

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

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**Regular Meeting**

**August 26, 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	
		Mr. Page		Mrs. Whitehouse	

**5. Welcome of Visitors**

**6. Communications**

**7. Board Reports**

- ❖ Education - Mrs. Thompson - August 18, 2025
- ❖ Personnel - Mr. Page - August 21, 2025
- ❖ Policy - Mrs. Thompson - August 14, 2025
- ❖ Superintendent's Report

### **Drills**

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Fire Drill	July 17	9:04 a.m.	3 minutes

### **8. Special Presentation**

- ❖ HIB Self Assessment - 2024 - 2025 School Year - Dr. Meredith Brow, Assistant Principal
- ❖ District Goals / First 100 Days - Dr. Lee McDonald, Superintendent

### **9. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

### **10. ACTION ITEMS**

## **MINUTES**

### **The superintendent recommends Minutes item #1**

#### **Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:
  - a. August 12, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

### **2. Approval of District Goals for the 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the following District Goals for the 2025 - 2026 School Year:

1. **Teaching & Learning:** Improve educator capacity for the 2022 Danielson Framework to enhance student outcomes. Continue to leverage the Framework as a guide for staff goal-setting, reflection, feedback, and conversations regarding professional practice.
2. **Artificial Intelligence:** Deepen stakeholder AI literacy to align philosophy, develop goals, and establish practices that support student centered learning, teacher pedagogy, and organizational efficiency.
3. **Bell Schedule:** Analyze, adapt, and assess the rotating block schedule to best support student academic, social, and emotional development.

## **PERSONNEL**

### **The superintendent recommends personnel items #3 - 5**

#### **3. Approval of Job Descriptions**

Recommend Board approval of the following job descriptions:

- AV Computer Tech
- Secretary to the Assistant Principal
- Security Monitor

#### **4. Approval to Amend Resignation Date**

Recommend Board approval to amend the resignation effective date for Matthew Leddin, Social Studies Teacher, from on or before September 29, 2025 to August 13, 2025.

#### **5. Approval of Substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the following substitute teachers for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

NO.	NAME
1.	Barbara Kay
2.	Sang Ah Cathee Kim
3.	Jamien Lawson
4.	John Loennecker
5.	Connor McLoone

## **FINANCE**

### **The superintendent recommends finance items #6 - 11**

#### **6. Approval of Bill List**

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **August 22, 2025**:

General Fund	\$ 390,365.97
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 121.99
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 229,036.50
Food Services Fund	\$ 87.25
Unemployment Fund	\$ 3,755.22

<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 623,366.93</b>
Payroll 08-15-25	\$ 203,860.22
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 827,227.15</b>

#### 7. Approve of Use of Facilities - Non Chargeable

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

<b>Date(s)</b>	<b>Time(s)</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Facility</b>
9-6-25 9-13-25 9-20-25 9-27-25 10-4-25 10-11-25 10-18-25 10-25-25	8am - 12:30 pm	Rumson Recreation Department	Flag Football	Upper Turf Field
9-16-25 9-18-25 9-23-25 9-25-25 9-30-25 10-2-25 10-7-25 10-9-25 10-14-25 10-16-25 10-21-25	5:30-6:30 pm	Rumson Recreation Department	Field Hockey	Lower Field Field
9-6-25 To 11-2-25  Saturdays and Sundays	Saturdays 1pm - 7pm  Sundays 8am - 4pm	Rumson Recreation Department & Fair Haven Recreation Department	Baseball & Softball Games	Upper Turf Field

**8. 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
9-29-25 to 10-1-25	Lorelei Cheli-Voorhees	Handle with Care Instructor Recertification Program	\$1,525	\$100	Full	Vineland, NJ
10-28-25	Nicholas Delbuono	High School Mock Trial Workshop for Teachers	\$0	\$0	Full	New Brunswick, NJ
12-4-25	Lauren Malaney	Hot Topics in Special	\$160	\$0	Full	Virtual

**9. Approve Submission of the FY 2026 ESEA Grant Application**

Recommend Board approval of the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant application for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026, and hereby accepts the grant funds upon approval of the grant application from the NJ Department of Education. Grant allocations are as follows:

Title II Part A	\$	9,631
<b>Total Allocation</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>9,631</b>

**10. Approve Shared Service Agreement with Rumson - SLEO**

Recommend Board approval of a Shared Service Contract with the Borough of Rumson to provide an SLEO Officer to Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School for the 2025-2026 SY.

