RUMSON-FAIR HAVEN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
BOARD OF EDUCATION

FY 2026-2027 No.02
OFFICIAL MINUTES August 11, 2026 Regular Meeting

"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

The Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education regular meeting was held in the Learning Commons. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Mrs. Thompson, Board President.

2. Salute the Flag

3. Statement of Compliance - Mrs. Thompson read the 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	Present	Mr. Leddin	Present	Ms. Romano	Present
Mr. Grant	Absent	Mrs. McGinty	Present	Mrs. Thompson	Present
Mrs. Kiley	Absent	Mrs. Pagano	Present	Mrs. Whitehouse	Present

Also in attendance:
Dr. Lee McDonald, Superintendent
Sean Cranston, School Business Administrator
Athina Cornell, Board Counsel

Mrs. Whitehouse read the mission statement.

5. Welcome of Visitors

Mrs. Thompson welcomed the visitors to the meeting.

6. Communications

a. None

7. Special Recognition / Presentations

a. None

8. Board Reports

a. Culture, Climate, and Community Relations - Mr. Dougherty read the minutes from the meeting on July 22, 2026.
b. Education - Mrs. Kiley read the minutes from the meeting on July 21, 2026.
c. Finance & Facilities - Mr. Leddin read the minutes from the meeting on August 4, 2026.
d. Policy - Mrs. Pagano read the minutes from the meeting on August 5, 2026.
    i. There was a brief discussion on this policy update/change.
e. Superintendent's Report
    i. Dr. McDonald spoke about Ross Reed's retirement and the candidate that is on the agenda to replace him.
    ii. Dr. McDonald discussed the following:
        1. Awesome to have the students back in the building
        2. Busy planning and getting ready for the first day
        3. Strategic Planning
        4. Innovation Lab & the Ed Foundation

Drills

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Fire Drill	July 8	9:15 a.m.	6 minutes
Shelter in Place	July 29	9:15 a.m.	6 minutes

9. Public Comment on Agenda Items

a. Mrs. Eberhard (Fair Haven) spoke about cell phone ban and that the students will be ok.

10. ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES

The Superintendent recommends approval of minutes #1.

Approve Board Meeting Minutes

1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:

a. July 14, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes
b. July 14, 2026 Executive Session Meeting Minutes

Board Comment: None

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mr. Leddin, the Board of Education approved the minutes #1 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mr. Leddin	Yes	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	n/a	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Kiley	n/a	Mrs. Pagano	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2 - 4

2. Approval of the Appointment of a Maintenance Employee for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the appointment of Michael Klina as a Maintenance Employee for the 2026 - 2027 school year beginning August 26, 2026 through June 30, 2027 at Step 10, $61,300.00, prorated, pending completion of all required paperwork.

3. Approval of Summer Hours for the 2026 - 2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following summer hours for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

No.	Name	Position	Salary	Hours
3.	Justin Langlois	Media Specialist	$50/hour	Not to exceed 10 hours

4. RESOLUTION ABOLISHING CERTAIN POSITIONS FOR REASONS OF ECONOMY, EFFICIENCY, AND OTHER JUST CAUSE FOR THE 2026–2027 SCHOOL YEAR

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has the statutory authority and responsibility to organize and reorganize the staffing structure of the district in a manner that promotes the efficient and effective operation of the school and the prudent use of public funds;
WHEREAS, in preparation for the 2026-2027 school year, the Board of Education has undertaken a careful review of the District's educational structure, student enrollment levels, and staffing needs;
WHEREAS, following administrative review and recommendations from the Superintendent, the Board has determined that certain positions are no longer necessary;
WHEREAS, the Board further finds that the abolishment of the positions identified herein is undertaken in good faith for legitimate educational and staffing needs and fiscal reasons and not for reasons personal to any employee or employees;
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education hereby abolishes the following positions effective August 11, 2026:
Two (2) Paraprofessional Aide positions currently held by Employee Id. Nos.5307 and 5320.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the abolishment of the above positions is undertaken for reasons of economy, efficiency, and other just cause consistent with the Board's authority to reorganize the District's educational and staffing structure;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is authorized and directed to issue written notice of the abolishment of positions to the affected employees and to take all administrative steps necessary to implement this Resolution;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is authorized to take all actions necessary to implement the staffing and budgetary adjustments resulting from this Resolution, including notifying the Auditors of this change to the 2026-27 Position Control Roster.

