

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



K **Vision for Excellence:** It is the vision of the Kingsway Regional School District to successfully prepare students for their unique path in life. **Mission:** The Kingsway Regional School District, guided by our core values, engages students within a diverse and nurturing community dedicated to our Vision for Excellence.



Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education meetings held on February 2, 2023, January 16, 2023 and January 23, 2023.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2023	
High School	1956
Middle School	956
TOTAL	2912

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- NJROTC
- School Budget FY 2023-24

STAFF RECOGNITION

- Spotlight Teachers of the Month (January/February)
 - 🍁 Isabella Knapp, Middle School Special Education
 - 🍁 Albree Smith, Middle School Special Education



- New Staff Introduction:
 - 🍁 Christa Klienback (General Café Worker)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Spotlight Students and Seniors of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's Corner. These awards are made courtesy of the Kingsway Education Foundation.

Middle School Spotlight Students	
February 2023	
K	Krish Patel
I	Trevor Bernard
N	Nicholas Conklin
G	Luca Cavalieri
S	Saudah Turner
W	Natalia Incollingo
A	Jayda Nock
A	Maria Fleming
Y	Gabriella Pinto

High School Spotlight Students	
February 2023	
Grade 9	Conor Kelly
Grade 10	Justin Kleinhenz
Grade 11	James Legg
Grade 12	Liam Casey
Seniors of the Month – February 2023	
Jack Arena	
Kyle Casella	

NJ State Seal of Bilingual Recipients	
Russian	
Umida Kodikulova	
Spanish	
Pedro Aisa	Oswaldo Mataeo
Health Susano	Marco Luque Perez
Evelyn Kornegay	Olivia Crisfulla
David Gonzalez	Giovanni Ixcoy
Jamily Martinez	Ashlee Mendez
Cesar Pedro	Anny Pichardo-Bonetti
Charles Pino	Jorge Reyes Velazquez
Marlene Saavedra	Moises Sanchez
Rabi Vazquez	

French	
Pedro Aisa	Anant Jain
Aadi Jain	Ryan Smith
Italian	
Sydney Werner	Ivor Mills
Mandarin (Traditional or Simplified)	
Cheuk Ying Yeung	Emily Zhang

PRESENTATIONS

- Regionalization Study Presentation; Porzio Bromberg & Newman
- Genesis School Information System (SIS), HR, Budget and Payroll – Presented by: Jason Schimpf, School Board Administrator and Patricia Calandro, Assistant Superintendent
- Student Representative Report February 2023 – Presented by: Shelby Dyer
- S.T.E.P. Program – Presented by: Brian Tonelli, Middle School Principal

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Michael Primavera (Custodian)

Resignations/Retirement:

- None

Schedule “B”:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Nellie Martinez (Bus Driver)

Internships/Practicum

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- David Schuster (Navy JROTC Naval Science Instructor)
- Jill Ward (LTS – Teacher of Health & PE)

Resignation:

- Abigail Rice (Paraprofessional)

Retirement:

- Rebecca Popp (Teacher of English – 26 years)
- Art Spence (Custodian – 13 years)
- Karen Storey (Custodian – 14 years)
- Sue Barber (Secretary – 37 years)

Schedule “B”:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Maria Correa-DiGiovanni (Social Worker)
- Kristin Pepe (Teacher of Art)
- Amanda Silvesti (Teacher of Health/PE)
- Michael DiFrancesco (Teacher of Business)
- Robert Cressman (Teacher of Mathematics)

Practicum/Student Teacher/Visitation/Internships

- None

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Katherine DellaRova (LTS Social Studies)

Resignation:

- Mary Mattson Deojay (Substitute General Worker)

Schedule “B”:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Tia Drew (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Kaitlin Kurtz (Teacher of Science)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **2/27/2023 – 3/1/2023.** The Business Leadership Academy will participate in the NJ DECA State Conference/ Competition at Harrah’s in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **3/3/2023.** The Holocaust and Genocide Studies will visit the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, DC.
- **3/5/2023.** Students in Action will attend the Mid-Winter Conference at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- **3/13/2023.** The KRHS Choirs will participate in the Choral Festival at Stockton University in Galloway Township, NJ.
- **3/13/2023.** The Business Leadership Academy will have hands-on experience at the Wawa Headquarters. (Rescheduled)
- **3/16/2023.** The HS STEP Program will receive vocational exposure at Pond Lehigh in Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/23/2023.** The Business Leadership Academy-Grade 11 will tour the University of Pennsylvania campus and attend the Penn Law Event in Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/28/2023.** The Business Leadership Academy-Grade 9 will participate in the Business Competition at Resolution Life Office in West Chester, PA.

