

**RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION
RUMSON, NEW JERSEY 07760**

Regular Meeting

March 18, 2025

Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Learning Commons

6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

"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

2. Salute the Flag

3. 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		Mrs. Kiley		Ms. Romano	
Mr. Grant		Mrs. McGinty		Mrs. Thompson	
Mrs. Hickey		Mr. Page		Mrs. Whitehouse	

5. Welcome of Visitors

6. Communications

7. Board Reports

- ❖ Student Representative Report - Reyna Dermer, Alex Olan
- ❖ Education - Mrs. Thompson - March 5, 2025
- ❖ Finance & Facilities - Mrs. Whitehouse - March 10, 2025
- ❖ Personnel - Mr. Page - March 12, 2025
- ❖ Student Wellness - Mrs. Hickey - March 11, 2025
- ❖ Superintendent's Report
 - Tentative Budget Presentation - Sean Cranston

Drills

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Fire Drill	February 4	1:50 p.m.	5 minutes
Lockdown	February 25	1:45 p.m.	5 minutes

Enrollment - 827 as of February 28, 2025

8. Special Recognition

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items

10. ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES

The superintendent recommends the approval of minutes #1

Approve Board Meeting Minutes

1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - a. March 4, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. March 4, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2-7

Additional Assignments

2. Approval of Spring Curriculum Writers

Recommend Board approval of the following spring curriculum writing and faculty writing curriculum at a rate of \$30.00 per hour:

COURSE	NAME	TOTAL HOURS
Dynamic Public Speaking	Alexis Marinov	5
	Jessica Mentzel	5
Introduction to Business	Thomas Colella	5
	Lucrecia Esposito	5
Math Analysis	Donna Clarke	15
	Erika Waltz	15
Piano	Zachary Lorelli	15

Resignation

3. Approval of Resignation

Recommend Board approval to accept the resignation of Claudia Simon, Special Education Teacher, effective May 12, 2025.

Leaves of Absence

4. Approval of Leave of Absence for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Recommend Board approval of an unpaid leave of absence for the 2024-2025 school year:

NO.	EMPLOYEE	LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATES
1.	5438	<u>New Jersey Family Leave of Absence</u> 4/14/2025 - 5/9/2025 <u>Return Date</u> 5/10/2025

5. Approval to Ratify Change in Leave of Absence

Recommend Board ratify the approval of a change in leave of absence as listed:

NO.	EMPLOYEE	From: Original Dates	TO: Updated Dates
1.	5409	<u>Paid Leave of Absence</u> 2/5/2025 - 2/12/2025 <u>Unpaid FMLA</u> 2/13/2025 - 3/25/2025 <u>Unpaid NJFLA</u> 3/26/2025 - 6/9/2025 <u>Return Date</u> 6/10/2025	<u>Paid Leave of Absence</u> 2/4/2025 - 3/21/2025 <u>Unpaid FMLA/NJFLA</u> 3/24/2025-6/20/2025 <u>Return Date</u> 6/23/2025

Substitutes / Coaching/Advisor Appointments

6. Approval of Substitute for the 2024 - 2025 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following substitute for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

Sarah Cavalli Substitute Teacher
Stephen Danyluk Substitute Teacher

7. Approval of Coaching / Advisor Appointments

Recommend Board approval of the following coaching / advisor appointments:

NAME	SPORT/CLUB	POSITION	STIPEND/STEP
Sarah Cavalli	Softball	Volunteer Assistant Coach	N/A
Stephen Danyluk	Boys Lacrosse	Volunteer Assistant Coach	N/A

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #8-18

8. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **March 14, 2025**:

General Fund	\$ 530,277.88
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 6,166.72
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 72,204.37
Total	\$ 608,648.97
Payroll 03-14-25	\$ 612,707.90
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,221,356.87

9. Budget SY 2025-2026 ~TENTATIVE ~ Approval

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval of the Tentative Budget for FY 2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2025-2026 School Year using the 2025-2026 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,410,361	\$ 440,754	\$ 886,644	\$ 28,737,759
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$ 5,654,852	\$ 440,754	\$ 182,476	\$ 6,278,082
Taxes to be Levied	\$ 21,755,509	\$ 0	\$ 704,168	\$ 22,459,677

And to advertise said tentative budget in the Asbury Park Press in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Learning Commons located at 74 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ on April 29, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2025-2026 School Year.

10. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$3,400,000 for other capital projects costs namely a Full HVAC replacement in kind and LED upgrades as part of a Direct Install Project. The total cost of this project is \$3,400,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Learning Standards.

11. Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$32,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

12. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements

WHEREAS, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education established \$78,699 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 27,157 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$89,899 for the 2025-2026 school year.

