

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

Regular Meeting

March 24, 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 / Presentation

- ❖ February Dawg of the Month - Alyssa Hathaway, Michaela Meek, Claire Turoczi,
Isabella Capra, Lindsay Deremiah, Travis Reed
- ❖ February Fan of the Month - Kathleen Simpson
- ❖ Tentative Budget Presentation - Sean Cranston

8. Board Reports

- ❖ Student Representative Report - Jayla McGinnis & Cooper Barrett
- ❖ Finance & Facilities - Mr. Leddin - March 17, 2026
- ❖ Personnel - Mrs. McGinty - March 18, 2026
- ❖ CSA Evaluation Process - Mrs. Thompson
- ❖ Superintendent's Report

Drills

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Fire Drill	February 17	10:30 a.m.	5 minutes
Lock Down	February 19	8:50 a.m.	10 minutes

Enrollment - 789 as of February 28, 2026

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. March 10, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. March 10, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2 - 4

2. **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:

NAME	TOTAL # OF HOURS
Margaret Primavera	Not to exceed 30 hours

3. 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.	Logan Peters

4. 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>NAME</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>POSITION</u>
Logan Peters	Boys Lacrosse	Volunteer Assistant Coach

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #5 - 27

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - February 2026

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

5. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **March 24, 2026**:

General Fund	\$ 968,440.30
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 16,907.72
Food Services Fund	\$ 361.00
Total	\$ 985,709.02
Payroll 03-13-26	\$ 605,695.79
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,591,404.81

6. Approve Board Secretary’s Report – February 2026

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary’s report for **February 28, 2026.**

7. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– February 2026

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for – **February 28, 2026.**

8. Budget Transfers - February 2026

Recommend Board approval of the budget transfer report for **February 2026.**

9. 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 **February 28, 2026**, 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.

10. Budget SY 2026-2027 ~TENTATIVE ~ Approval

The Superintendent of Schools recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for FY 2026-2027:

BE IT RESOLVED that the tentative budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary be authorized to submit the following tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
Total Expenditures	\$ 27,507,228	\$ 427,082	\$ 888,769	\$ 28,823,079
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$ 4,460,247	\$ 427,082	\$ 182,917	\$ 5,070,246
Taxes to be Levied	\$ 23,046,981	\$ 0	\$ 705,852	\$ 23,752,833

And to post said tentative budget on the district’s website in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Learning Commons located at 74 Ridge Road, Rumson, NJ on April 28, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.

11. Adjustment for Health Care Costs

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$749,095. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

12. Use of Banked Cap

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education includes in the proposed budget the adjustment for banked cap in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.1(b). The district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority and must increase the base budget in the amount of \$107,267 for the purpose of offsetting the costs of increased expenditures. The district intends to complete said purposes by June 2027.

13. Capital Reserve Withdrawal - Other Capital Projects

BE IT RESOLVED that included in the general fund appropriations, budget line 620 is a withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Other Capital Projects in the amount of \$2,174,370 for other capital projects costs of various projects. The total cost of this project is \$2,174,370 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Learning Standards. The district intends to utilize these funds as follows:

Project Name	Cost
Roof Replacement E, F, I	\$174,720
Bathroom & Plumbing Upgrades	\$994,650
Innovation Lab	\$1,005,000
Total	\$2,174,370

14. Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$100,000 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

15. Emergency Reserve Withdrawal

BE IT RESOLVED that the general fund appropriations include a \$25,575 withdrawal from the Emergency Reserve Account for the new emergency notification system to improve school security in the district.

16. Travel and Related Expense Reimbursements 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Rumson Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education established \$89,899 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$ 38,492 as of this date; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$107,733 for the 2026-2027 school year.

17. Approval of Tuition Rate - Non-Resident

Recommend approval for setting the Non-Resident General Education tuition rate for the 2025-2026 school year at **\$23,607** this rate going forward will be adjusted annually pursuant to provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1

18. Approval of Tuition Rate for Special Education Classes

Recommend approval of the 2026-2027 SY tuition rates as follows:

MD \$ 42,062 ESY \$ 5,800

19. Approve of Use of Facilities - Non Chargeable

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

Date(s)	Time(s)	Organization	Event	Facility
3-15-26 to 6-15-26	Saturdays 1pm-8pm	Rumson & Fair Haven Recreation	Spring Baseball & Softball	Upper Turf Field (Softball)
3-15-26 To 6-15-26	Sundays 8am- 8pm	Rumson & Fair Haven Recreation	Spring Baseball & Softball	Upper Turf Field (Softball)

