

August Board Brief



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Board Brief

The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes.



Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education meetings held on August 18 and August 25, 2022.

ENROLLMENT as of June 30, 2022

High School	1882
Middle School	928
TOTAL	2810

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lavender updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District, which included the following discussion item(s):

- Opening of School
- Construction Update
- High School Principal Transition
- Personnel Update

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Melissa Brown (Director of Human Resources)
- Kurt Gallen (Custodian)
- Jeff Mack (Custodian)
- Emily Virga (Chief Academic Officer)

Resignations:

- Mary Hawk (Custodian)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

Internships/Practicum

- **8/26/2022 – 6/30/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco (Rowan University), Administrative Internship; Cooperating Teacher, Patricia Calandro

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Katherine DellaRova (LTS Teacher of English)
- Wanda Sirko (Building Permanent Sub)
- Eric Roscoe (Building Permanent Sub)
- Michele Juliano (Teacher of Special Education)
- Michael Husni (LTS Teacher of History)
- Jessica Whelan (Paraprofessional)
- Jill Ward (LTS Teacher of Health & PE)
- Harleen Badechha (Teacher of English)
- Rafael Santiago (Paraprofessional)
- Susan Harmon (LTS Special Education Teacher)
- Lauren Vilimas (Teacher of Business)

Resignation:

- Christina Lord (Teacher of Special Education)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Patricia Knott (LTS Teacher of Math)
- Angel Vardaman (Building Permanent Sub)
- Michael Maguire (Building Permanent Sub)
- Lauren Dunmyer (LTS Teacher of Italian)
- Jean Lacovara (Library Media Specialist)
- Heather McGarry (Paraprofessional)

Resignation:

- Jamey Brown (Special Education Teacher)
- Michael McShane (Special Education Teacher)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Danielle Altersitz (Teacher of Mathematics)

Internships/Practicum

- **9/1/2022 – 12/16/2022.** Megan Anastasia (Rowan University), School Nursing Practicum; Cooperating Teacher, Barbara Neal

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **9/15/2022.** The MS STEP Program will travel to Dollar Tree in Mantua, NJ for Community Based Instruction.
- **9/19/2022.** The HS and MS Student Council will travel to the NJASC State Student Council Executive Meeting at Ocean City High School.
- **9/27/2022.** The MS STEP Program will travel to Bolero in Turnersville, NJ for Community Based Instruction.
- **9/30/2022.** The MS Renaissance Program will travel to Round 1 Bowling & Amusement Center in Deptford, NJ for a Renaissance trip.
- **9/7/2022 – 2/2/2023.** The HS STEP Program will travel to Dollar Tree (Mantua), Cinder Bar (Clarksboro), Petals & Paints (Swedesboro), Rosie's Farm Market (Mullica Hill), ShopRite (Mullica Hill), King's Things (Swedesboro), Food Bank of South Jersey (Pennsauken), and the Mullica Hill Library (Mullica Hill) for Structured Learning Experiences for Semester 1.

FUNDRAISERS

- **9/1/2022 – 9/15/2022.** The HS Field Hockey team will sell gourmet popcorn to raise funds for Bownet Goals, warmup shirts, team banquet and senior gifts.
- **10/2/2022 – 10/6/2022.** The MS Renaissance Program will host a Dine and Donate event at Ciconte's, the Village Pub and Cinder Bar to raise funds to offset costs for the Middle School Renaissance Program.
- **2/6/2023 – 2/10/2023.** The MS Community Service Club will collect used books to donate to Book Smiles.
- **4/11/2023 – 4/20/2023.** The Middle School Julie Riggi Scholarship program will sell paper flying pigs to hang in the hallways to raise funds for the Julie Riggi Scholarship.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
MS/HS 07/15/2022	Start: 02:30 p.m. End: 02:40 p.m.	Fire Bell test of the system
MS/HS 07/19/2022	Start: 09:00 a.m. End: 11:00 a.m.	Review of Evacuation and Reunification Plans and Procedures at Logan Dream Park
MS/HS 07/26/2022	Start: 09:00 a.m. End: 10:00 a.m.	Training session at Logan Dream Park with all administrative personnel

POLICY

The Board recommended the following for **FIRST** reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- None

The Board recommended the following for **SECOND** reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- None

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved the following Professional Development Plans and Teacher Mentor Program:

- **7/29/2022.** Robert Miles will participate in the virtual Better Behavior: School-Wide Implementation training.
- **9/8/2022.** Shanna Hoffman will attend the HIB Training Program – Fall 2022 in Toms River, NJ.
- **10/4/2022 – 12/11/2022.** Megan Bruder and Balvir Singh will attend the virtual workshop for Persuasive Communication: Critical Thinking to Enhance Your Message.
- **10/4/2022.** Ashley Clerval will attend the NJ Family Leave & FMLA Professional Development training in Toms River, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **9/15/2022.** Classroom Management facilitated by Nicole Cammarota-Verasco in the MS Media Center.
- **9/20/2022.** Start Strong Work Session facilitated by Meredith Alexander, Ed Dubbs and Emily Virga in HS Room 217.
- **9/27/2022.** Special Education and Specially Designed Instruction facilitated by Nicole Cammarota-Verasco in HS Room 217.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND TEACHER MENTORING PROGRAM

The Board approved the following:

- District Professional Development Plan
- High School Professional Development Plan
- Middle School Professional Development Plan
- Teacher Mentor Program

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- None

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- None

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- **The Board approved the Board Secretary’s Report and Bill List.**
- **Receipt and Acceptance of Student Activity and Athletic Account Financial Reports.** The Board accepted the Student Activity and Athletic Account Financial Reports for the period ending July 31, 2022.
- **Shared Service Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with the Township of Woolwich for the provision of a School Resource Officer and Two Class III Officers.
- **Revised Parental Contracts for Transportation.** The Board approved Parental Contracts for Student Transportation for the 2022-23 school year.
- **Joint Transportation Agreement.** The Board approved a Joint Transportation Agreement with the Gloucester County Special Services School District for Sports Trips for the 2022-2023 school year
- **Joint Purchasing Agreements.** The Board approved joint purchasing agreements with the Penns Grove-Carneys Point School District for the acquisition of baked goods for the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023.

- **CRESS Agreement.** The Board approved the CRESS Contract with GCSSSD for the 2022-23 school year.
- **Donations.** The Board accepted donations from the Kiwanis Club of Greater Swedesboro in the amount of \$500, Botto’s Italian Line Restaurant in the amount of \$300, and Spirit Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep, Ram, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 to support the Middle School Renaissance Program.

MISCELLANEOUS

Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are available in the office of the Board of Education secretary as well as posted online after Board approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Thursday, September 22, 2022, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



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