Board Comment: None

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. McGinty and seconded by Mrs.Pagano , the Board approved Personnel Item #2-4 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mr. Leddin	Yes	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	n/a	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Kiley	n/a	Mrs. Pagano	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #5-23

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - June 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 **August 11, 2026**:

General Fund	$ 731,554.70
Total	**$ 731,554.70**
Payroll 07-15-26	$ 155,633.13

Payroll 07-30-26	$ 185,356.68
Total Expenditures	**$ 1,072,544.51**

6. Approve Board Secretary's Report – June 2026
Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **June 30, 2026.**

7. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– June 2026
Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for **– June 30, 2026**.

8. Budget Transfers - June 2026
Recommend Board approval of the budget transfer report for **June 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 **June 30, 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. 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
8-16-26 8-23-26 8-30-26 9-6-26 9-13-26 9-20-26 9-27-26 10-4-26 10-11-26 10-18-26	9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm 9am-7pm	AYF Football & Cheer	Home Games	Stadium Turf

10-25-26	9am-7pm			
08-17-26	5pm-6pm	Rumson Futbol Club	Youth Soccer Clinic	Stadium Turf
08-29-26 to 11-14-26	Saturdays 1pm - 8pm Sundays 8am-6pm	Borough of Fair Haven Borough of Rumson	Fall Baseball & Softball	Upper Turf
06-17-27	9am - 12pm 6pm-8pm	Fair Haven Public Schools	8th Grade Graduation	Auditorium

11. Approve of Use of Facilities - Chargeable

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

Date(s)	Time(s)	Organization	Event	Facility
12-13-26	10am-4pm	Kick Performing Arts	Holiday Show	Auditorium
06.05-27 06-06-27	4pm-9pm 9am-6pm	The Dance House	Recital	Auditorium

12. 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
9-13-26 to 9-15-26	Robert Miller	CBB Counselor Tour Colby, Bates, Bowdoin	$0	$350	Full	Portland, ME

13. Approval of a Contract - Panda LLC

Recommend Board approval of a contract with Panda LLC, for reconciliation services, in the amount of $5,100 for the 2026-2027 school year, with a $30 per ½ hour rate for additional services as needed and cost of mileage, in accordance with IRS mileage rates.

14. Approve Transfer of Money from Capital Reserve

To approve a Resolution to transfer money from Capital Reserve for Electrical Upgrades at Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education has advanced the following capital projects, and;

WHEREAS, capital reserve funds may be appropriated by Board Resolution to support eligible or otherwise eligible capital projects, and;

WHEREAS, the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education must approve all capital projects and will only move forward with approval of properly submitted capital projects if a local board of education declares an eligible capital project as "otherwise" eligible, and;

WHEREAS, by declaring a capital project as "otherwise" eligible, the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education hereby declares that the above mentioned project will be supported in full with local capital reserve funds.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education hereby declares the project as "otherwise" eligible, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional Board of Education hereby appropriates a total of $ 387,286 to the Electrical Upgrades Project at RFH.

15. Award of Bid - Electrical

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made by the Superintendent to the Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School Board of Education ("Board") to seek a single contract for Electrical Upgrades at the High School (hereinafter "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project was properly advertised to prospective bidders in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-4 and applicable regulations; and

WHEREAS, on Thursday, July 30, 2026, the Board received the following bids from potential bidders in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-1, *et seq*.; and

Bidder	Total Bid
Manor II Electric Inc.	$387,286.00
Pat Maggio & Son Electric, Inc.	$442,000.00
Sal Electric Co., Inc.	$444,473.00
Altec Building Systems Corp.	$454,500.00

DC Building Systems LLC	$455,305.00
Instrata Communications LLC	$540,700.00

WHEREAS, the lowest bid for the Project was submitted by Manor II Electric Inc., whose bid has been reviewed and deemed compliant with the bid specifications, regulations, and New Jersey Public Contracts Law, N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq.; and

NOW, THEREFORE:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby awards the Project to Manor II Electric Inc., as the lowest responsible bidder at the amount of **$387,286.00**, which includes a general allowance for unforeseen conditions of $25,000.00.

16. Approve Submission of the FY 2027 ESEA Grant Application

Recommend Board approval of the submission of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) grant application for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027, and hereby accepts the grant funds upon approval of the grant application from the NJ Department of Education. Grant allocations are as follows:

Title II Part A	$	9,735
Total Allocation	**$**	**9,735**

17. Approve Submission of the FY 2027 IDEA Grant Application

Recommend Board approval of the submission of the Individual with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) grant application for fiscal year July 1, 2026- September 30, 2027 in the amount of **$158,732**; and hereby accepts the grant award funds upon approval of the grant application from the NJ Department of Education.

