

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

Regular Meeting

January 27, 2026

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		Mr. Leddin		Ms. Romano	
Mr. Grant		Mrs. McGinty		Mrs. Thompson	
Mrs. Kiley		Mrs. Pagano		Mrs. Whitehouse	

5. Welcome of Visitors

6. Communications

7. Special Recognition/Presentations

- ❖ November Dawg of the Month - Raina Sell, Jayden Young, Wyatt Fry, Savannah Porter, Justin Langlois, Krista Honnold
- ❖ December Dawg of the Month - Margaret Connolly, Emma Dougherty, Dillon Patton, Brandon McDonald, Martin Januario, Yanna Pressimone
- ❖ December Fan of the Month - Anna Olson

- ❖ NJGPA Fall Presentation - Sarah Fitzgerald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction

- ❖ NJSBA Training - Dr. Timothy Teehan - Artificial Intelligence

8. Board Reports

- ❖ Student Representative Report - Jayla McGinnis & Cooper Barrett
- ❖ Education - Mrs. Thompson - January 7, 2026
- ❖ Finance & Facilities - Mr. Leddin - January 21, 2026
- ❖ Personnel - Mrs. McGinty - January 20, 2026
- ❖ Superintendent's Report

Drills

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Shelter in Place	December 8	7:54 a.m.	37 minutes
Fire Drill	December 10	10:56 a.m.	5 minutes

Enrollment - 791 as of December 31, 2025

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. December 9, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 6, 2026 Reorganization Meeting Minutes
 - c. January 6, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2 - 8

2. Approval of Additional Hours for Paraprofessionals for Extracurricular Activities for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of additional hours for the following paraprofessionals to provide support during extracurricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

NO.	NAME	ADDITIONAL # OF HOURS
1.	Jacqueline Briody	15 hours
1.	Jenna Byrne	50 hours
2.	Susan Trocchia	30 hours
3.	Brandon Wall	15 hours

3. Approval of Paraprofessional for Extracurricular Activities for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval for the following paraprofessional to provide support during extracurricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

NO.	NAME	TOTAL # OF HOURS
1.	John Goode	15 hours

4. Approval of Professional Development Presentation Preparation

Recommend Board approval for the following faculty members to receive a stipend for preparation for professional development on February 10, 2026:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>STIPEND</u>
Huiwen Chen	\$50
Nicholas DelBuono	\$150
Christina Gauss	\$50
Martin Januario	\$50
Thomas January	\$150

Christopher Juliano	\$150
Krishna Kanuga	\$150
Patrick Karl	\$150
Alexis Marinov	\$150
Jennifer Sterk	\$150

5. Approval of Extracurricular Coaches/Advisors for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following extracurricular coaches/advisors for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>
Euro Challenge	Group 4 - \$2,296	Alexander Componile
Fed Challenge	Group 4 - \$2,296	Alexander Componile
Wrestling	Volunteer Assistant	Stephen Dasalla Horney

6. Approval to Rescind Appointment

Recommend Board approval to rescind the appointment of Jessica Bellavance as the Winter Cheerleader Advisor.

7. Approval of Substitutes for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

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

NO.	NAME
1.	Olivia Vaccaro

8. Approval of Coordinator for Home Stays for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of Christina Gauss as the coordinator for home stays for students and chaperones visiting from Spain February 20 through February 28, 2026 at a stipend of \$125 per day.

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #9 - 22

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - November 2025

Pursuant to 6A:23A-16.10(c)3, I, Sean Cranston, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, certifies that no line item has been over expended in violation of 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Sean S. Cranston

9. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **January 27, 2026**:

General Fund	\$ 1,822,341.45
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 60.00
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 30,25300
Total	\$ 1,852,654.45
Payroll 01-15-26	\$ 601,531.54
Total Expenditures	\$ 2,454,185.99

10. Approve Board Secretary's Report – November 2025

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **November, 2025**.

11. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– November 2025

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for – **November 30, 2025**.

12. Budget Transfers - November 2025

Recommend Board approval of the budget transfer report for **November 2025**.