**11. Approval to Accept a Donation**

Recommend Board approval to accept a donation from the New York Giants in the amount of \$2,000.00 to be used for the Flag Football Team.

## **EDUCATION**

### **The superintendent recommends education items #12 - 23**

#### **12. Approval of Field Trip Request(s) for the 2025-2026 School Year as listed**

Recommend Board approval of the following field trip request(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>CLUB/CLASS</b>	<b>ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES</b>
September 20	Brick Township High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Mel Chayette Rebecca Olivero
September 27	West Windsor Plainsboro High School South	Marching Band	Sara Marino Mel Chayette Rebecca Olivero
October 11	Sayreville War Memorial High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Mel Chayette Rebecca Olivero
October 19	Woodbridge High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Mel Chayette Rebecca Olivero
October 25	Barnegat High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Mel Chayette Rebecca Olivero

#### **13. Approval of Fundraising Request(s) for the 2025-2026 School Year as listed**

Recommend board approve the following fundraising request(s) for the 2025-2026 school year:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB/PROGRAM</b>	<b>ADVISOR(S)</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
August 23	Boys / Girls Soccer	Jeffrey Soares Jeffrey Herkimer	Coed soccer game supporting “Don’t Shock Me” Foundation
August 28	Field Hockey	Kelsi Ehehalt	Gear Up Night at Road Runner

#### **14. Approval of Home Instruction**

Recommend Board approval of home instruction for the 2025 - 2026 school year as listed:

<b>STUDENT NO.</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>PROVIDER/COST</b>
26000276	5/31 - 7/31 12 total hours	Medical	MOESC \$75/hour

### **15. Approval of Delayed Opening**

Recommend approval of a 10:30 a.m. delayed opening on Wednesday, October 8, 2025 for students in grades 9 and 12 for PSAT Testing.

### **16. Approval of Revised Curricula**

Recommend Board approval of the following revised curricula:

- Anatomy & Physiology Honors
- AP Biology
- AP Chemistry
- AP Computer Science
- AP Environmental Science
- AP US History
- Chinese I
- Chinese II Honors
- Chinese III Honors
- Contemporary Issues in Environmental Science
- English II
- English II Honors
- French I
- French II
- French III
- Integrated Art
- Music in Film
- Spanish I
- Spanish II
- Spanish III
- Sports Medicine I
- Sports Medicine II
- US History II

### **17. Approval of Textbooks**

Recommend Board approval of the following new textbooks:

- *Crying in H Mart: A Memoir*
- *Believe: My Faith and the Tackle that Changed my Life*
- *Into Thin Air*
- *Marley & Me*
- *Death of a Salesman*
- *Educated*
- *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*

- *Just Mercy*
- *Alfred's Basic Adult All-in-one Course*

#### **18. Approval of the School District Grade Report for the 2023 - 2024 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the School District Grade Report for the 2023 - 2024 school year.

#### **19. Approval of Dual Enrollment Program**

Recommend Board approval of the Dual Enrollment Program with Rutgers University for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

#### **20. Approval of Dual Enrollment Program**

Recommend Board approval of the Dual Enrollment Program with Stockton University for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

#### **21. Approval of Evaluation Tool for Faculty for the 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the Danielson Framework for Teacher Practice (2022 version) as the evaluation tool for the teachers in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

#### **22. Approval of Evaluation Tool for Administrators and Supervisors for the 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) (2018 version) as the evaluation tool for principals, assistant principals, and supervisors in the 2025 - 2026 school year.

#### **23. Approval of the District Mentoring Plan for the 2025 - 2026 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the District Mentoring Plan for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

### **POLICY & PLANNING**

#### **The superintendent recommends Policy & Planning item #24**

#### **24. Approval of First Reading of Policies and Regulations**

Recommend Board approval of the first reading of the policies and regulations listed below:

- Bylaw 0143 - Board Member Election and Appointment
- Bylaw 0174 - Legal Services
- Bylaw 0177 - Professional Services
- Policy & Regulation 1570 - Internal Controls
- Policy 2361 - Acceptable Use of Computer Networks and Computer Resources
- Policy 2422 - Statutory Curricular Requirements
- Policy & Regulation 6111 - Special Education Medicaid Initiatives
- Policy 5339.01 - Student Sun Protection



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 August 26, 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.