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

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Regular Meeting
September 22, 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**
   - ❖ HIB Self Assessment - Dr. Meredith Brow, Assistant Principal

   - ❖ NJGPA & DLM Results - Sarah Fitzgerald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
     Suzanne Crowley, Supervisor of English & Social Studies
     Lauren Malaney, Supervisor of Special Services
     Jonathan Pennetti, Supervisor of STEM

- ❖ Acknowledgment of Tenure
  - ❖ Meredith Brow
  - ❖ Nicholas DelBuono
  - ❖ Anthony Dinallo
  - ❖ Thomas January
  - ❖ Amanda McCaffrey

8. Board Reports

- ❖ Student Representative Report - Jayla McGinnis & Cooper Barrett
- ❖ Education - Mrs. Kiley - September 9, 2026
- ❖ Finance & Facilities - Mr. Leddin - September 15, 2026
- ❖ Personnel - Mrs. McGinty - September 16, 2026
- ❖ Superintendent's Report

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items

10. [1]ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES

The superintendent recommends Minutes item #1

Approve Board Meeting Minutes

1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:
   a. August 25, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
   b. August 25, 2026 Executive Session Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2 - 16

2. Approval of Resignation

Recommend Board approval of the resignation of John Tsoukaris, Security Monitor, effective October 5, 2026.

[1] *All votes are subject to a standing recusal by Leddin and Whitehouse regarding any matter involving or relating to Dr. McDonald (Sup.), Steve Sarles (Principal) and Beth English (AD). Additional action may require recusal and those will be acknowledged with specificity as the circumstances arise*.

3. **Approval of Resignation**
   Recommend Board approval of the resignation of Christina Gauss, Spanish Teacher, effective January 1, 2027, for the purpose of retirement.

4. **Approval of Voluntary Transfer**
   Recommend Board approval of the voluntary transfer of Erika Waltz from Math Teacher (TCH.HS.MATH.FL.11account #11-140-100-101-000-1) to Science Teacher (TCH.HS.SCNC.FL.01 account #11-140-100-101-000-2) for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

5. **Approval of Updated Job Description**
   Recommend Board approval of the following updated job description:
   - Security Monitor

6. **Approval of the Appointment of Part Time Security Monitor**
   Recommend Board approval of the appointment of Louis Dal Pra as a Part Time Security Monitor, to work up to 20 hours per week at $25.00 per hour, pending completion of all required paperwork.

7. **Approval of the Appointment of Paraprofessional**
   Recommend Board approval of the appointment of Christopher Carter as a Paraprofessional for the 2026 - 2027 school year at Step 3, $30,805.00, pending completion of all required paperwork.

8. **Retroactive Approval of Leave of Absence**
   Recommend Board retroactively approve the following leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year:

NO.	EMPLOYEE	LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATES
1.	4978	Unpaid FMLA 8/31/2026 - 11/20/2026 Return Date 11/23/2026

9. **Approval of Leave of Absence**
   Recommend Board approval of the following leave of absence for the 2026-2027 school year:

NO.	EMPLOYEE	LEAVE OF ABSENCE DATES
1.	5438	Unpaid FMLA/ NJFLA 10/19/26 to 11/13/26 Return Date 11/16/2026

10. Approval of Chaperones and Stipends for the 2026-2027 School Year World Language Immersion Trip

Recommend Board approval of the chaperones for the world language immersion trip at a total stipend of $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:

NAME	DESTINATION	DATES OF TRAVEL	# OF DAYS	TOTAL STIPEND
Maryellen De Lalla	France	November 2 - 9	8	$1,000
Colleen Gervolino	France	November 2 - 9	8	$1,000
Martin Januario	France	November 2 - 9	8	$1,000
Lee McDonald	France	November 2 - 9	8	$1,000
Robert Miller	France	November 2 - 9	8	$1,000

11. Approval of 6th Assignment

Recommend Board retroactively approve the following sixth assignment for the 2026 - 2027 school year for the following teachers at a stipend of 20% of the Level 1 salary of the teachers' guide at the appropriate degree level:

NO	NAME	SUBJECT	DATES	GUIDE	STIPEND
1.	Donna Clarke	Special Education	9/2/2026 - 11/20/2026	BA	$13,289 prorated
2.	Christopher Quinn	Special Education	9/2/2026 - 11/20/2026	BA	$13,289 + $3,050 prorated
3.	Stephanie Washeleski	Special Education	9/2/2026 - 11/20/2026	BA	$13,289 + $1,525 prorated

12. Approval of Athletic Workers for the 2026-2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval to approve all RFH staff to work athletic events for the 26-27 SY at the following rates, not to exceed $25,000:

NO.	ATHLETIC WORKERS	RATE
1.	Home Game Coordinator	$77/game
2.	Timer, Announcer, Scorer, Crowd Control, Ticket Taker, Ticket Sellers	$60/game

13. Approval of Title II Stipends for Instructional Coaches

Recommend Board approval to approve Title II Stipend Allocation for the 2026-2027 SY, as listed:

NO.	NAME	STIPEND FROM TITLE II	STIPEND	% PAID BY TITLE II
1	Yannell Maglione	$4,000	$4,000	100%
2	Jessica Olszewski	$4,000	$4,000	100%

14. Approval of Paraprofessional Assignment Code

Recommend Board approval to approve the following paraprofessionals to be paid through reimbursement from the following districts for the 2026-2027 SY, as listed below:

NO.	NAME	POSITION	SALARY	PAID BY DISTRICT
1	Brandon Wall	1:1 Paraprofessional	$33,975	Holmdel School District
2	Meagan Springsteen	1:1 Paraprofessional	$33,975	Long Branch School District
3	Kyle Marinelli	1:1 Paraprofessional	$33,200	Shore Regional High School District

15. Approval to Amend Appointment for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval to amend the following extracurricular advisor appointment for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

NO.	NAME	FROM / STIPEND	TO / STIPEND
1.	Martin Januario	French Honor Society Advisor / $2,296	French Honor Society Co-Advisor / $1,148

16. Approval of Extracurricular Advisor for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following extracurricular advisor position for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

NO.	NAME	POSITION	STIPEND
1.	Maryellen De Lalla	French Honor Society Co-Advisor	$1,148

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #17-30

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - July 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

17. **Approval of Bill List**

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **September 22, 2026**:

General Fund	$ 1,544,896.49
Special Revenue Fund	$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	$ 55,465.75
Total	**$ 1,600,362.24**
Payroll 08-31-26	$ 194,708.27
Payroll 09-15-26	$ 613,357.75
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,408,428.26**

18. **Approve Board Secretary's Report – July 2026**

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **July 31, 2026.**

19. **Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– July 2026**

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for **– July 31, 2026**.

20. **Budget Transfers - July 2026**

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

21. **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 **July 31, 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.

22. 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
11-22-26	7am-11am	Rumson PTO	Rumson Dawg Dash	Track
03-22-27	5pm-9pm	Fair Haven Booster Club	March Madness	Gymnasium
09-17-26 09-22-26 09-24-26 09-29-26 10-01-26 10-06-26 10-08-26 10-13-26 10-15-26 10-20-26 10-22-26	5:30-6:30 pm	Rumson Recreation	Rec Field Hockey	Lower Turf
10-12-26	9am-11am	Rumson Recreation	Schools Out Soccer Camp	Lower Turf

23. 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
11/19/26 to 11/21/26	Suzanne Crowley	NCTE Annual Convention	$385	$830	Full	Philadelphia, PA
11/19/26 to 11/21/26	Lauren Grumbach	NCTE Annual Convention	$525	$1245	Full	Philadelphia, PA
11/19/26 to 11/21/26	Alexis Marinov	NCTE Annual Convention	$525	$1205	Full	Philadelphia, PA
10/22/26 to 10/23/26	Susan Shay	Autism New Jersey Annual Conference 2026	$550	$210	Full	Atlantic City, NJ

11/17/26	Marie Tilton	NJASBO: Payroll & the BA	$199	$50	Full	Mount Laurel, NJ
10/19/26 to 10/22/26	Lee McDonald	NJSBA Workshop 2026	Previously approved	$809	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
10/20/26 to 10/21/26	Sarah Fitzgerald	NJSBA Workshop 2026	Previously approved	$408	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
10/19/26 to 10/22/26	Sean Cranston	NJSBA Workshop 2026	Previously approved	$791	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
10-21-26	Kerri Bress	School Health Conference	$275	$0	Full	Somerset, NJ
10-08-26	Lorelei Cheli-Voorhees	Handle With Care	$625	$65	Full	Vineland, NJ
10-01-26	Thomas January	An Invitation to America	$0	$30	Full	Montclair, NJ
10-26-26 OR 11-5-26	Gabrielle Eglinton	Teaching Media Literacy Skills in a Fake News World	$295	$0	Full	Virtual
12-14-26 OR 01-06-27	Gabrielle Eglinton	The Best Award-Winning Young Adult Books of the Last Decade and How to Use them in your program	$295	$0	Full	Virtual
12-7-26	Yannell Maglione	The NJ AI Literacy Summit	$0	$71	Full	Old Tappan, NJ
12-7-26	Jessica Olszewski	The NJ AI Literacy Summit	$0	$65	Full	Old Tappan, NJ

24. Approval Senior Prom

Recommend Board approval of a contract with the Grand Marquis for the RFH Senior Prom to be held on May 27, 2027.

