

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

FY2015 No. 6 Official Minutes

October 13, 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 7:34 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 - Absent

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 - Present

Administrators:

Dr. Peter Righi, Superintendent - Present

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

5. Special Recognition

- **Perfect SAT Scores**
- **Acknowledgement of Tenure**
 - Christine Berg
 - Donna Clarke
 - Alexander Componile
 - Kristen DeMeter
 - Caitlin Flanagan
 - Stefania Flecca
 - Lauren Hansen
 - Molly McBain
 - Robert Orrok
 - Alex Stein
- **Mindfulness Committee**

ACTION ITEM

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

- 1. Approval to Amend Bylaw 0167 for the October 13, 2015 Board meeting to allow "first session" as specified in paragraph four to last "until any and all persons that wish to address the Board, have a chance to do so."**

Public Comment:

- Community members spoke regarding the books "Death of a Maiden" and "Cal." Comments included:
 - Conversation is bigger than just these books
 - Books bring up uncomfortable topics
 - Yes - the books can be vulgar and troubling but did not find over the top
 - Views to remove these books are not shared by me
 - Should not infringe the rights of others to allow parents to dictate curriculum
 - Research topics, do not stop research if you feel ill
 - Role of the school is to provide safe place to have these discussions
 - books are not in line with the student handbook code of conduct

- Should be no blurred lines
- Reading should complement code
- Parents have complained for years
- Curriculum is to change with the times
- Parents are afraid to speak up out of fear of retaliation
- This evening provides for a teachable moment
- Books provide for authenticity
- Topics in the books are part of life, therefore part of literature
- What happens in “Death of a Maiden” is not polite - if this bothers people, change the world
- Build a planet where books do not need to use the words
- Censorship is the child of fear
- If you find these topics inappropriate and not suitable, then you do not understand how pop culture works
- Rape is most common amongst college freshmen - better to learn about it now
- Censorship is rooted in fear
- Son at CBA are not required to read and younger son at RFH is developmentally different and not ready for these topics
- As Dr. Fico stated, think and pause before you teach
- I will choose to expose my children to these topics on my time
- Children are not equipped to handle this
- Disturbing pattern of choice
- Requesting age appropriate books be chosen
- RFH is #10 in the State and Chatham is #1 and their books do not dance with the unacceptable
- Can raise the bar and still have the students read good books
- Need to do a better job for our children
- There has to be a middle ground
- Just might not be appropriate for everyone
- Scandalizing a child
- Think about the one kid that might not be ready for it
- Emotional issue
- Country founded by laws to protect the individual
- Loophole to discuss rape - not appropriate
- Should be more proactive on this issue
- If one is offended then the books should not be included
- Muslims would feel totally out of place
- Text should be kept in the curriculum
- Teachers should not be forced with censored text

- What is the right age to discuss
 - Give teachers and kids more credit as they can deal with these topics
 - Offensive portions are carved out to prove a point
 - Public school is not a la carte
 - We employ people to run a school
 - If you do not like it, take your children out
 - This is not about censorship or banning books
 - These books are not equivalent to Darwin
 - 500 years of literature to choose from, why this
 - Do not get excited about what they read
 - 1 in 5 college girls will be sexually assaulted - look at 1 in 5 of us in the front row and say we cannot learn about this now, but can discuss after it happens
 - Learn about it now in academic setting
 - Parents should be the ones to teach about rape and these topics
 - Problem is not the subject matter, but the context
 - Discussed "Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee"
 - There can be choices
 - This meeting is an amazing experience for this school
 - We need to be globally intelligent
 - Books only instigate thoughts
 - Should be a balanced playing field
 - Can be a win/win
 - Should be balance of literature
 - Literature portrays sex as negative
 - Sex should be portrayed as good
 - Balance of portrayal is good
 - Take some time in the Education Committee to discuss
 - Definitely something wrong with this
 - Not uplifting topics
 - Need a positive influence
 - Just because the world says it is right, does not make it right
 - Curriculum at RFH is creating socially active students
 - Rape culture is real
 - Let's not censor this as History books are already censored
 - Most in opposition are parents - parents cannot always make decisions for their kids
 - Our teachers want us to be comfortable with the uncomfortable
 - Are we undermining parent choice
 - If we are being student centered, we should be hitting balance
- Statements were read by Jack Shea and Dr. Tracy Handerhan

6. Communication

The following Communications were received and discussed:

➤ None

7. Board Reports

The following Board committee reports were given:

➤ None

8. Public Discussion on Agenda Items Only - see above

9. Action Items

Superintendent's Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Mrs. Lucas and seconded by Mr. Wassel, the Board by unanimous roll call vote approved Items 2-17, with Item 6 withdrawn, in the Superintendent's Consent Agenda as follows:

2. 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
October 22	Forrestdale School	10:00 am	11:00 am	Peer Leadership	S. Fico
October 22	Princeton Univ. Art Museum	9:30 am	1:45 pm	AP Art History	K. Okeson
March 18	Monmouth County Teen Arts Festival, Brookdale College	9:30 am	2:00 pm	Art & Music	K. Lanfrank, K. Okeson, Z. Wilson, B. Grillo

