

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

Regular Meeting

October 7, 2025

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. Administer Oath of Office

The Business Administrator/Board Secretary will administer the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board Member:

Brian Leddin

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of New Jersey, and that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same and to the Governments established in the United States and this State, under the authority of the people, so help me God.

I, _____ do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I possess the qualifications prescribed by law for the office of member of a board of education and that I will faithfully, impartially and justly perform all duties of that office according to the best of my ability, So help me God.

5. Roll Call

Mr. Dougherty		Mr. Leddin		Ms. Romano	
Mr. Grant		Mrs. McGinty		Mrs. Thompson	
Mrs. Kiley		Mr. Page		Mrs. Whitehouse	

6. Welcome of Visitors

7. Communications

8. Special Recognition

a. Acknowledgment of Tenure

- ❖ Huiwen Chen
- ❖ Sean Cranston
- ❖ Melissa Donofri
- ❖ Jennifer Fiorini
- ❖ Tara Flynn
- ❖ Michael Kane
- ❖ Krishna Kanuga
- ❖ Patrick Karl
- ❖ Susan Shay

9. Board Reports

- ❖ Culture, Climate, and Community Relations - Mrs. Kiley - September 29, 2025
- ❖ Education - Mrs. Thompson - September 24, 2025
- ❖ Personnel - Mr. Page - October 1, 2025
- ❖ Superintendent's Report

10. Public Comment on Agenda Items

11. ACTION ITEMS

MINUTES

The superintendent recommends Minutes item #1

Approve Board Meeting Minutes

1. Recommend Board approval of the following meeting minutes:
 - a. September 16, 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. September 16, 2025 Executive Session Minutes

PERSONNEL

The superintendent recommends personnel items #2-15

2. Approval of Movement on the Guide

Recommend Board approval of movement on the salary guide for the 2025 - 2026 school year for Susan Pagano from Step 21 BA, \$90,145 to Step 21 BA + 30, \$91,500, effective August 27, 2025.

3. Approval of Movement on the Guide

Recommend Board approval of movement on the salary guide for the 2025 - 2026 school year for Dino Pagano from Step 25 BA, \$101,745 to Step 25 BA + 30, \$103,100, effective August 27, 2025.

4. Approval to Amend Sixth Assignment Stipend for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval to amend the sixth assignment stipend for the 2025 - 2026 school year for the following teacher:

<u>NO</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
2.	Susan Pagano	Contemporary Issues in Environmental Science	Second Semester	BA Guide, \$12,967 prorated	BA+30 Guide, \$13,238 prorated

5. Approval of Substitute Coordinator for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of Luz Coby as Substitute Coordinator for the 2025 - 2026 school year at a stipend of \$5,000.00.

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 participation in the AI Think Tank Parent Workshop on October 8, 2025:

NO.	NAME	TOTAL STIPEND
1.	Yannell Maglione	\$150
2.	Alexis Marinov	\$100
3.	Jessica Olszewski	\$150

7. 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 October 15, 2025:

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

8. Approval of Chaperones and Stipends for the 2025-2026 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
Christina Gauss	Spain	October 31 - November 10	11	\$1,375
Seth Herman	Spain	October 31 - November 10	11	\$1,375

9. Approval of Leave of Absence for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of leaves of absence for the 2025-2026 SY as listed:

No.	Employee #	Leave of Absence Dates
1.	5502	<u>Unpaid Leave of Absence</u> 10/8/202 - 11/17/2025 <u>Return Date</u> 11/18/2025

10. Approval to Increase Hours for Paraprofessionals for Extracurricular Activities for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval to increase the total amount of hours for the following paraprofessionals to provide support during extracurricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year beginning September 2, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

NO.	NAME	FROM	TO TOTAL # OF HOURS
1.	Jacqueline Briody	115 hours	185 hours
2.	Krista Honnold	55 hours	105 hours
3.	Kathleen McMahon	110 hours	160 hours

11. Approval of Paraprofessionals for Extracurricular Activities for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval for the following paraprofessionals to provide support during extracurricular activities for the 2025-2026 school year beginning September 2, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026 at a rate of \$40.00 per hour:

NO.	NAME	TOTAL # OF HOURS
1.	Jenna Byrne	35 hours
2.	Susan Trocchia	35 hours
3.	Brandon Wall	35 hours

12. Approval of Paraprofessional Assignment Code

Recommend Board approval to adjust the following paraprofessionals to be paid through reimbursement from the following districts for the 2025-2026 SY, as listed below:

No	Name	Position	Salary 25-26 SY	Amount paid by district	Paid by District
1	Aaron Rogers	1:1 Paraprofessional	\$31,215	\$28,666.67	Holmdel School District

13. Approval to Rescind Extracurricular Advisors

Recommend Board approval to rescind the following extracurricular advisors for the 2025 - 2026 school year:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>CO-ADVISORS</u>
Veteran Appreciation	Group 5 - \$780.50	Dino Pagano

Veteran Appreciation	Group 5 - \$780.50	Susan Pagano
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14. Approval of Extracurricular Advisor for the 2025 - 2026 School Year

Recommend Board approval of the following extracurricular advisor for the 2025 - 2026 school year, effective 10-8-25:

<u>CLUB</u>	<u>GROUP</u>	<u>ADVISOR</u>
Veteran Appreciation	Group 5 - \$1,561 (prorated)	Kristen DeMeter

15. Approval of Homecoming Chaperones

Recommend Board approval for the following staff to chaperone the Homecoming Dance on October 11, 2025 :

NO.	NAME
1.	Maryanne Furey
2.	Susan Trocchia

FINANCE

The superintendent recommends finance items #16-26

Board Secretary's Monthly Certification - July 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

16. Approval of Bill List

Recommend Board approval of the following bill lists dated **October 7, 2025**:

General Fund	\$ 831,297.99
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 23,522.43
Capital Projects Fund	\$ 0.00
Food Services Fund	\$ 105,477.65
Total	\$ 960,298.07
Payroll 09-30-25	\$ 601,251.70
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,561,549.77

17. Approve Board Secretary's Report – July 2025

Recommend Board approval of the Board Secretary's report for **July 31, 2025**.

18. Approve Panda LLC, Cash Reconciliation Report– July 2025

Recommend Board approval of the **Panda LLC Cash Reconciliation** report for – **July 31, 2025**.

19. Budget Transfers - July 2025

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

20. 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, 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.

21. 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
6-17-26	9am - 12pm 6pm-7:30 pm	Fair Haven School District Knollwood School	Graduation Practice Graduation	Auditorium

TBD	TBD	Rumson School District Forrestdale School Athletics	Knollwood vs. Forrestdale Field Hockey	Lower Turf Field
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22. 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
10/16, 11/20, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21	Meredith Brow	New Jersey Superintendent's Study Council	N/A	\$75	Half Day P.M.	New Providence, NJ
10/16, 11/20, 1/15, 2/19, 3/19, 4/23, 5/21	Stephen Sarles	New Jersey Superintendent's Study Council	N/A	\$75	Half Day P.M.	New Providence, NJ
10-8-25	Anthony Dinallo	AP Colloquium at OCC Math & Computer Science	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
11-24-25	Gabrielle Eglinton	What's New in Young Adult Literature and How to Use it in Your Program	\$325	\$0	Full	Virtual
12-12-25 to 12-15-25	Beth English	55th National Athletic Directors Conference	\$390	\$1,500	Full	Tampa, FL
10-10-25	Lucrecia Esposito	Kean University FBLA Training for new advisors	\$0	\$0	Full	Union, NJ
10-8-25	Jeffrey Herkimer	AP Colloquium at OCC Math & Computer Science	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
11-25-25	Anna Higgins	AI Powered Accommodations: Enhancing Success for Students with Special Needs	\$295	\$0	Full	Virtual
10-10-25	Martin Januario	Kean University FBLA Training for new advisors	\$0	\$0	Full	Union, NJ
11-12-25	Justin Langlois	Igniting Inquiry - How to Introduce Student-Led Science Research	\$149	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ

10-14-25	Yannell Maglione	Teaching in the Age of AI: Clarity, Confidence, and Classroom- Ready Strategies	\$149	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
2-12-26	Alexis Marinov	Rutgers Literacy Center Speaker Series: Navigating AI Era in Education	\$180	\$0	Full	New Brunswick, NJ
11-12-25	Molly McBain	Igniting Inquiry - How to Introduce Student-Led Science Research	\$149	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
9-25-25	Robert Miller	Monmouth and Ocean County Guidance Directors Summit	\$0	\$0	Full	Tinton Falls, NJ
10-10-25	Jessica Olszewski	AI in Action: Practical Training for Educators	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Tinton Falls, NJ
10-14-25	Jessica Olszewski	Teaching in the Age of AI: Clarity, Confidence, and Classroom- Ready Strategies	\$149	\$0	Full	Lincroft, NJ
10-10-25	Jonathan Pennetti	AI in Action: Practical Training for Educators	\$0	\$0	Half AM	Tinton Falls, NJ
10-8-25	Megan Rizzitello	AP Colloquium at OCC Math & Computer Science	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
10-16-25	Jennifer Sterk	AP Colloquium at OCC History	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
10-27-25	Hilary Strauch	AP Colloquium at OCC English, Lit, Language	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
10-27-25	Aubrey Torta	AP Colloquium at OCC English, Lit, Language	\$0	\$0	Full	Toms River, NJ
3-9-26 to 3-10-26	Megan Wilkins	Civic Learning Week National Form	\$0	\$0	Full	Philadelphia, PA

23. Surplus

To identify the listed items as surplus, no longer required for school purposes, and authorize the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to discard these items in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-45, as attached. [Attachment A](#)

24. Approval of Enrollment of Nonresident Tuition Students for the 2025-2026 SY

Recommend Board approval of enrollment of the following nonresident tuition students for the 25-26 SY:

STUDENT #	GRADE	TOWN	TUITION
28001636	10	Point Pleasant Beach	\$22,060

25. End Appointment of Construction Consultant

Recommend Board approval to end the appointment of Brian Leddin as construction consultant effective September 16, 2025.

26. Approval of Professional Development Presenter

Recommend Board approval for Dr. Derek Tranchina, Director of Special Projects, MOESC, to present to the AI Think Tank including administrators, teachers, instructional assistants, and support staff on November 12, 2025 at a cost of \$2,250.00.

EDUCATION**The superintendent recommends education items #27-30****27. 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
October 10	Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City	AP Art History AP Portfolio Portfolio	Alexa James Kristen Lanfrank Meredith Brow
October 10, November 14, December 12, January 23, February 20, March 27, April 24	Red Bank Primary School	Storytelling Club	Justin Langlois
October 25	Phillipsburg	Debate & Forensics Club	Aubrey Torta
February 26, March 18, March 25 & 26	NJ Law Foundation Center, New Brunswick	Mock Trial	Nicholas DelBuono
June 18	Big Monmouth Beach Club	Class of 2026	Alyssa Schulte

28. 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
October 27 - November 24	Class of 2026	Alyssa Schulte	Joe Corbi's fundraising book for holiday sales
October 31 - November 15	Veterans Appreciation	Kristen DeMeter	Candy Drive for military
November 1 - 30	Key Club	Jeremy Schulte	Collect hoodies and jackets for the homeless
November 3 - 17	SGA	Nicholas DelBuono Alyssa Schulte	Powder Puff game for Alzheimer's Awareness Month

29. 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
27001119	9/12 - 11/3 Up to 10 hours per week	Medical	Facility / \$62.55/hour RFH Faculty / \$55/hour

30. Approval of Revised Curriculum

Recommend Board approval of the following revised curriculum:

- *Advanced Creative Writing Portfolio*
- *Principles of Marketing*

POLICY & PLANNING**The superintendent recommends Policy & Planning items #31****31. Approval of Nursing Services Plan**

Recommend Board approval of the Nursing Service Plan for the 2025 - 2026 school year.

12. Motion to Approve Recommendations**13. Approval Vote****14. Discussion Items****15. Public Comment - Any School Related Topic****16. 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 October 7, 2025 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.

17. Reconvene Public Session
18. Superintendent’s Additional Action Items
19. Motion to Approve Recommendations
20. Other Business
21. Unfinished Business
22. 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.