- **4/19/2023.** The HS Team Scholastics will tour the University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA for college exposure.
- **4/25/2023.** The HS Team Scholastics will tour St. Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA for college exposure.
- **5/4/2023 – 5/7/2023.** The Indoor Percussion & Color Guard will perform/compete in the ACC Championships at the Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ.
- **5/10/2023.** The HS STEP Program will learn science standards at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.
- **5/12/2023.** The KRMS Choir will participate in the Choral Adjudication/Competition in Allentown, PA.
- **6/23/2023 – 7/1/2023.** The HS Spanish Class will travel to Costa Rica for a cultural student trip.

FUNDRAISERS

- **2/21/2023 – 2/24/2023.** The HS Student Council will host Penny Wars and sell tickets to Kingsway Live! Funds will be donated to the winner's selected charity and be used for the purchase of concessions and Kingsway Live! T-Shirts.
- **3/6/2023 – 3/31/2023.** #1DragonFamily/Dragon Spark will sell One Dragon Family T-shirts to raise funds to be donated to a local charity and fund future #1DragonFamily activities.
- **3/8/2023 – 3/24/2023.** The Fellowship of Christian Athletes will sell team entries to a Volleyball Tournament to be held March 24, 2023, to raise funds for bus costs for a group service project trip.
- **3/24/2023 – 4/5/2023.** The HS Softball Team will host a Chick-Fil-A Dine & Donate night and sell Easter Flowers to raise funds for their end-of-year banquet.
- **3/27/2023 – 4/10/2023.** The HS Boy's Volleyball team will sell delicious gourmet popcorn to raise funds for the end-of-year team party, senior gifts, senior game flowers and team t-shirts.
- **4/4/2023.** The Boy's Golf team will host the 2023 Marge Suiter Coed JV Golf Tournament to raise funds for their end-of-season banquet, and senior gifts.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
HS 01/20/2023	Start: 09:04 a.m. End: 09:15 a.m.	Lockdown Drill
HS 01/30/2023	Start: 12:28 p.m. End: 12:33 p.m.	Fire Drill
MS 01/26/2023	Start: 10:45 a.m. End: 11:03 a.m.	Lockdown Drill
MS 01/31/2023	Start: 01:14 p.m. End: 01:26 p.m.	Fire Drill

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.

Policy/Regulation Number	Title
Policy 2436	Athletic Registration Fee Program

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **2/17/2023.** Kate Richards and Megan Anastasia will attend the virtual presentation Keys to Enhancing Your Effectiveness as a School Nurse.
- **3/1/2023.** Ray Philipp, Jr. will attend Advanced K-12 Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management Training in Burlington, NJ.
- **3/9/2023 & 3/10/2023.** Fallon Corcoran will attend the Association of Student Assistance Professionals of New Jersey (ASAP NJ) 36th Annual Conference in East Windsor, NJ.
- **3/14/2023.** Amanda Hannigan and Alexis McCann will attend the Inclusion Institute in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **3/19/2023 – 3/22/2023.** Andrew Kidder and Michael Shuster will attend the New Jersey School Buildings & Grounds Association (NJSGBA) 25th Annual Conference Expo in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **3/21/2023.** Michelle Beech will attend a Rider University Counselor Event in Lawrenceville, NJ.
- **4/24/2023 – 4/26/2023.** Apryl Palazzo will attend Skidmore College-Union College-Colgate University-Hamilton College (SUCH) Counselor Tour 2023 in Colgate, NJ.
- **6/12/2023 – 6/16/2023.** Christina Smith will be a 2023 AP Stats Exam Reader in Kansas City, MO.

- **5/30/2023** – 6/9/2023. Donna Carpenter will be a 2023 AP English Literature and Composition Reading Exam Reader in Salt Lake City, UT.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **2/21/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Differentiated Instruction in HS Room 217.
- **2/28/2023.** Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer will facilitate Using Padlet to Build Interactions in the Classroom in HS Room 217.
- **3/1/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Getting the MOST Out of the Partnership | Specially Designed Instruction and Co-Teaching in HS Room 217.
- **3/2/2023.** Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer will facilitate the Fishbowl Roundtable for January and February in the HS Student Center Open Classroom.
- **3/8/2023.** Emily Virga, Meredith Alexander and Ed Dubbs will facilitate the NJGPA Work Session for High School Teachers in HS Room 217.
- **3/21/2023.** Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer will facilitate Spreadsheet 101: Build your comfort level with Excel/Google Sheets in HS Room 217.
- **3/22/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate the Gifted & Talented | Differentiating to Maximize Student Potential workshop in HS Room 217.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Board approved the following School of Health Professions Shadowing Experiences:

- Jefferson University Radiology Associates (JURA)
- Strive Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation
- NovaCare Rehabilitation
- Love Your Smile Family & Aesthetic Dentistry, LLC
- Premier Orthopedics Physical Therapy
- The Energy Lab
- New Town Dental
- Rothman Orthopaedics

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Program:

- [2023 Spring Athletic Schedule](#)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Marching Band Scholarship

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 January 31, 2023.
- **Change Order Authorization.** The Board approved change order requests for the Kingsway Regional High School 2022 Facility Improvements Project.

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, March 23, 2023, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



This 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.