3. 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
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October 2015	Varsity Field Hockey	E. Marucci	Sell Pink Breast Cancer Wristbands, socks, pine - Designate 1 game to raise funds
October 15	Global Women Empowerment	Marinov H. Strauch	Dues Collection
October 18	Social Justice Club	E. Burke	Crop Walk for Hunger
October 15 - 30	Global Women Empowerment	Marinov H. Strauch	Halloween locker decoration sale
October 15 - November 25	Global Women Empowerment	Marinov H. Strauch	Winter Clothing Drive
October 15 - November 25	Global Women Empowerment	Marinov H. Strauch	Lollipop Sale
October 15 - December 7	MD Program	J. Dellett	Coat Drive
October 16	SGA	Y. Maglione	Homecoming Carnival
October 20 - 22	Cooking Club	L. Murray	Halloween Gift Packs
October 20 - 23	French Honor Society	C. Berg	Gum Sale
October 28, December 4, January 13	Cooking Club	L. Murray	Lollipop Sale
November 16 - 20	Psychology Club	N. Conter	Gobble Grams
November 16 - 20	Cooking Club	L. Murray	Send flyers to selected restaurants

November 17 - 19	Environmental Club	S. Pagano C. Laviola	Bake Sale
February 11, 12	Environmental Club	S. Pagano	Heart Lollipop Sale
April 19	Cooking Club	L. Murray	Edible Books Event

4. Ratification of Fundraising Requests for the 2015-2016 School Year as listed

I recommend Board ratify fundraising requests for the 2015-2016 school year as listed

DATE	CLUB	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
September - March	Tower Players	S. Flecca	Bake Sales
September 21 - 25	Peer Leadership	S. Fico E. Marucci	Sell Bracelets
October 1 - 13	National Art Honor Society	K. Lanfrank	Lollipop Sale
October 5 - 14	Environmental Club	S. Pagano C. Laviola	Food Drive

5. Approval for Transportation for the 2015 - 2016 Academic School Year

I recommend Board approve transportation for the following students from Rumson Fair Haven Regional High to the students' home for the 2015-2016 academic school year:

SV19-05-15

SO18-01-14

6. Approval of Revised Curricula

I recommend Board approve the following revised curricula:

- History Unfolding
- United States History I
- Honors College English
- Physical Education 9, Physical Education 10, Physical Education 11, Physical Education 12
- Health 9, Health 10, Health 11, Health 12
- Algebra I, Algebra II, Algebra II w/Applications, Honors Algebra II

- Geometry, Honors Geometry
- AP Calculus AB, AP Calculus BC
- Biology, Honors Biology, AP Biology
- Chemistry, Honors Chemistry, AP Chemistry
- Environmental Science, AP Environmental Science
- Physics, AP Physics I, AP Physics II, Applied Physics
- Anatomy & Physiology

7. Lodge on First Reading of Policy #7441 "Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds"

I recommend Board lodge on first reading of Policy #7441, "Electronic Surveillance in School Buildings and on School Grounds"

8. Approval of Job Description

I recommend the Board approve the Permanent Substitute Teacher job description (attached).

9. Approval of Job Description

I recommend the Board approve the Assistant to the Athletic Director job description (attached).

10. Approval of Job Description

I recommend the Board approve the Audio Visual Specialist/AVA Coordinator job description (attached).

11. Approval of the October HIB Report

I recommend Board approve the October HIB Report

12. 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
Gabriella Kenny	1/2/2021 #431994	Rutgers Univ.	94 credits
Patricia Raphael	School Nurse	Monmouth Univ.	B.S.

Emily Walsh	1/2/2021 #431974	Monmouth Univ.	B.A.
COACHES/ ADVISORS ONLY			
NAME	SUB CERTIFICATE EXPIRA. DATE / NJ CERTIFICATION	COLLEGE/ UNIVERSITY	DEGREE/ CREDITS
Amy Fredericks	1/2/2021 #431984	Principia College	BA

13. Approval to Rescind Extra-Curricular Advisor for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board rescind the appointment of Kali Lerner as the Psychology Club Advisor for the 2015-2016 school year.

14. Approval of Extra-Curricular Advisors for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board approve the following extra-curricular advisors for the 2015-2016 school year

CLUB

NAME

Group IV - \$1,410

Psychology Club

Nicole Conter

Tower Singers

Amy Fredericks

Tower Players Musical Director Assistant

Amy Fredericks

15. Approval of the Law Enforcement Unit

I recommend Board approve the Law Enforcement Unit, made up of the following:

Superintendent and Superintendent's Office

Principal and Main Office

Business Administrator and Business Administrators Office

Vice Principal and Vice Principals Office

Athletic Director and Athletic Directors Office

Supervisor of Technology

Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds

Network Administrator

Anti-Bullying Specialist

16. Approval of Internship

I recommend Board approve Kevin Pfister to conduct his administrative graduate internship under the supervision of Dr. Tracy Handerhan. The internship will require 300 hours over the course of two school years, 2015-2016 and 2016-2017.

