

**RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

FY2016 No. 8 Official Minutes

November 17, 2015 (Regular Meeting)

1. Board of Education Meeting

The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:33 PM with Mrs. Waters, Board President, presiding. President Waters read the following statement in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey.

“Adequate notice of this meeting has been compiled and disseminated in accordance with Section 5 of the Open Public Meetings Act. The time, date, location and agenda of this meeting was e-mailed to the Asbury Park Press and was posted in the offices of the borough clerks of Rumson and Fair Haven, posted in the libraries of each borough, and e-mailed to persons requesting such notices.”

2. Salute the Flag

3. Read Statement of Compliance

4. Roll Call

The following Board members answered the call of the roll:

Mrs. Lisa Waters, President - Present

Dr. Michael Goione, Vice President - Present

Mrs. Lourdes Lucas - Present

Dr. Teresa Liccardi – Present

Mrs. Sarah Maris - Present

Mrs. Annie McGinty - Present

Mr. Chuck Volker- Present

Mr. Jim Wassel - Present

Mrs. Kaye Wise - Absent

Administrators:

Dr. Peter Righi, Superintendent - Absent

Frank E. Gripp III, Business Administrator/Board Secretary - Present

5. Special Recognition

6. Communication

The following Communications were received and discussed:

- Comments praising the yoga classes
- Comments related to the books

7. Board Reports

The following Board committee reports were given:

- Finance Committee update - Mr. Gripp
- Buildings and Grounds Committee update - Mr. Wassel
- Athletics and Activities Committee update - Mr Volker
- Personnel Committee update - Dr. Goione
- Ad Hoc Committee - Mrs. Maris
- Education Committee update - Mrs. Maris
- Policy Committee update - Mrs Lucas

8. Public Discussion on Agenda Items Only - None

9. Action Items

SUPERINTENDENT'S CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Volker and seconded by Mr. Wassel, the Board by unanimous roll call vote approved Items 1-11 in the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Field Trip Request(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board approve field trip request(s) for the 2015-2016 school year as listed:

DATE	DESTINATION	LEAVE	RETURN	CLUB/CLASS	ADVISOR
12/14/15	Met Museum of Art, New York City	7:45 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	AP Art History	K. Okeson
1/21/16	Cathedral Church of St. John Divine,	7:45 a.m.	4:00 p.m.	AP Art History Jewelry Design	K. Okeson K. Lanfrank

	New York City				
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2. Approval of Fundraising Request(s) for the 2015-2016 School Year as listed

I recommend Board approve fundraising request(s) for the 2015-2016 school year as listed:

DATE	CLUB	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
2015 - 2016 SY	Global Women Empowerment	H. Strauch A. Marinov	Bake Sales
11/30 - 12/18	Global Women Empowerment	H. Strauch B. Marinov	Snowflake Sale
One day in December (between 12/1 - 12/11)	Class of 2018	S. Fitzgerald	Panera Bread Fundraiser
12/1 - 12/21	National Art Honor Society	K. Lanfrank	Handpainted Ornament Sale
1/8/2016	RFH Dance	J. Costa	Alumni Performance
1/22/2016	RHF Dance	J. Costa	Junior Dance Team

3. Approval of Annual Review and Revisions of “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials” Without Change

I recommend Board approve the “Annual Review and Revisions of “Uniform State Memorandum of Agreement Between Education and Law Enforcement Officials” without change; such agreement having been reviewed and signed by the Rumson Chief of Police, Fair Haven Chief of Police, the County Superintendent of Schools and our Board of Education President.

4. Approval of Statement of Assurance (SOA)

I recommend Board approve the Statement of Assurance (SOA) representing a collaborative effort to ensure sound instructional, programmatic, fiscal management, governance, personnel and operations of the District according to New Jersey Administrative Code 6A:30.

5. Ratification of Home Instruction

I recommend Board ratify home instruction at a cost of \$45.00 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year as listed:

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STUDENT NO.	TIME FRAME	REASON
H18-01-15	9/9/15 - 12/11/15 5 hours per week	Medical

6. Ratification of Out-of-District Placement

I recommend Board ratify out-of-district placement for student #SO19-06-15 to attend CPC Behavioral Healthcare High Point Adolescent School in Morganville beginning November 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at an annual tuition rate of \$63,450.00 plus transportation.

7. Approval of Substitute Teachers for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board approve the substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year upon as listed below:

NAME	SUB CERTIFICATE EXPIRA. DATE / NJ CERTIFICATION	COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY	DEGREE/ CREDITS
Nicholas Cefalo	1/2/2021 #429469	Univ. of New Hampshire	B.A.
Elizabeth de la Pena	1/2/2021 #432095	George Washington Univ.	B.A.
Jacqueline Forgach	1/2/2021 #431899		
Carrie Marxen	1/2/2021 #432060	Boston College	B.A.

8. Approval of Maternity/Family Leave Request

I recommend Board approve Sarah Fitzgerald's request for a paid maternity leave beginning January 11 through approximately March 14, 2016 and a Family Medical Leave of Absence beginning March 15 through May 27, 2016, returning on May 31, 2016. All dates are contingent upon the recommendation of her doctor and actual birth date of her child (letter attached).

9. Approval of Field Work Experience

I recommend Board approve Brooke Batchler to conduct her instructional leadership and supervision field work under the supervision of Christopher Alworth. The field work experience will require 25 hours during the 2015-2016 school year.

