo.

MOTION CARRIED

5. Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to approve the minutes:

- August 20, 2026: Board of Education Meeting
- June 22, 2026: Amended Board of Education Special Education Committee Meeting
- June 22, 2026: Amended Board of Education V.O.I.C.E. Education Committee Meeting

Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra, to approve the minutes:

- August 20, 2026: Board of Education Meeting
- June 22, 2026: Amended Board of Education Special Education Committee Meeting
- June 22, 2026: Amended Board of Education V.O.I.C.E. Education Committee Meeting

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

3rd MOTION

7. Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to approve Consent Calendar:

Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Brian Clemens, to approve the Consent Calendar for 2027-2028 Budget Assumptions.

- Approval of 2027-2028 Budget Assumptions

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

4th MOTION

7. Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to approve Consent Calendar:

Moved by Ms. Kristen Dudanowicz, seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra

- Approval of Graduation date on Monday, June 14, 2027

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

5th MOTION

7. Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to approve Consent Calendar:

Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Jay Chhabra,

- Stakeholder Feedback: Superintendent of Schools search process

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

6th MOTION

18. Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to approve Deposit into the Non-Lapsing Account:

Ms. Mennella moved to approve the transfer of the estimated fiscal year 2025-26 audit surplus of \$6893.59, or such amount as may be determined upon completion of the audit, not to exceed two percent of the adopted budget as permitted by statute, to the Board of Education's non-lapsing account in accordance with C.G.S. & 10-248a. Approval of Deposit of \$6,893.59 into the Non-Lapsing Account.

Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Bryan Addy

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

7th MOTION

Ms. Jessica Loffredo asked for a motion to adjourn:

Moved by Ms. Maria Mennella, seconded by Mr. Brian Clemens, to adjourn meeting at 8:57 p.m.

**FAVOR: ALL
MOTION CARRIED**

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 8:57 p.m. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: _____

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