

RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY 2024-2025 No.24  
OFFICIAL MINUTES

March 4, 2025 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 Learning Commons. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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	Arrived 7:30 p.m.	Mrs. Kiley	Present	Mrs. Romano	Present
Mr. Grant	Arrived 6:29 p.m.	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

Athina Cornell, Board Counsel

Mrs. Kiley read the mission statement.

**5. Welcome of Visitors**

Mrs. McGinty welcomed all visitors to the meeting.

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**6. Special Presentation - Tim Teehan NJSBA**

**7. Communications**

- a. Mr. Cranston informed the board that Danielle Giusti has been nominated for National Life Group's 2024-2025 LifeChanger of the Year award.
- b. Mrs. Thompson informed the board that she received a parent phone call in regards to the board's hard work during the Superintendent search.
- c. Dr. Righi informed the board that everyone received a communication via email from a parent.

**8. Board Reports**

- a. Athletics & Activities - Mr. Grant - February 20, 2025
- b. Superintendent's Report
  - i. Budget Presentation - Personnel, Benefits, Transportation  
Sean Cranston

**9. Public Comment on Agenda Items**

- a. None

**10. ACTION ITEMS**

**MINUTES**

**The Superintendent recommends approval of minutes #1.**

**Approve Board Meeting Minutes**

- 1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:
  - a. February 18, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. February 18, 2025 Executive Session Minutes
  - c. February 26, 2025 Special Meeting Minutes

**Board Comment:** None

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

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

**PERSONNEL**

**The Superintendent recommends personnel items #2-4**

**2. Amend the start date**

Recommend Board approval to amend the start date of Marshall “Lee” McDonald from no later than April 15, 2025 to April 14, 2025.

**3. Approval of Long Term Replacement Extension for the 2024 - 2025 School Year**

Recommend Board approval of the following long term replacement extension for the 2024 - 2025 school year:

<b>NO.</b>	<b>NAME</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
1.	Gabrielle Eglinton	English Teacher	April 22, 2025	June 17, 2025

**4. Approval of Coaching / Advisor Appointments**

Recommend Board approval of the following coaching / advisor appointments:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>SPORT/CLUB</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>STIPEND/S TEP</b>
Amanda Davenport	Rowing - Group III	Assistant Coach	\$3,906 / 1
Krista Honnold	Boys Tennis	Assistant Coach	\$2,962 / 1
Timothy McLoone	Girls Track	Head Coach	\$7,929 / 7

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**Board Comment:** None

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. Whitehouse and seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board approved Personnel Items 2-4 with the following roll call vote:

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

**FINANCE**

**The Superintendent recommends finance items #5-11**

**5. Approval of Bill List**

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **February 28, 2025**:

General Fund	\$ 417,297.19
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 8,597.19
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 100,790.06
Food Services Fund	\$ 30,336.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 557,020.44</b>
Payroll 02-28-25	\$ 762,715.05
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,735.49</b>

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**6. 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>
5-16-25	6-9 pm	Fair Haven Recreation - Men's Basketball	Men's Game	Gymnasium

**7. 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>Day</b>	<b>Location</b>
6-3-25 to 6-6-25	Thomas Colella	AP Macroeconomics Virtual Scoring	\$0	\$0	Full	Virtual
3-24-25	Suzanne Crowley	Site Visit Marlboro HS	\$0	\$0	Full	Marlboro, NJ
3-6-25	Suzanne Crowley	Site Visit JP Stevens HS	\$0	\$17	Full	Edison, NJ
3-18-25	Elizabeth Dry	Defining Problems and Designing Solutions for Engineering Phenomena	\$150	\$0	Full	Branchburg, NJ
3-6-25	Lucrecia Esposito	Site Visit JP Stevens HS	\$0	\$0	Full	Edison, NJ
3-24-25	Lucrecia Esposito	Site Visit Marlboro HS	\$0	\$0	Full	Marlboro, NJ
3-19-25	Chrissy Fabrico	K-12 Behavior Threat Assessment & Management Training	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
3-28-25	Patrick Karl	Good Ideas Conference	\$0	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
6-10-25 to 6-18-25	Valerie Kilar	AP Biology Reading	\$0	\$0	Full	Kansas City, MO

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4-4-25	Amanda McCaffrey	Strengthening your effectiveness as a Special Education Resource Teacher	\$295	\$0	Full	Virtual
3-19-25	Katie McLoughlin	K-12 Behavior Threat Assessment & Management Training	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
4-30-25	Jessica Mentzel	MOESC PD On the Spot Assessment	\$399	\$0	Full	Tinton Falls, NJ
6-11-25 to 6-19-25	Jessica Olszewski	AP English Language and Composition Scoring	\$0	\$0	Full	Cleveland, OH
3-20-25	Peter Righi	The Role of the Leader in Implementing AI	\$50 (group rate)	\$0	Half AM	Virtual
4-13-25 to 4-16-25	Alyssa Schulte	Palmetto Finest Tour	\$450	\$284	Full	South Carolina
3-18-25	Marisa Stefani	Using Motivational Interviewing to Engage Patients in Treatment for Eating Related Disorders	\$0	\$0	Full	Virtual
4-4-25	Marisa Stefani	Transition Fair	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Holmdel, NJ
6-13-25 to 6-18-25	Aubrey Torta	AP English Language and Composition Grading	\$0	\$0	Full	Virtual
3-21-25 4-4-25	Erica Walz	Transforming and Sustaining a Think Classroom	\$200	\$35	Full	North Brunswick, NJ