18. Approval of renewal of NJSIG Membership

Recommend board approval to renew membership in the New Jersey School Insurance Group MOCSSIF (Monmouth Ocean County Shared Services Insurance Fund) from 7-1-26 to 6-30-29.

19. Approval of School Lunch Prices

Recommend Board renewal of the following lunch prices for the 2026-2027 SY:

Premium Class A Lunch Students	$6.25
Premium Class A Lunch Students - Reduced	$0.40
Premium Class A Lunch Adults	$6.25

20. Approval of Full Time Out-of-District Vocational Student Placement Plus Transportation for the 2026-2027 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following out-of-district full time vocational student placement for the 2026-2027 school year plus the cost of transportation:

***tuition cost for full time students is $7,100.00**

***tuition cost for shared time students is $3,568.00**

STUDENT ID	Grade	Academy
30001864	9	Biotechnology High School
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21. Approval of Shared Time Out-Of District Placements

Recommend board approval of the following shared time out-of district placements plus transportation for the 26-27 SY:

STUDENT #	GR	SCHOOL	TUITION	TRANSP.
26000321	PG	The C.A.T. Program at Brookdale Community College	$6,850.00	MOESC

22. 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
27001007	12	Sea Bright	$23,607

23. Approval of Enrollment of a Non-Resident Tuition Student for the 2026 - 2027 SY
Recommend Board approval of enrollment of the following non-resident tuition student for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

STUDENT #	GRADE	TOWN	TUITION
TBD	11	Locust	$23,607

Board Comment: None

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. McGinty and seconded by Mr. Leddin the Board approved Finance Items #5-23 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mr. Leddin	Recuse per footnote Yes to rest	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	n/a	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Kiley	n/a	Mrs. Pagano	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

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.

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EDUCATION

The superintendent recommends education items #24-27

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

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

DATE	CLUB/PROGRAM	ADVISOR(S)	ACTIVITY
Fall Semester	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono Alyssa Schulte	SGA Membership Cards
Week of October 12	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono Alyssa Schulte	Homecoming Week
9-5-26	RFH Rowing	Edward Reilly	RFH Rowing Annual Car Wash Fundraiser

25. 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
26000128	7/1 - 7/31 30 total hours	Medical	RFH Faculty / $55/hour MOESC / $75/hour

26. Approval of Textbooks

Recommend Board approval of the following new textbooks:

- *School Girls; or, The African Mean Girls Play*
- *John Proctor is the Villain*
- *The Marrow Thieves*
- *The Woman with the Blue Star*

27. Approval of Curricula

Recommend Board approval of the following revised curricula:

- English: English III, English IV

- Fine & Performing Arts: AP Studio Art, Portfolio & Design Honors
- Math: Statistics and Probability
- Social Studies: Current Issues

Board Comment: None

On a **MOTION** made by Mr. Dougherty and seconded by Mrs. McGinty, the Board approved Education Items #24-27 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mr. Leddin	Yes	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	n/a	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Kiley	n/a	Mrs. Pagano	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

POLICY & PLANNING

The superintendent recommends Policy & Planning item #28

28. Approval of First Reading of Policies and Regulations

Recommend Board approval of the first reading of the following policy and regulation:

- Policy 5516 - Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices
- Regulation 5516 - Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices

Board Comment: None

On a **MOTION** made by Mrs. McGinty and seconded by Mrs. Pagano. , the Board approved Policy & Planning Items #28 with the following roll call vote:

Mr. Dougherty	Yes	Mr. Leddin	Yes	Ms. Romano	Yes
Mr. Grant	n/a	Mrs. McGinty	Yes	Mrs. Thompson	Yes
Mrs. Kiley	n/a	Mrs. Pagano	Yes	Mrs. Whitehouse	Yes

11. Public Comment

a. Mr. John Qualter (Fair Haven) and colleagues from the newly formed executive board of the RFH Takedown Club spoke about the challenges with the wrestling room space and wanted to offer and speak to short term solutions and long term solutions.

12. Adjournment

As there was no further business before the Board, on a **MOTION** by Mrs. Pagano, seconded by Mr. Leddin, and carried by unanimous roll call vote the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sean S. Cranston

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Business Administrator/Board Secretary
Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School