13. Approval of Tuition Rate - Non-Resident

Recommend approval for setting the Non-Resident General Education tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year at **\$22,060** this rate going forward will be adjusted annually pursuant to provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1

14. Approval of Tuition Rate for Special Education Classes

Recommend approval of the 2025-2026 SY tuition rates as follows:

MD \$ 43,436 ESY \$ 5,790

15. Approve of Use of Facilities - Non Chargeable (UPDATED 03-18-25)

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

Date(s)	Time(s)	Organization	Event	Facility
4-22-25 to 6-4-25	Tuesdays & Wednesdays 6:30-8:30 pm	ELR EDU LLC Huntington Learning Center	SAT Test Prep Class	Classroom
4-8-25	3-5 pm	Fair Haven School District	Knollwood vs. Forrestdale Softball Game	Softball Field

16. Ratify Approval of Use of Facilities - Non Chargeable

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

Date(s)	Time(s)	Organization	Event	Facility
3-15-25	1-3 pm	Rumson Recreation	Coaches Training	Gymnasium

17. Authorize an Agreement Between the Borough of Rumson and the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School for the Spring Crew Program

WHEREAS, the Boroughs of Rumson and Fair Haven have had a Spring crew program for a number of years that has been run through the Borough of Rumson Recreation (hereinafter “Borough”) in the past; and

WHEREAS, a number of the Spring crew regattas require the team to be directly affiliated with a high school, and

WHEREAS, Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education (hereinafter “Board”) has agreed to host a team for the residents of Rumson and Fair Haven in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Board needs to use the Borough’s equipment to field the team in the Spring of 2025; and

WHEREAS, it makes economic sense to lease the Borough owned equipment for the Board’s Spring season team, and

WHEREAS, the agreement stipulates that the costs of the hiring and managing the coaching staff hired by the Board will be reimbursed by the Borough in the amount of \$23,055.89 and

WHEREAS, the Administrators of both the Borough and the Board have developed an agreement to facilitate the Spring season lease;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School that the Board President and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to sign an agreement with the Borough of Rumson for the Spring 2025

season.

18. 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:

Date	Name	Conference/Workshop (Budget Account #)	Registration	Estimated Travel	Day	Location
4-29-25	Kerri Bress	School Nurses: Best Strategies for Success during School Medical Emergencies	\$295	\$0	Full	Virtual
3-21-25 4-4-25	Donna Clarke	Transforming and Sustaining a Thinking Classroom: A Two Part Workshop	\$200	\$0	Full	New Brunswick , NJ
4-4-25	Sean Cranston	NJSIG MOCSSIF School Athletics: A comprehensive plan for addressing legal liability and promoting student safety	\$0	\$0	Full	Eatontown , NJ
3-26-25	Suzanne Crowley	Site Visit Marlboro HS	\$0	\$0	Full	Marlboro, NJ
Various	Steven Danyluk	Fundamentals of Coaching	\$60	\$0	Own Time	Virtual
3-26-25	Lucrecia Esposito	Site Visit Marlboro HS	\$0	\$0	Full	Marlboro, NJ
3-28-25	Chrissy Fabrico	MCSCA/OCSCA Good Ideas Conference	\$0	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
4-23-25 to 4-27-25	Seth Herman	2025 National Association for Music Educators Eastern Division Conference	\$375	\$1,500	Full	Hartford, CT
Various	Krista Honnold	Fundamentals of Coaching	\$60	\$0	Own Time	Virtual
4-30-25	Thomas January	Rutgers Center for Literacy Development	\$180	\$20	Full	New Brunswick , NJ
5-19-25 to 5-20-25	Robert Miller	NJ Association for College Admissions Counseling Annual Conference	\$280	\$230	Full	Atlantic City, NJ

4-21-25	Hannah Phillips	Tour of Brookdale Center for Adult Transition Program	\$0	\$0	Half PM	Lincroft, NJ
4-21-25	Susan Shay	Tour of Brookdale Center for Adult Transition Program	\$0	\$0	Half PM	Lincroft, NJ
5-14-25	Marisa Stefani	Transition Coordinators Network	\$0	\$0	Full	Holmdel, NJ
4-29-25	Elisa Verran	Spring Cover Workshop for Yearbook	\$0	\$0	Half PM	Eatontown, NJ
3-27-25	Elisa Verran	Rider College Counselor Breakfast	\$0	\$0	Full	Lawrenceville, NJ
3-19-25	Amy Winters	Advanced K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ

EDUCATION

The superintendent recommends education items #19-24

19. Approval of Field Trip Request(s) for the 2024-2025 School Year as listed

Recommend Board approval of the following field trip request(s) for the 2024-2025 school year:

