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

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Regular Meeting
November 17, 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**
   - ❖ National Merit Scholars
   - ❖ Audit Presentation - HFA
   - ❖ NJSLA Presentation - Sarah Fitzgerald, Director of Curriculum & Instruction
     Suzanne Crowley, Supervisor of English & Social Studies
     Jonathan Pennetti, Supervisor of STEM

8. **Board Reports**
   - ❖ Student Representative Report - Jayla McGinnis & Cooper Barrett
   - ❖ Education - Mrs. Kiley - November 4, 2026
   - ❖ Finance & Facilities - Mr. Leddin - November 10, 2026
   - ❖ Personnel - Mrs. McGinty - November 11, 2026
   - ❖ Policy - Mrs. Pagano - October 29, 2026
   - ❖ Superintendent's Report

Drills

TYPE OF DRILL	DATE	TIME	DURATION
Extended Evacuation	October 2	11:00 a.m.	45 minutes
Shelter in Place	October 6	8:30 a.m.	30 minutes
Fire Drill	October 27	8:48 a,m,	9 minutes

Enrollment - 768 as of October 31, 2026

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. October 27, 2026 Regular Meeting Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2 - 8

2. **Approval of Sidebar Agreement**
   Recommend Board approval of a Sidebar Agreement between the Rumson-Fair Haven Board of Education and the Rumson-Fair Haven School Employees Association that allows for school staff to begin the school year on Thursday, August 26, 2027 instead of Wednesday, September 1, 2027, as per Attachment A.

[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 to Amend Resignation Date**
   Recommend Board approval to amend the resignation date for Louis Dal Pra from October 30 to November 2, 2026**.**

4. **Approval of the Appointment of Part Time Security Monitor**
   Recommend Board approval of the appointment of Brian Schwarz as a Part Time Security Monitor, to work up to 20 hours per week at $27.00 per hour, pending completion of all required paperwork.

5. **Approval of 6th Assignment**
   Recommend Board approval of 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	11/23/2026 - 6/30/2027	BA	$13,289 prorated
2.	Christopher Quinn	Special Education	11/23/2026 - 6/30/2027	BA	$13,289 + $3,050 prorated
3.	Stephanie Washeleski	Special Education	11/23/2026 - 6/30/2027	BA	$13,289 + $1,525 prorated

6. **Approval of AI Think Tank Members**
   Recommend Board approval for the following AI Think Tank Members to be paid $50.00 per hour for 1 hour each after school on November 23, 2026:

NO.	NAME	NO.	NAME
1.	Julie Brewington	7.	Christopher Juliano
2.	Huiwen Chen	8.	Krishna Kanuga
3.	Nicholas DelBuono	9.	Patrick Karl
4.	Christina Gauss	10.	Yannell Maglione
5.	Martin Januario	11.	Alexis Marinov
6.	Thomas January	12.	Jessica Olszewski

7. **Approval of Student Teacher Placement**
   Recommend Board approval of Dayana Lopez, Georgian Court University, to complete her full time student teaching in Spanish under the supervision of Petronila Luccarelli beginning January 19 through May 9, 2027.

8. **Approval of Substitutes for the 2026 - 2027 School Year**
   Recommend Board approval of the following substitutes for the 2026 - 2027 school year:

NO.	NAME
1.	Thomas Kay
2.	Jacqueline Ma

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #9 - 17

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - September 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

9. **Approval of Bill List**
   Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **November 17, 2026**:

General Fund	$ 743,788.93
Special Revenue Fund	$ 16,678.00
Food Services Fund	$ 113,894.69
Total	**$ 874,361.62**
Payroll 10-30-26	$ 610,232.90
Payroll 11-13-26	$ 610,034.92
Total Expenditures	**$ 2,094,629.44**

10. Approve Board Secretary's Report – September 2026

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **September 30, 2026.**

11. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– September 2026

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for **– September 30, 2026**.

12. Budget Transfers - September 2026

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

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 **September 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.

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
12-7-26	Caitlin Altland	Holocaust Education PD	$0	$0	Full	West Long Branch, NJ
1-7-27	Caitlin Altland	Co-Teaching that Works	$275	$0	Full	Virtual
2-25-27 to 2-27-27	Thomas Colella	NJSIAA Individual State Wrestling Tournament	$0	$325	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
12-10-26	Sean Cranston	Office Automations and Efficiencies for the BA	$199	$53	Full	Mount Laurel, NJ
3-23-27	Sean Cranston	Purchasing Review/ Update	$199	$53	Full	Mount Laurel, NJ
1-18-27 to 1-23-27	Kristen Ferrari	BETT UK	$0	$3,361	Full	London, England
11-16-26	Tara Flynn	MCSCA Good Ideas Planning Meeting	$0	$0	Half AM	Lincroft, NJ

1-7-27	Krista Honnold	Co-Teaching That Works	$275	$0	Full	Virtual
1-27-27 to 1-29-27	Lee McDonald	NJ TECHSPO	$625	$650	Full	Atlantic City, NJ
1-7-27	Krista Portelli	Co-Teaching That Works	$275	$0	Full	Virtual
12-14-26	Alyssa Schulte	Advanced Hands-On Workshop: Building Threat Management Plans	$0	$0	Full	Virtual
1-7-27	Stephanie Washeleski	Co-Teaching That Works	$275	$0	Full	Virtual
2-19-27	Jeremy Schulte Christopher Quinn Christopher Juliano	Glazier Clinic	$459	$0	Full	Atlantic City, NJ

15. Approval Junior Prom

Recommend board approval of a contract with *The Gramercy at Lakeside* for the RFH Junior Prom to be held on April 9, 2027.

16. Approval of a Contract - Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County - Pool Rental

Recommend Board approval of a contract with Boys and Girls Clubs of Monmouth County for the rental use of the swimming pool and related locker rooms in the amount of $16,032 for the 26-27 Season.

17. BCBA Extra Hours

Recommend Board approval of Gabrielle Siano, BCBA, for 32 additional hours at $125/hour for the 26-27 SY.

EDUCATION

The superintendent recommends education items #18-20

18. 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
May 12	911 Memorial & Museum	AP US History	Nicholas DelBuono Meredith Brow

			Suzanne Crowley Sarah Fitzgerald Jeremy Schulte Jennifer Sterk

19. 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
October 31	Veterans Appreciation	Kristen DeMeter	Candy collection for troops
November 18 - December 4	Key Club	Jeremy Schulte	Collect hoodies and jackets for the homeless
November 19	Health & Wellness	Lauren Butler	Bake Sale
November 20 - December 15	Psychology Club	Elisa Verran	Collect toys, gift cards, winter coats, hats, gloves for Operation Sleighbells
November 30	Class of 2030	Jena Corcione Tara Flynn	Dine & Donate at Chipotle

20. Approval of Curricula

Recommend Board approval of the following revised curricula:

- AP Computer Science Principles
- AP World History Modern
- Drama
- Graphic Design I, II
- Integrated Art
- Personal Finance
- Portfolio & Design Honors
- World History

POLICY & PLANNING

The superintendent recommends Policy & Planning items #21

21. Approval of First Reading of Policies and Regulations

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

- Policy 0162.01 - Legal Notices (M) (New)
- Policy 1230 - Superintendent's Duties (M) (Revised)
- Policy 1643 - Family Leave (M) (Revised)

- Policy 2260 - Equity in School and Classroom Practices (M) (Revised)
- Policy 2361 - Acceptable Use of Computer Networks/Computers and Resources (M)

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 November 17, 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.