

Amended
8/20/2026



**TOWN OF ROCKY HILL
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES/MOTIONS**

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NAME OF PUBLIC BOARD OR COMMISSION	BOE Special Education Committee
DATE MEETING AGENDA POSTED	June 11, 2026
LOCATION	GMS Media Center
DATE OF MEETING	June 22, 2026
TIME MEETING STARTED	6:00 p.m.
PERSON PREPARING MEETING MINUTES	Sandy Mal, Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools
VERBATIM NOTES TAKEN	☐ Yes ☒ No
AUDIO, VIDEO OR LIVE TRANSMISSION OF MEETING	☐ Yes ☒ No

MEMBERS PRESENT AT MEETING:

Tom Cosker (Committee Chair)	Kristen Dudanowicz
Bryan Addy	Jessica Loffredo (Board Chair)
Also present: Jay Chhabra, Jennifer Baron-Morfea, Dr. Mark Zito, Superintendent, Dr. Anabelle Santiago-Diaz, Interim Asst. Supt. for Personnel & Student Services, Wendy Durand, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, Jessie Herman, Director of Special Education, Ron Lamontagne, Director of Facilities, Cara Quinn, Principal	

NUMBER REQUIRED FOR QUORUM 2 QUORUM PRESENT ☒ Yes ☐ No

TEXT MOTIONS AND RESULTS VOTES

DISCUSSION ☐ Passed ☐ Failed ☐ Tabled

Mr. Cosker called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Presentation: Effective School Solutions (ESS) Presenter: Mike Roseman, Effective School Solutions

Overview of Presentation

Mr. Mike Roseman provided a comprehensive presentation on behalf of Effective School Solutions (ESS), outlining the organization's partnership with other districts to support student mental health and behavioral wellness. The presentation highlighted current youth mental health trends, the ESS framework, and data-driven outcomes from other districts.

Key Discussion Points

- **The Current Landscape:** Mr. Roseman discussed the prevailing mental health challenges facing students today, emphasizing the rising need for embedded, proactive clinical support within the school environment.
- **Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS):** He reviewed how ESS integrates with the district's existing frameworks to provide a continuum of care:
 - *Tier 1 & 2:* Professional development for staff and targeted short-term interventions.
 - *Tier 3:* Intensive, in-district clinical wrap-around services designed to keep high-risk students in their home schools rather than out-of-district placements.
- **Program Impact & Data:**
 - Highlighted measurable improvements in student attendance, academic performance, and overall emotional regulation.
 - Emphasized the cost-effectiveness of maintaining robust in-district clinical teams compared to external therapeutic placements.
 - Focusing on expanding family engagement and deepening trauma-informed training for instructional staff.

Mr. Roseman addressed questions and comments from the Board of Education and Administration

A motion was made to adjourn meeting at 6:55 p.m. by Kristen Dudanowicz and seconded by Bryan Addy.

TIME MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:55 p.m. TIME DELIVERED TO TOWN CLERK: _____

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

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