25. Approve Budget Calendar

Recommend Board to approve the 2027-2028 Budget Calendar as per attached: Budget Calendar.

26. Approval of Settlement Agreement

Recommend Board approval of a Settlement Agreement regarding Student # 27001050.

27. Approval of Out-of-District Placement

Recommend Board approve a change in contracted amount for an out of district placement student #25000311 at the Community Transition Program at Collier from $59,850 to $61,600.

28. Correction in Shared Time Out-Of District Vocational School Placement

Recommend Board approval a correction in placement of the following shared time out-of district vocational placements for the 26-27 SY, with no change in tuition:

STUDENT #	GR	FROM SCHOOL	TO SCHOOL
28001313	11	Shared Time/Electricity	Shared Time/ HVAC

29. Professional Service Contract Appointments

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education awards contracts without competitive bidding for professional services pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5(a)(i) for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027, or until an appointment of a successor agreement:

Board Attorney: Methfessel & Werbel, P.C. , $185 per hour, not to exceed $80,000.

30. Acceptance of a Grant

Recommend Board approval to accept a grant from the RFH Education Foundation in the amount of $50,000 awarded to purchase furniture and technology for the new Innovation Lab.

EDUCATION

The superintendent recommends education items #31-35

31. Approval of Field Trip Request(s) for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed

Recommend Board approval of the following field trip request(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

DATE	DESTINATION	CLUB/CLASS	ADVISOR/ CHAPERONES
September 26	West Windsor Plainsboro High School North	Marching Band	Sara Marino Rebecca Olivero
September 28	Toms River Arena	Shore Conference Student Ambassadors	Elizabeth English Robert Orrok Kimberly Pierson
October 2	Field of Dreams, Toms River	Flag Football Game	Susan Shay Kathleen McMahon Aaron Rogers Meagan Springsteen Eric Zullo

October 3	Brick Memorial High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Rebecca Olivero
October 9, November 13, December 11, January 22, February 19, March 19, April 16, May 14	Red Bank Primary	Storytelling Club	Justin Langlois
October 17	Sayreville War Memorial High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Rebecca Olivero
October 24	Woodbridge High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Rebecca Olivero
November 1	Barnegat High School	Marching Band	Sara Marino Rebecca Olivero
December 3	Medieval Times	English	Rachel Hoff Cailtin Altland Kerri Bress Alexis Marinov Amanda McCaffrey Stephen Sarles Aubrey Torta
January 20	Freehold Township High School	Shore Conference Leadership Summit	Elizabeth English Robert Orrok Kimberly Pierson
February & March	NJ Law Foundation Center, New Brunswick	Mock Trial Competition	Nicholas DelBuono
February 16	The Ranney School	Shore Conference Women in Sports Day	Elizabeth English Kimberly Pierson
February 26	Shore Lanes, Neptune City	Bowling Activity	Susan Shay Kathleen McMahon Aaron Rogers Meagan Springsteen Eric Zullo
April 30	Field of Dreams, Toms River	Kickball Game	Susan Shay Kathleen McMahon Aaron Rogers

			Meagan Springsteen Eric Zullo
May 1	Middletown North Six Flags	Music in the Parks	Zachary Lorelli Mel Chayette Sara Marino

32. Approval of Fundraising Request(s) for the 2026-2027 School Year as listed

Recommend Board approve the following fundraising request(s) for the 2026-2027 school year:

DATE	CLUB/PROGRAM	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
2026 - 2027 School Year	Model UN	Alexis Marinov	Bake Sales
October	Veteran's Appreciation Club	Kristen DeMeter	"Sponsor a Flag" for Veteran's Day
October	Model UN	Alexis Marinov	Club Dues
October 5 - 30	Class of 2030	Jean Corcione Tara Flynn	Thanksgiving Pie Sale
October 23 - November 19	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono Alyssa Schulte	PowerPuff Flag Football Game
October 25	Key Club	Jeremy Schulte	Dermer Dreams Food Drive
November 20 - 22 March 11 - 14	Tower Players	Kasi Sweeney	Sweets for the Stars
January 23	Boys Basketball	George Sourlis	Mental Health Boys Basketball Showcase Proceeds will benefit Men's X Mental, Inc.

33. Approval of Home Instruction

Recommend Board approval of home instruction for the 2026 - 2027 school year as listed:

STUDENT NO.	TIME FRAME	REASON	PROVIDER/COST
13231323	9/2 - 11/1 10 hours per week	Medical	Facility / $65.70/hour

34. Approval of New Textbook

Recommend Board approval of the following new textbook:

- *AP French Language and Culture Exam Preparation 2e*

35. Approval of Board Goals for the 2026-2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the 2026-2027 Board of Education Goals, as attached:
Board Goals

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 September 22, 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.