13. Board of Education's Certification of Budgetary Major Account Fund Status

To approve that pursuant to 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, the Board of Education after review of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary's monthly financial reports as of **November 30, 2025**, and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, certifies to the best of their knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of 6A:23A-16.10(b)

and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

14. 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
3-12-26	Julie Brewington	BER Secondary Math Conference	\$325	\$0	Full	Virtual
2-19-26	Thomas Colella	Monmouth University Leadership Academy	\$0	\$8	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
2-19-26	Kristen DeMeter	Monmouth University Leadership Academy	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
2-19-26	Anthony Dinallo	Monmouth University Leadership Academy	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
3-25-26	Gabrielle Eglinton	Using AI Tools to Increase Language Arts Learning	\$275	\$0	Full	Virtual
6-27-26 to 7-1-26	Sarah Fitzgerald	ISTE/ASCD National Conference	\$595	\$2,838	Full	Orlando, FL
2-19-26	Tara Flynn	Monmouth University Leadership Academy	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
3-20-26	Tara Flynn	MCSCA/OCSCA Annual Good Ideas Conference	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
2-19-26	Michael Haughwout	Monmouth University Leadership Academy	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
2-10-26	Patrick Karl	The College of NJ Tour and Information Session	\$0	\$0	Full	Ewing, NJ
3-17-26	Kristen Lanfrank	Teen Arts 2026 Set up Art Display	\$0	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
6-27-26 to 7-1-26	Yannell Maglione	ISTE/ASCD National Conference	\$595	\$2,853	Full	Orlando, FL
2-12-26	Yannell Maglione	Co-Teaching Observations at Wall High School	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Wall, NJ

3-5-26	Kristin McCarthy	Monmouth University Class Observation	\$0	\$0	Full	West Long Branch, NJ
1-16-26	Lindsey McCarthy	Leadership Development Training for Local Presidents	\$0	\$0	Full	Trenton, NJ
2-12-26 to 2-14-26	Lee McDonald	AASA National Conference	\$795	\$2,352	Full	Nashville, TN
2-10-26	Robert Miller	The College of NJ Tour and Information Session	\$0	\$0	Full	Ewing, NJ
6-27-26 to 7-1-26	Jessica Olszewski	ISTE/ASCD National Conference	\$595	\$2,847	Full	Orlando, FL
3-10-26	Jessica Olszewski	NJECC Statewide ED TECH Conference	\$140	\$50	Full	Montclair, NJ
2-12-26	Jessica Olszewski	Co-Teaching Observations at Wall High School	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Wall, NJ
3-12-26	Megan Rizzitello	BER Secondary Math Conference	\$325	\$0	Full	Virtual
3-23-26 to 3-25-26	Robert Romano	NJSBGA Conference & Expo	\$0	\$470	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
2-25-26 to 2-28-26	Stephen Sarles	Innovate School Summit	\$850	\$1,400	Full	New York, NY
3-20-26	Alyssa Schulte	MCSCA/OCSCA Annual Good Ideas Conference	\$0	\$30	Full	Toms River, NJ
2-10-26	Alyssa Schulte	The College of NJ Tour and Information Session	\$0	\$0	Full	Ewing, NJ
3-20-26	Elisa Verran	MCSCA/OCSCA Annual Good Ideas Conference	\$0	\$30	Full	Toms River, NJ
3-20-26	Katherine Thompson	NJSBA 3rd Annual Women's Leadership Conference	\$149	\$25	n/a	TCNJ Ewing, NJ
3-20-26	Dorothy Whitehouse	NJSBA 3rd Annual Women's Leadership Conference	\$149	\$25	n/a	TCNJ Ewing, NJ

3-17-26	Zachary Wilson	Teen Arts 2026 Set up Art Display	\$0	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
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15. Approve Proposal - Spiezle Architectural Group - Roofing Replacement Sections E, F, I

Recommend Board approval for Spiezle Architectural Group to provide professional services for a Roofing Replacement - Sections “E”, “F”, and “I” per proposal dated January 12, 2026 for a lump sum fee of \$24,750, plus reimbursable costs for printing and postage.

16. Approve Proposal - Spiezle Architectural Group - Toilet Room Renovations

Recommend Board approval for Spiezle Architectural Group to provide professional services for Toilet Room Renovations per proposal dated January 12, 2026 for a lump sum fee of \$64,820, plus reimbursable costs for printing and postage.

17. Approve Proposal - Spiezle Architectural Group - Electrical Upgrades

Recommend Board approval for Spiezle Architectural Group to provide professional services for Electrical Upgrades per proposal dated January 19, 2026 for a lump sum fee of \$48,850, plus reimbursable costs for printing and postage.

18. Approval of Contracts for Tuition Students Received

Recommend Board Approval of contracts with the following school districts for tuition students for the 25-26 SY:

	Student #	Tuition	Received From
1.	TBD	\$43,436 (prorated effective 2-1-26)	Fair Haven Public Schools

19. Approval of BCBA Consulting Services for the 25-26 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following BCBA consulting service providers for the 25 - 26 school year:

NAME	SERVICE	25-26 SY Hours	HOURLY RATE
Gabrielle Siano, BCBA	ABA Consulting Services	40 hours	\$125.00/hour

20. Approval of Tax Sheltered Annuity Company

Recommend Security Benefit for Board approval as a new tax sheltered annuity company for the 25-26 SY.