10. Amend the Dates and Stipends for Chaperones for the Student Exchange Trips

I recommend Board amend the previously approved the dates and stipends for chaperones for the student exchange trips. Correct dates are listed below. Stipends will be \$125 per day with \$75 per day funded by the respective students travelling on said trips and \$50 per day funded by the Board of Education:

Peru - October 31, 2015 - November 11, 2015

Christina Gauss	Danielle Goodarz	Tracy Handerhan	Seth Herman
Yannell Maglione	Michel Salazar		

China - October 31, 2015 - November 10, 2015

Kate Borsuk	Pete Righi	Rebecca Wang	Matthew Yang
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11. Approval of Payment for Technological Services with Fair Haven Borough for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board approve the payment for technological services with Fair Haven Borough as listed below:

Chris Alworth	-	\$50.00/hour
Sal Catalano	-	\$50.00/hour

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion made by Mr. Wassel and seconded by Mrs. Lucas, the Board, by unanimous roll call approved Items 1-11 in the Business Administrator's Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill list dated November 17, 2015:

General Fund	\$555,979.76
Special Revenue	\$13,985.00
Food Services	<u>\$82,649.51</u>
	\$652,614.27
October 28, 2015 Payroll	\$481,999.29
November 13, 2015 Payroll	\$489,324.66

2. Authorization of Use of Facilities

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

- Covenant House New Jersey - A Night of Future Broadway Stars - 4/10 and 4/14 - Various times - Auditorium, Cafe and 2 Classrooms
- TROG - Lacrosse Games - 11/14 and 11/21 - 4PM-8PM - Turf Field

All approvals are contingent upon coordination with the district athletic and extra-curricular schedule needs and proof of insurance.

3. Acceptance of Minutes

Recommend Board acceptance of the October 20, 2015 Regular Public meeting minutes.

4. Approval of Professional Leave

Recommend Board approval of the following professional leave requests as approved by Dr. Righi:

Date of Professional Leave	Name	Conference	Estimated Cost	Location
1/28/2015 - 1/29/2015	Dr. Righi	Techspo	\$800.00	Atlantic City, NJ
1/28/2015 - 1/29/2015	Frank Gripp	Techspo	\$800.00	Atlantic City, NJ
1/28/2015 - 1/29/2015	Chris Alworth	Techspo	\$800.00	Atlantic City, NJ
1/28/2015 - 1/29/2015	Sal Catalano	Techspo	\$700.00	Atlantic City, NJ
1/22/2016 - 1/24/2016	Fran Swift	NACAC PD Winter Meeting	\$200	Washington DC

5. Acceptance of Comprehensive Annual Financial Report

Recommend the Board accept the June 30, 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the 2014-2015 school year with an unqualified opinion and no audit recommendations.

6. Approval of Corrective Action Plan

Recommend the Board approve the Corrective Action Plan for the June 30, 2015 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

7. Approval of a Contract - Sport Care

Recommend Board approval of a contract with Sport Care Synthetic Field Maintenance, in the amount of \$4,950, for 3 turf field services and a G-Max safety test for the 2015-2016 school year.

8. Approval of a Contract - Above the Mark Landscaping

Recommend Board approval of a contract with Above the Mark Landscaping, in the amount of \$10,750, for field and irrigation services for the 2015-2016 school year.

9. Approval of a Contract - School Dude

Recommend Board approval of a contract with School Dude, in the amount of \$14,155, for a Facility Condition Assessment for the 2015-2016 school year.

10. Approval of a Contract - Spiezle

Recommend Board approval of a contract with Spiezle Architectural Group, in the amount of \$10,570, for Documentation and Bidding services for Tennis Courts for the 2015-2016 school year.

11. Approval of a Benefit Waiver

Recommend Board Approval of a Health Benefits Waiver, Nov 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016, for Caitlin Altland:

Health, RX, Dental & Vision @ H/W eligibility pro-rated for 8 months = \$3,333

10. Motion to Approve Recommendations

11. Approval Vote

12. Superintendent's Additional Action Items

On a motion made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Wassel, the Board by unanimous roll call vote approved item 12 in the Superintendent's agenda as follows:

12. Ratification of Out-of-District Placement

I recommend Board ratify out-of-district placement for student #SO19-06-15 to attend CPC Behavioral Healthcare High Point Adolescent School in Morganville beginning November 9, 2015 through June 30, 2016 at an annual tuition rate of \$63,450.00 plus transportation.

This student was placed in our MD program but due to his aggressive behavior, he requires a school with more structured behavior support.

13. Motion to Approve Recommendation

14. Approval Vote

15. Public Discussion – Any School Related Topic

- Comments praising Football coaching staff, trainer, and Athletic Director regarding the positive treatment of their son who was injured.

Public comments were made related to the District reading list:

- Issues of censorship
- Books have sexual content not yet covered in Physical Education
- Disappointing
- Questions related to committee structure
- CBA does not have this as part of the reading list
- Applaud the level of rigor taken to discuss this topic
- How can Dr. Handerman and Mr. Shea be on the committee
- So many better books
- Why is the opt out so restrictive
- Thoughtful discussion
- Scandalizing children
- Worrying about emotional well being
- Required reading could be dangerously inappropriate
- Cannot assume all young people are exposed to sexual topics
- Alternate literature
- Material is stale
- Better books can be chosen
- Positive change to move the reading to the school year
- Previous student felt like he could talk with teachers
- Parents are the kids primary educators

- Not the right books
- Support that we have a choice for the book

16. Board Discussion Items

- RFH Reading List

17. Other Business - None

18. Unfinished Business - None

19. Executive Session

On a motion made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Dr. Goione, the Board, by unanimous vote, moved into executive session at 10:12 PM, as follows:

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 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:

- Student Matter regarding Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

On a motion made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Dr. Goione, the Board, by unanimous vote, returned from executive session at 10:17 PM, as follows:

20. **Adjournment**

On a motion made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Mrs. Maris, the Board by consensus adjourned the regular meeting held on November 17, 2015 at 10:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. Gripp III

School Business Administrator/Board Secretary