

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY 2022-2023 No.15  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 4, 2023 Regular 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 Cafeteria. 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**

Mrs. Halcrow	Present	Mrs. Kiley	Present	Mr. Page	Present
Mrs. Hickey	Present	Mrs. McCabe	Present	Mrs. Thompson	Present
Mr. Kenney (Vice President)	Present	Mrs. McGinty (President)	Present	Mrs. Whitehouse	Present

Also in attendance:

Darren Groh, Superintendent

Sean Cranston, School Business Administrator

Athina Cornell, Board Counsel

**5. Welcome of Visitors**

Mrs. McGinty welcomed all visitors to the board meeting.

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**6. Communications**

- a. Mrs. Hickey mentioned that the play was great.
- b. Mrs. Thompson shared communication that she received in regards to the music program.
- c. Mrs. McGinty also shared that she received communication from a parent in regards to the music program. She also mentioned that she heard the Pre-Prom meeting went well.
- d. Mrs. Whitehouse mentioned that she also heard the Pre-Prom meeting went well and people would like a meeting similar for rising Freshmen.

**7. Board Reports**

- a. Negotiations - Mrs. McGinty
- b. Education - Mrs. Thompson - April 4, 2023
- c. Personnel - Mr. Page - March 27, 2023
- d. Superintendent's Report

**8. Special Recognition - None**

**9. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- a. Ms. Okeson (Teacher RFH) spoke about the direction of the Arts Program and the importance of taking a long range view.
- b. Ms. Marino (RFH Band Director) supports the honors level ensemble course but disappointed that even though enrollment is down, the music program should be valued and should partner with the middle school.
- c. Another member of the public (former BOE member) was there to support the arts program and stated that his children benefited from it.
- d. Mr. Lorelli (Teacher RFH) stated that students need a chance to grow within the music program and the need to build relationships with students. He can't grow the program if it is reduced to part time.
- e. Another member of the public stated that she was here to support the music program. She has a son that is a freshman and it is refreshing/inspiring to hear him play an instrument and has learned so much. Consider keeping the teacher full time.
- f. Ms. Singleton (Director of Tower Singers) encouraged the board to rethink the plan for next year as well as partnering with the two middle schools that have large programs.

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- g. Joshua (Student RFH) is a student of Mr. Lorelli. He gives him a reason to want to come to school. It is important for students to build relationships with students.
- h. Another member of the public spoke about Music Theory and for the board to reconsider.
- i. Ryan (Student RFH) stated that the school has opened many doors through music. Please reconsider supporting the music and arts. Kids use it as an outlet and we have a very committed teacher.
- j. Dan (Student RFH) is part of the music program. Mr. Lorelli puts a lot of work into the program. There are always students in the music room during 9th period which enables the students to meet each other.
- k. Brian Kirk: stated that he has made his career as a musician. His love started in high school and was nurtured through teachers.
- l. Patty Gagliardi(President of Performing Arts Society) wanted to reiterate how important the arts/music program is at RfH. It brings a lot to our children.
- m. Mel S. (Teacher in neighboring district) stated that she started her career as a part-time teacher and it is incredibly hard to build a program part time. It also is hard to get a second job with a rotate and drop schedule. It will become a revolving door. It is important to be full time to build a program.

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. Whitehouse and seconded by Mrs. Kiley, the Board of Education approved the minutes with the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Halcrow	Yes	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes
Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mrs. McCabe	Abstain	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Kenney	Yes	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:

- March 20, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

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**PERSONNEL**

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Kenney seconded by Mr. Page, the Board approved Personnel Items 1-4 with the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Halcrow	Yes	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes
Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mrs. McCabe	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Kenney	Yes	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

**Additional Assignments**

**1. Approval of Summer Hours**

Recommend Board approval for Robert Miller, College & Career / School Counseling Coordinator to work twenty days between July 1 and August 29, 2023 and to be paid a stipend of \$10,235.00 as per job description.

**Leaves of Absence**

**2. Approval of Leave of Absence for the 2022 - 2023 school year**

Recommend Board approval of the following leave of absence dates

NO.	EMPLOYEE	LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATES
1.	5410	<u>Child Care Leave (Unpaid/No Benefits)</u> 5/26/2023 - 6/30/2023 <u>Return Date</u> 8/30/2023

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**Resignations**

**3. Approval of Resignations**

Recommend Board approval of the following resignations:

NO.	EMPLOYEE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Brian Marricco	English Teacher	May 22, 2023
2.	Susan Schuld	English Teacher	July 1, 2023

**Change in Effective Date**

**4. Approval to Change Employment Start Date**

NO.	EMPLOYEE	POSITION	EFFECTIVE DATE
1.	Vicente Cruz Hernandez	Maintenance	03-28-2023
2.	Travis Reed	Maintenance	03-27-2023

**FINANCE**

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Page seconded by Mr. Kenney, the Board approved Finance Items 5-17 with the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Halcrow	Yes	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes
Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mrs. McCabe	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Kenney	Yes	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

**5. Approval of Bill List**

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **March 29, 2023**:

General Fund	\$ 289,789.48
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Special Revenue Fund	\$ 10,787.96
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 64,817.04
Enterprise Fund	\$ 30,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 395,394.48</b>
Payroll (03/31/23)	\$ 585,204.42
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 980,598.90</b>

**6. Approve Board Secretary's Report – February 2023**

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **February 28, 2023**.