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**8. Honorarium Approval**

Recommend Board approval of an honorarium of \$100 for travel for Randy Levin. He is a nationally recognized college essay writing expert. He will be presenting to students and parents for free on March 25, 2025.

**9. Approval to Utilize Outside Venues**

Recommend Board approval to utilize outside venues for athletics and activities for the 24-25 SY, at no cost to the district, as listed:

No.	Venue
1	The Golf Den 8 E Front Street, Red Bank NJ

**10. Ratify Approval of PD**

Recommend Board ratify the approval of Mary Patricia Kochenash, Flip the Switch LLC, to provide professional development to our staff on the February 11, 2025 PD day in the amount of \$1,125.

**11. Ratify Out-of-District Placement**

Recommend Board ratify the following out-of-district placement beginning February 27 through June 30, 2025, 7:30 a.m. - 10:20 a.m:

STUDENT NO.	PLACEMENT	2024 - 2025 ACADEMIC YEAR	TRANSPORTATION
27001091	Career Center	\$6,554 prorated	Yes

**Board Comment:** None

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mr.Dougherty the Board approved Finance Items 5-11 with the following roll call vote:

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

**EDUCATION**

**The superintendent recommends education items #12-14**

**12. 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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>DESTINATION</b>	<b>CLUB/CLASS</b>	<b>ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES</b>
March 7	St. John the Divine & The Met Cloisters New York City	AP Art History	Alexa James Zachary Wilson
March 14	Knollwood Forrestdale	Math Honor Society	Lindsay Deremiah Kristin McCarthy
March 22	New Brunswick	Model UN	Michael Kane
March 27	National Museum of Mathematics, New York City	Math Honor Society	Julie Brewington Megan Rizzitello Erika Waltz
April 5	Jackson	Jazz Band	Zachary Lorelli
April 8	MCVSD, Asbury Park	French National Honor Society	Martin Januario Maryellen DeLalla
April 25	Knollwood	Computer Programming Club	Molly McBain
April 25	Forrestdale	Computer Programming Club	Molly McBain



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**13. 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:

<b>DATE</b>	<b>CLUB/PROGRAM</b>	<b>ADVISOR(S)</b>	<b>ACTIVITY</b>
March 20	Boys Track	Jeremy Schulte	Team Night at Roadrunner Sports
March 22	Flag Football	Randy Kalman	Car Wash
March 24	Habitat for Humanity	Kristen DeMeter	Lupo Dine to Donate
April - May	Science National Honor Society	Michael Haughwout	Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive

**14. Approval of Home Instruction**

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

<b>STUDENT NO.</b>	<b>TIME FRAME</b>	<b>REASON</b>	<b>PROVIDER/COST</b>
26000121	2/19 - 3/3 24 total hours	Suspension	RFH Faculty / \$55/hour
26000276	2/4 - 2/28 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty / \$55/hour
28001399	2/14 - TBD 10 hours per week	Suspension	RFH Faculty / \$55/hour

**Board Comment:** Mrs. Whitehouse was concerned that the baseball fundraiser would conflict with the Flag Football fundraiser. It was stated that baseball has not even put in their request for a fundraiser at this point in time.

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Grant and seconded by Mrs. Kiley, the Board approved Education Items 12-14 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mrs. Kiley	Yes	Mrs. Romano	Yes
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Mrs. Hickey	Yes	Mr. Page	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

**Addendum**

**15. Approve Wrestling Coaches Hand Carry**

Recommend board approval for the boys wrestling coaching staff (DeLuca, Schulte, Delvecchio, and Collela) to attend the NJSIAA State Wrestling Tournament on March 6-8, 2025 and to reimburse the coaches for travel costs permitted by regulation.

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. Kiley and seconded by Mrs. Whitehouse, the Board approved Addendum Item 15 with the following roll call vote:

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

**12. Public Comment - None**

**13. Executive Session**

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mrs. Kiley the Board by unanimous roll call vote, moved to Executive Session at 7:44 p.m.:

**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

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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 4, 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:

- ❖ Personnel
- ❖ Student Matters
- ❖ Attorney/Client Privilege

**13. Reconvene Public Session**

On a **MOTION** by Mrs. Kiley seconded by Mr. Grant, the Board by unanimous roll call vote returned to open Public Session at 8:16 p.m.

**15. Adjournment**

As there was no further business before the Board, on a **MOTION** by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Mrs. Kiley, and carried by unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Sean S. Cranston*

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