

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY 2024-2025 No.16
OFFICIAL MINUTES

January 7, 2025 Reorganization 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** - Sean Cranston, Business Administrator / Board Secretary, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2. **Salute the Flag**

3. **Statement of Compliance**

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary read the following 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. **Announcement of Official Results of the Annual School Board Election - November 5, 2024**

The following are the official results of the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School's election as reported by the Business Administrator / Board Secretary as certified by the Monmouth County Clerk.

FAIR HAVEN

Bryan P. Dougherty - Three Year Term	2,137 votes
Amy Romano - Three Year Term	1,993 votes
Marisa Coar	1,233 votes

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Kevin M. Grant - Three Year Term	2,901 votes
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5. **Administer Oath of Office**

The Business Administrator / Board Secretary administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board Members:

Bryan P. Dougherty
Kevin M. Grant
Amy Romano

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I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people, so help me God.

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability, So help me God.

6. Roll Call

The Business Administrator / Board Secretary will call the roll:

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

7. Nomination and Election for Office of President

The Business Administrator / Board Secretary calls for nominees for President.

Nomination for: Mrs. McGinty

By: Mrs. Kiley

Roll Call

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

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The President will now preside over the meeting.

Mrs. McGinty presided over the meeting.

8. Nomination and Election for Office of Vice-President

The Board President calls for nominees for Vice-President.

Nomination for: Mrs. Thompson By: Mr. Grant

Roll Call

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

9. Presentation: Board Member Code of Ethics - Athina Cornell, Esq.

Mrs. Cornell reviewed in detail the School Ethics Act and the Code of Ethics for Board Members.

10. ADOPTION OF THE NEW JERSEY SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF ETHICS

Moved: Mr. Grant Second: Mrs. Kiley

Be it Resolved, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education adopts the New Jersey School Boards Association Code of Ethics, and that each Board member shall abide by these principles in accordance with board policy and N.J.S.A. 18A:12-24.1:

- A. I will uphold and enforce all laws, rules and regulations of the State Board of Education, and court orders pertaining to schools. Desired changes shall be brought about only through legal and ethical procedures.
- B. I will make decisions in terms of the educational welfare of children and will seek to develop and maintain public schools that meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, or social standing.

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- C. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal, and I will help to frame policies and plans only after the board has consulted those who will be affected by them.
- D. I will carry out my responsibility, not to administer the schools, but, together with my fellow board members, to see that they are well run.
- E. I will recognize that authority rests with the board of education and will make no personal promises nor take any private action that may compromise the board.
- F. I will refuse to surrender my independent judgment to special interest or partisan political groups or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends.
- G. I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools. In all other matters, I will provide accurate information and, in concert with my fellow board members, interpret to the staff the aspirations of the community for its school.
- H. I will vote to appoint the best qualified personnel available after consideration of the recommendation of the chief administrative officer.
- I. I will support and protect school personnel in proper performance of their duties.
- J. I will refer all complaints to the chief administrative officer and will act on the complaints at public meetings only after failure of an administrative solution.

Roll Call

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

11. Public Comment on Agenda Items

None

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12. Action Items

Finance

1. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **January 3, 2025**:

General Fund	\$ 603,181.43
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 15,920.17
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 83,445.12
Total	\$ 702,546.72
Payroll 12-13-24	\$ 616,196.10
Payroll 12-20-24	\$ 600,137.66
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,918,880.48

Moved: Mrs. Whitehouse

Second: Mr. Grant

Roll Call

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

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Policy & Planning

2. Approval of RFH BOE Annual Planning Schedule 2025

Recommend Board approval of the RFH BOE Annual Planning Schedule 2025, as attached:
(Attachment A)

Moved: Mrs. Whitehouse

Second: Mr. Grant

Roll Call

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

14. Public Comment on Any School Related Topic

None

15. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Whitehouse and seconded by Mr. Grant the board, by unanimous roll call vote approved to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean S. Cranston

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