17. Approval to Employ School Nursing Services for the 2015-2016 School Year

I recommend Board approve employment of MOESC for school nursing services, on an as needed basis, for the 2015-2016 school year at \$51.00 per hour for approximately 7 hours per day for a maximum of \$357.00 per day.

Business Administrator's Consent Agenda

On a motion made by Mrs. Maris and seconded by Mrs. McGinty, the Board, by unanimous roll call approved Items 1-12 in the Business Administrator's Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill list dated October 13, 2015:

General Fund	\$698,047.97
Special Revenue Fund	\$14,641.69
Food Services Fund	<u>\$67,087.54</u>
	\$779,777.20

September 30, 2015 Payroll	\$478,011.31
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2. Authorization of Use of Facilities

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

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes - Field of Dreams - Stadium Field - 10/14/2015 - 7:00pm-9:30pm

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 September 15, 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
11/1, 11/3, 11/5 2015	Meghan Vaccarelli	Water Safety Instructor	\$200	Princeton, NJ
12/11/2015 - 12/16/2015	Chris Lanzalotto	National Athletic Director Conference	\$2,500	Orlando, FL
11/20/2015	Dr. Sandra Zalinski	Anxiety Disorders in Children and Adolescents	\$250.00	Eatontown, NJ
January - May 2016	Eric Zullo	Yoga Teacher/Instructor Training	\$3,000	Little Silver, NJ

5. Acceptance of a Donation - Performing Arts Society

Recommend Board acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$2,100, from the Performing Arts Society, for the Marching Band, Tech and Tower Players.

6. Acceptance of a Donation - "Bystander: A Portrait of Apathy"

Recommend Board acceptance of a donation in the amount of \$595.00, from the RFH High School Foundation, for the play "Bystander: A Portrait of Apathy."

7. Approval of Health Benefits Waiver

Recommend Board approval of the following health benefit waivers:

Jessica Olszewski 2 Adults Medical, RX, Dental, Vision 9 mo, Oct-June \$3,750

8. Approval of an Interlocal Services Agreement - Fair Haven Borough

Recommend Board approval of an Interlocal Services Agreement with Fair Haven Borough for the the 2015-2016 school year for the following services:

➤ Information Technology Support Services

9. Acceptance of Board Secretary's Report – August 2015

Recommend Board acceptance of the May Board Secretary's Report

10. Acceptance of No Over-expenditure Report – August 2015

Recommend Board adoption of the following resolution:

The Board certifies and adopts the following resolution indicating there have been no over-expenditures for the month of **August 2015**.

The Board Secretary certifies to the Board of Education that no over-expenditures have occurred for the month of **August 2015**. No line item account has encumbrances and expenditures which in total exceed the line item appropriation in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(c)3 over-expenditure of funds.

By the adoption of the following resolution, the Board will certify that no over-expenditures have occurred for the month of **August 2015** (N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2-11(c)4.

The Board accepts the Board Secretary's Financial Report for the month of May 2015. The Board certifies that as of **August 31, 2015**, after review of the Secretary's monthly financial report (appropriations sections), and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11(b) and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

11. Acceptance of Treasurer's Reports – August 2015

Recommend Board acceptance of the **August** Treasurer's Report, which is in agreement with the May Board Secretary's Report.

12. Authorization to Transfer Funds

Recommend Board approval of the Transfer Report dated **August 31, 2015**:

This information will be provided at the meeting. Finance Committee will meet in my office at 7 PM to review.

10. Motion to Approve Recommendations

11. **Approval Vote**
12. **Superintendent's Additional Action Items** - None
13. **Motion to Approve Recommendation**
14. **Approval Vote**
15. **Public Discussion – Any School Related Topic**
 - Community members spoke regarding the books “Death of a Maiden” and “Cal.”
Comments included:
 - Offensive that the Principal had her mind made up
 - If RFH cannot change, then it is broken
 - It is not about these 2 books, it is about content - our kids need to hear these topics
 - Let's not remove the importance of the education from these decisions
 - It is about the content
 - Give us the choice
 - Hear, do not listen
 - Rape and assault are relevant
 - Talk about it in and out of school
 - Commend the students for speaking
 - I leave my kids in the hands of RFH
 - To take away content is to take away the space to learn
 - Bringing religion into the argument is not relevant
 - Commend the students for speaking
16. **Board Discussion Items** - None
17. **Other Business** - None
18. **Unfinished Business** - None
19. **Executive Session**

On a motion made by Mrs. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Maris, the Board, by unanimous vote, moved into executive session at 10:29 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 (to be determined and announced as needed):

- Student Matter regarding Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying
- Pending litigation

On a motion made by Mrs. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Maris, the Board, by unanimous vote, returned from executive session at 10:46 PM.

20. Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Wise and seconded by Mrs. Maris, the Board by consensus adjourned the regular meeting held on October 13, 2015 at 10:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Frank E. Gripp III
School Business Administrator/Board Secretary