21. Approval to Accept Donation from the Class of 1975

Recommend board approval to accept a donation of a bench with the approximate value of \$700 from the Class of 1975.

22. Approve procedure to reduce legal costs

Recommend Board to approve procedures per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3) which requires that where the district's audited (pre-audit year, 6/30/24) per pupil legal costs exceeds 130% the audited statewide average for that year, the district is required to implement the cost containment procedures listed in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2(a)(3).

EDUCATION**The superintendent recommends education items #23 - 28****23. 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:

DATE	DESTINATION	CLUB/CLASS	ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES
February 3	Red Bank Primary School Juanitos Mexican Restaurant	Spanish 5	Yannell Maglione Patricia Beattie
February 20	Shore Bowling Lanes All Season Diner	MD Class	Susan Shay
February 27	Philadelphia	Spanish Exchange Students and Host Students	Christina Gauss Seth Herman Petronila Luccarelli
March 16	Knollwood / Forrestdale	Math Honor Society	Kristen DeMeter
March 19 - 20	Brookdale Community College	Art, English, Music	Kristen Lanfrank Lauren Grumbach Alexa James Zachary Lorelli Jessica Mentzel Kyle Sheehan Zachary Wilson
March 24	Monmouth Regional High School	Global Women's Empowerment	Jessica Mentzel

April 21	El Barrio, New York City	AP Spanish AP French	Christina Gauss Patricia Beattie Seth Herman Martin Januario
May 2	Music in the Parks, Six Flags Great Adventure	Marching Band Jazz Band Tower Singers	Zachary Lorelli Mel Chayette Sara Marino Kyle Sheehan

24. 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:

DATE	CLUB/PROGRAM	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
January 7 - February 7	Character Ed	Alyssa Schulte	Collection of old/new coats for a local shelter
February 2 - 6	Chinese Honor Society	Huiwen Chen	Snack sale to support the Chinese language and culture programs
February 13	Health Career Club	Lauren Butler	Annual Blood Drive

25. Approval of Home Instruction

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

STUDENT NO.	TIME FRAME	REASON	PROVIDER/COST
2600095	12/1 - 2/28 12 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty \$55/hour
26000099	1/5 - 3/6 10 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty \$55/hour
27001018	1/20 - 4/3 10 hours per week	Medical	Facility \$48/hour

26. Approval of Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the Statement of Assurance Regarding the Use of Paraprofessional Staff for the 2025-2026 school year.

27. Approval of the 2026 Extended School Year Program

Recommend Board approval of the 2026 extended school year program beginning July 1 through August 6, 2026, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays.

28. Approval to Affirm HIB Decision

Recommend Board approval to affirm the recommendations made by the Superintendent regarding the following HIB Investigations:

- FY 2025-2026-4

POLICY & PLANNING

The superintendent recommends Policy & Planning items #29 - 31

29. School Board Recognition Month

WHEREAS, The New Jersey School Boards Association has declared January 2026 to be School Board Recognition Month, a time when all residents can acknowledge the contributions made by our local school board members; and

WHEREAS, The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education is one of 581 local school boards in New Jersey, which sets policies and oversees operations for public school districts; and

WHEREAS, The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education embraces the goal of high-quality education for all New Jersey public school students; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's local school boards help determine the educational goals for approximately 1.4 million children in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey's 5,000 local school board members, who receive no remuneration for their services, act as advocates for public school students as they work with administrators, teachers and parents for the betterment of public education; and

WHEREAS, School boards strive to provide the resources necessary to meet the needs of all students, including those with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Boards of education provide accountability to the public; they communicate the needs of the school district to the public; and they convey to school administrators the public's expectations for the schools; and

WHEREAS, New Jersey can take pride in its schools, which rank among the nation's best in key achievement indicators such as the National Assessment of Educational Progress scores, and the

preparation for college through advanced placement offerings and SAT assessments; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education, does hereby recognize the services of local school board members throughout New Jersey as we join communities statewide in observing January 2026 as SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education urges all New Jersey citizens to work with their local boards of education and public school staff toward the advancement of our children's education.

30. Approval of Second Reading of Policies and Regulations:

Recommend Board approval of the second reading of the following policies and regulations:

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| • Policy & Regulation 2530 | Resource Materials |
| • Policy & Regulation 2535 | Library Material (M) |
| • Policy & Regulation 9130 | Public Complaints |

31. Approval of Safety & Security Plan

Recommend Board approval of the 2025-2026 school safety and security plan.

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 January 27, 2026 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.