DATE	DESTINATION	CLUB/CLASS	ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES
March 21	Philadelphia	Spanish Exchange Students / RFH Hosts	Christina Gauss Seth Herman
March 27	BAPS Hindu Temple, Robbinsville	Physical Education International Club	Keri Williams Krishna Kanuga Lauren Butler Mary Beth Coleman
April 24	El Barrio Neighborhood, New York City	AP Spanish AP French Language and Culture	Christina Gauss Petronila Luccarelli Patricia Beattie Martin Januario
April 29	Homewood Suites, Eatontown	Yearbook	Melissa Donofri Elisa Verran

20. Approval of Fundraising Request(s) for the 2024-2025 School Year as listed

Recommend board approve the following fundraising request(s) for the 2024-2025 school year:

DATE	CLUB/PROGRAM	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
March 17	Flag Football	Randy Kalman	Clothing Fundraiser
April 10	Flag Football	Randy Kalman	Shoe Night Fundraiser at Road Runner
April 12	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono	Car Wash

21. Approval of Home Instruction

Recommend Board approval of home instruction for the 2024 - 2025 school year as listed:

STUDENT NO.	TIME FRAME	REASON	PROVIDER/COST
27001050	2/24 - 3/31 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty / \$55 per hour
26000228	2/25 - 5/6 10 hours per week	Medical	Facility / \$45 per hour
26000090	2/19 - 2/21 6 total hours	Medical	Facility / \$60.75 per hour
26000090	3/6 - 5/22 10 hours per week	Medical	Facility / \$45 per hour
26000276	3/1 - 3/31 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty / \$55 per hour
26000341	2/3- 4/14 62 total hours	Medical	RFH Faculty / \$55 per hour
26000095	2/4 - 3/31 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty / \$55 per hour

22. Approval of Revised Curricula

Recommend Board approval of the following revised curricula:

- *Statistics and Probability*

23. Approval of New Textbooks

Recommend approval of the following new textbook:

- United States History I and United States History II: *US History Interactive*, Savvas

24. Approval to Affirm HIB Decision

Recommend Board approval to affirm the recommendation made by the Superintendent regarding the HIB Investigation FY 2024-2025-3 reported by the Superintendent at the Board's March 4, 2025 Meeting.

- 11. Motion to Approve Recommendations
- 12. Approval Vote
- 13. Discussion Items
- 14. Public Comment - Any School Related Topic
- 15. Executive Session
 - ❖ Student Matters
 - ❖ Personnel
 - ❖ Attorney/Client Privilege

WHEREAS, the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., (the "Act") provides that the Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education may hold an "Executive Session" from which the public is excluded to discuss matters that are one of the nine (9) subject matters listed Section 12(b) of the Act; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended by the Business Administrator that the Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education go into Executive Session on March 18, 2025 to discuss matters that are permissible for discussion in Executive Session; and

WHEREAS, the length of the Executive Session is estimated to be 45 minutes after which the public meeting of the Board may reconvene and proceed with business; and

WHEREAS, that the Board hereby declares that its discussion of the following subject(s) will be made public at a time when the public's interest in disclosure is greater than any privacy or governmental interest being protected from disclosure.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education that the Board shall go into Executive Session to discuss the following items:

ITEMS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION MAY RESULT IN BOARD ACTION WHEN THE BOARD RECONVENES TO PUBLIC SESSION.

- 16. Reconvene Public Session
- 17. Superintendent's Additional Action Items
- 18. Motion to Approve Recommendations
- 19. Other Business
- 20. Unfinished Business
- 21. Adjournment

Communicating With the Board of Education

The Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education meets in public session twice each month, usually on the second and third Tuesdays, beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the High School. The Board of Education welcomes comments and suggestions from the residents of Fair Haven and Rumson. To that end, provision is made for public discussion at each meeting.

There are two ways in which an individual or group may address the Board directly in person. The request should be made in advance to be recognized during the first Public Discussion session of the meeting. The request should be made to the office of the Superintendent of Schools by Noon on Friday preceding the meeting. The request should identify the name of the individual or group and the topic of the comments. The phone number of the Superintendent is 732-842-1597, extension 550.

The second way is to be recognized during one of the two Public Discussion sessions included on the agenda for the meeting. The first session occurs prior to Board votes on action items. Remarks during that session are restricted to topics included on the printed agenda, unless a request to be recognized was made as described above. The second session occurs near the end of the meeting, and any topic may be addressed.

Each session is limited to 30 minutes. Any one person may address the Board for a maximum of 5 minutes. Once a particular topic has been addressed by a member of the public, subsequent comments on that same topic by other people is limited to a maximum of 2 minutes. Citizens who have spoken once during the session will be recognized a second time only after all others have been heard a first time. Speakers are required to state their names and addresses.

These guidelines have been established in order to permit public input, while permitting the Board of Education to conduct its business in a reasonable amount of time. As always the Board welcomes public input in the form of letters addressed to the Superintendent of Schools, 74 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ 07760.