

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY 2024-2025 No.23  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

February 26, 2025 Special Meeting

*“Our mission is to empower all of our students with the tools to find their passions and thrive as knowledgeable, confident, resilient, creative, and compassionate citizens of a global community.”*

**1. Call to Order**

The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education regular meeting was held in the Learning Commons. The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Mrs. McGinty, Board President.

**2. Salute the Flag**

**3. Statement of Compliance - Mrs. McGinty read the statement of compliance**

Adequate notice of this meeting has been disseminated in accordance with NJSA 10:4-8 of the Open Public Meetings Act, specifying the date, time and place and filed with the Asbury Park Press, the Two River Times, the Borough Clerks, posted on the District website and in the Main Office.

**4. Roll Call**

Mr. Dougherty	Absent	Mrs. Kiley	Present	Ms. Romano	Present
Mr. Grant	Present	Mrs. McGinty	Present	Mrs. Thompson	Present
Mrs. Hickey	Present	Mr. Page	Present	Mrs. Whitehouse	Present

Also in attendance:

Dr. Peter Righi, Interim Superintendent

Sean Cranston, School Business Administrator

Mr. Grant read the mission statement.

**5. Welcome of Visitors**

Mrs. McGinty welcomed all visitors to the meeting. She welcomed Dr. McDonald and his family as well as all the staff that attended the meeting.

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**6. Communications**

- a. Mrs. Whitehouse - Community is devastated that Mr. Lanzalotto is retiring.
- b. Mrs. Whitehouse - Parents of freshman in college reached out and told her that they are appreciative of the independence the students received in their final year at RFH.

**7. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- a. Dr. David Aderhold spoke about how Dr. McDonald is his right hand at West Windsor Plainsboro and that he will be an asset to our district.

Before the action items, Mrs. McGinty spoke about the hiring process in length.

**8. ACTION ITEMS**

**PERSONNEL**

**The superintendent recommends personnel items #1**

**1. Approval of Superintendent of Schools Contract**

To approve a contract for Dr. Marshall “Lee” McDonald, Ed.D. as Superintendent of Schools, effective no later than April 15, 2025 through June 30, 2025, in the amount of \$222,000 (prorated) for the 24-25 SY, \$225,000 for the 25-26 SY, \$229,500 for the 26-27 SY, \$234,090 for the 27-28 SY, and \$238,771.80 for the 28-29 SY, as per Attachment A. This contract has been reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

**Board Comment:** Mrs. McGinty made a comment that Dr. McDonald brings work ethic, leadership, and a commitment to educational excellence to RFH.

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr. Page, the Board approved Personnel Item #1 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	n/a	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	Yes	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

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Dr. McDonald thanked the board and his family. He stated that he is looking forward to building a long standing excellence at RFH.

Dr. Righi welcomed Dr. McDonald to RFH. He stated that we have great leaders in the district and a good board of education. He hopes the board allows you to do your job.

**9. Public Comment**

- a. Kathy Hellewa commented that the board of education did a wonderful job with the Superintendent search.

**10. Adjournment**

As there was no further business before the Board, on a **MOTION** by Mr. Page , seconded by Mrs. Thompson, and carried by unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sean S. Cranston*

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