**7. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– February 2023**

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for **February 28, 2023**.

**8. Budget Transfers - February 2023**

Recommend Board approval of the budget transfer report for **February 2023**.

**9. Board Secretary's Certification of Budgetary Major Account Fund Status**

To approve that pursuant to 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary certifies to the Board of Education that the total encumbrances and expenditures for each line item does not exceed the line item appropriation in accordance with 6A:23A-16.10(a) as of **February 28, 2023**

**10. Board of Education's Certification of Budgetary Major Account Fund Status**

To approve that pursuant to 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education after review of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's monthly financial reports as of **February 28, 2023**, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certifies to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of 6A:23A-16.10(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

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**11. Approve of Use of Facilities - Non Chargeable**

Recommend Board approval of the following applications For Use of School Facilities:

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Facility</b>
6/26/23 to 8/18/23	Rolling Hills Day Camp	Central Bus Stop for Campers	Back Parking Lot

**12. Approve of Use of Facilities - Chargeable**

Recommend Board approval of the following applications For Use of School Facilities:

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Facility</b>
4-2-23 *	RFH Tribe Baseball	Baseball Games	Baseball Field

\*Retroactive Approval

**13. Approval of Attendance at Professional Conferences and or Workshops:**

Recommend Board approval of the following staff to attend professional conferences and or workshops as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Conference/Workshop (Budget Account #)</b>	<b>Registration</b>	<b>Estimated Travel</b>	<b>Location</b>
4-27-23	Christina Gauss	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$38	New Brunswick, NJ
4-27-23	Jessica Olszewski	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$32	New Brunswick, NJ
4-27-23	Jessica Mentzel	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$0	New Brunswick, NJ
4-27-23	Kate Okeson	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$28	New Brunswick, NJ
4-27-23	Jon Pennetti	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$23	New Brunswick, NJ

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4-27-23	Michael Haughwout	Climate Change Summit	\$150 *	\$38	New Brunswick, NJ
5-24-23	Sean Cranston	2023 ESCNJ Vendor Expo	\$0	\$	Edison, NJ
5-24-23	Darren Groh	2023 ESCNJ Vendor Expo	\$0	\$0	Edison, NJ
5-1-23	Anna Higgins	Powerful Strategies for Maximizing Comprehensible Input in the Target Language	\$279	\$0	Online

**\* Paid through Climate Change Grant**

**14. Approve Correction Action Plan**

Recommend Board approval of Correction Action Plan for the 22-23 SY based on the FY 2022 ACFR.

**15. Approval of Food Services Management Contract**

Recommend Board approval of a Food Services Management Contract with Simplified Culinary Services for the 2023-2024 School Year, in the amount of \$19,000.

**16. Senior Prom Contract**

To approve a contract with Battleground Country Club for the RFH Senior Prom to be held on May 25, 2023.

**17. Junior Prom Contract**

To approve a contract with The Gramercy for the RFH Junior Prom to be held on April 21, 2023.

**EDUCATION-**

On a MOTION made by Mr. Kenney seconded by Mrs. Whitehouse, the Board approved Education Items 18-20 with the following roll call vote:

Mrs. Halcrow	Yes	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes
Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mrs. McCabe	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mr. Kenney	Yes	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes



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**18. Approval of Field Trip Request(s) for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed**

Recommend Board approval of the following field trip request(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>LEAVE</b>	<b>RETURN</b>	<b>CLUB/CLASS</b>	<b>ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES</b>
April 20 <i>Previously approved to attend April 19</i>	Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City	7:45 a.m.	3:45 p.m.	National French Honor Society	Martin Januario

**19. Approval of Fundraising Request(s) for the 2022-2023 School Year as listed**

Recommend board approve the following fundraising request(s) for the 2022-2023 school year:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>ADVISOR(S)</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
April 19	Habitat for Humanity	Kristen DeMeter	Lupo Fundraiser

**20. Approval of Home Instruction**

Recommend Board approval of home instruction for the 2022 - 2023 school year as listed:

<b>STUDENT NO.</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>PROVIDER/COST</b>
2400000221	3/17 - 4/6 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty \$55/hour
230180	3/15 - 6/14 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty \$55/hour

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**11. Discussion Items** - None

**12. Public Comment**

- 1) Julian(Student RFH) spoke about Mr. Lorelli. He has helped him in many ways and he devotes himself to his students. He is the best teacher he has ever had.
- 2) Matt (Student RFH) stated that Mr. Lorelli is the music program at RFH. He nurtures students. This message looks like music is not as important as any other program.
- 3) Debbie M. has reflected on what everyone said tonight. There is a social/emotional connection to the music program. It is a safe space and I hope you can reconsider.
- 4) Joshua (student) stated that program needs time to increase and expand.

**13. Adjournment**

As there was no further business before the Board, on a **MOTION** by Mrs. Whitehouse seconded by Mrs. McCabe, and carried by unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sean S. Cranston*

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary  
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School