20. 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
5-12-26	Lurdes Costa	Accounts Payable & the BA	\$145	\$85	Full	Mt. Laurel, NJ
4-28-26	Melissa Donofri	Yearbook 26-27 Cover Design Meeting	\$0	\$0	Half PM	Eatontown, NJ
3-26-26	Rosanne Hughes	Monmouth University Leadership Conference	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
5-8-26	Thomas January	Empowered: The Art of Social Justice	\$60	\$0	Full	Red Bank, NJ
3-26-26	Christopher Juliano	Monmouth University Leadership Conference	\$0	\$0	Half AM	West Long Branch, NJ
4-29-26	Jessica Mentzel	Teen Arts Festival	\$0	\$0	Full	West Orange, NJ
3-27-26	Robert Miller	Caring Student Award Conference	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Tinton Falls, NJ
3-31-26	Hannah Phillips	Visiting Adult Programs for Transitioning Students	\$0	\$15	Half PM	Point Pleasant, NJ
5-8-26	Jennifer Sterk	Empowered: The Art of Social Justice	\$60	\$0	Full	Red Bank, NJ
5-8-26	Aubrey Torta	Empowered: The Art of Social Justice	\$60	\$0	Full	Red Bank, NJ

3-27-26	Elisa Verran	Caring Student Award Conference	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Tinton Falls, NJ
5-8-26	Megan Wilkins	Empowered: The Art of Social Justice	\$60	\$0	Full	Red Bank, NJ

21. Approval of Re-Enrollment of Non-Resident Tuition Students for the 2026 - 2027 SY

Recommend Board approval of re-enrollment of the following non-resident tuition students for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

STUDENT #	GRADE	TOWN	TUITION
28001421	11	Atlantic Highlands	\$11,804
28001629	11	Point Pleasant	\$23,607
29001630	10	Atlantic Highlands	\$11,804
29001626	10	Tinton Falls	\$11,804

22. Approval of Enrollment of Nonresident Tuition Students for the 2026-2027 SY

Recommend Board approval of enrollment of the following nonresident tuition students for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

STUDENT #	GRADE	TOWN	TUITION
New Student	9	Locust	\$23,607
New Student	9	Sea Bright	\$23,607
New Student	9	Tinton Falls	\$23,607

23. DOE Submission

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Rumson-Fair Haven High School District Board of Education to approve the submission of the following projects to the New Jersey Department of Education, for review and Department approval of an “other capital project” with no state funding and amendment of the long-range facilities plan to be consistent with the projects.

- Electrical Upgrades at Rumson-Fair Haven High School
- Toilet Room Renovations at Rumson-Fair Haven High School
- Partial Roofing Replacement at Rumson-Fair Haven High School
- Innovation Lab Renovations at Rumson-Fair Haven High School

Further, the Board authorizes Spiezle Architectural Group Inc, to make the submissions to the Department of Education on behalf of the district.

24. Approval of a Donation

Recommend Board approval to accept a donation from the RFH Performing Arts Society in the amount of \$12,000 awarded to the Marching Bulldogs to purchase a new trailer for the Marching Band equipment and travel.

25. Acceptance of a Grant

Recommend Board approval to accept a grant from the RFH Performing Arts Society in the amount of \$2,000 awarded to the Marching Bulldogs to purchase the Fall 2026 field show music arrangement, licensing, and permissions.

26. Approval of a Donation

Recommend Board approval of a donation of \$2,000 from the RFH Booster Club to help fund Girls Flag Football.

27. Approval of a Donation

Recommend Board approval of a donation of \$2,000 from the RFH Touchdown Club to help fund Girls Flag Football.

EDUCATION

The superintendent recommends education items #28-31

28. 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
March 26	Stonebridge Middle School, Allentown	Jazz Band	Zachary Lorelli
April 21	Metropolitan Museum, New York City	AP French	Martin Januario
April 28	Homewood Suites, Eatontown	Yearbook	Elisa Verran Melissa Donofri
April 30	Jackson Township High School	Film Club	Lauren Grumbach
May 1	Six Flags Jackson, NJ	Physics 9/H	Jon Pennetti

29. 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
April	Class of 2029	Krista Honnold Krista Portelli	Dine to Donate at Fair Haven Diner
May	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono Alyssa Schulte	Cornhole Tournament
June	Class of 2027	Jessica Mentzel	Flower / Teddy Bear Sale at graduation

30. 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
26000095	3/1 - 4/2 Not to exceed 12 hours per week	Medical	RFH Faculty \$55/hour
27001177	3/16 - 5/18 10 hours per week	Administrative	RFH Faculty \$55/hour

31. Approval to Affirm HIB Decision

Recommend Board approval to affirm the recommendations made by the Superintendent regarding the HIB Investigation FY 2025-2026-5.

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 March 24, 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.