

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



★ **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 April 20, 2023 and April 27, 2023.*

High School	1950
Middle School	954
Out of District	56
TOTAL	2960

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Office of Civil Rights
- Long-Term Suspension
- Registrar
- Superintendent Evaluation
- Board Evaluations
- School Business Administrator and Assistant Superintendent Contracts

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.

April 2023	
K	Cheyenne Charlton
I	Brandon Gacutan
N	Eli Magnet
G	Tony Lentini
S	Colin Messick
W	Alivia Reichert
A	Jayaana Jackson
Y	Maria Giunta

April 2023	
Grade 9	Leen Al Mafraji
Grade 10	Stanley Ojeda
Grade 11	Niko Komadina
Grade 12	Aidan Kelly
Seniors of the Month – April 2023	
Megan Lewin	
Reilly Robichaud	

PRESENTATIONS

- Spotlight Program: Special Services & School Counseling presented by Dr. Shanna Hoffman, Director of Special Services and Mr. Mike Schiff, Director of School Counseling.
- 2023-2024 District Budget. Presentation by Jason Schimpf, Business Administrator.

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- None

Retirement:

- John Samuel, Energy Manager (14 years of service)

Resignations:

- Ashley Clerval, Human Resources Coordinator)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Marisa Abruzzo (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Michael Donnelly (Teacher of Spanish)
- Alysia Thomson (Paraprofessional)

Resignation:

- Eileen Scanlan (Spanish Teacher)

Retirement:

- Robin Jaramillo (Work Based Learning Coordinator); 28 years of service.

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Brian Boone (Custodian)
- Sarah Schugar (English Teacher)
- Employee 4269

Practicum/Student Teacher/Visitation/Internships

- **9/5/2023-12/22/2023 & 1/22/2024-5/3/2024**
Jakob Mostoller, Fairleigh Dickinson University.
Student Teaching Grades 9-12. Cooperating Teacher:
Dave Stanton.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Lauren Mecholsky (ELA Teacher)
- Abigail Matthias (Substitute Secretary)
- Melissa Muckley (General Cafeteria Worker)

Resignation:

- Robert Miles (Assistant Principal)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Name

JOB DESCRIPTION(S). The Board approved the revisions to the job description for Registrar.

CONTRACTS. The Board approved the following employment contracts:

- Jason Schimpf, School Business Administrator/
Board Secretary
- Patricia Calandro, Assistant Superintendent

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **4/29/2023.** The HS STEP Class will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Ella Harris Park in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **5/1/2023.** The HS Principles of Engineering Class will tour the Woolwich Twp. Fire Department and Excel Hydraulics in Woolwich Twp., NJ.
- **5/12/2023.** The HS Business Leadership Academy-Grade 11 will take a business tour of Total Turf Experience, LLC in Pitman, NJ.
- **5/20/2023.** The E-Sports Team may participate in the E-Sports Championship Games at Stockton University in Galloway, NJ.
- **5/30/2023.** The HS Students in Action Club will tour and donate to Family Promise in Glassboro, NJ.
- **5/31/2023.** The MS Student Council will attend the Awards Program for NJASC at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
- **6/1/2023.** The MS STEP Class will learn Budgeting Skills at ShopRite in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **6/2/2023.** The MS STEP Class will participate in the Gator Games at Gateway Regional High School in Woodbury, NJ.
- **6/5/2023.** The HS National Art Honor Society will tour the Grounds for Sculpture in Hamilton Twp., NJ.
- **6/9/2023.** The HS STEM Academy-12th Grade will have hands-on experience at the Wetlands Institute in Stone Harbor, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **4/14/2023 – 4/28/2023.** The HS National Art Honor Society will host a Paint Night event with paintings taught by students to raise funds for the NAHS trip to Grounds for Sculpture.
- **5/1/2023 – 5/5/2023.** The HS Shades Club will sell Kona Ice Treats to raise funds for the Shades Club.
- **5/4/2023 – 5/4/2023.** The HS Student Council and Shades Club will host a Students v. Teachers Basketball game to raise funds for student activities.
- **5/7/2023 – 5/12/2023.** The HS STEM Service Learning-Southwest Council will sell paper pledge cards to be drug-free with funds being donated to the Southwest Council.

- **5/15/2023 – 5/25/2023.** The MS Business Club will host a corn hole tournament and sell concessions to raise funds to donate to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.
- **5/15/2023 – 5/29/2023.** The HS Students in Action Club will host a Movie Night for families along with a collection of toiletries and household goods to donate to Family Promise.
- **6/9/2023.** The HS Habitat for Humanity Club will sell tickets to a Team-Themed Volleyball Tournament to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.
- **7/24/2023 – 7/27/2023.** The HS Girls Volleyball team will host the 2nd annual Dragons Youth Volleyball Camp to raise funds for their team banquet and senior gifts.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
HS 03/02/2023	Start: 08:59 a.m. End: 09:38 a.m.	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 03/27/2023	Start: 12:01 p.m. End: 12:09 p.m.	Fire Drill
MS 03/02/2023	Start: 09:05 a.m. End: 09:33 a.m.	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
MS 03/30/2023	Start: 02:10 p.m. End: 02:17 p.m.	Fire Drill

POLICY

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

Policy/Regulation Number:	Title:
Alert 226_227	Summary
Policy 5541	Anti-Hazing
Policy 5512	HIB
Regulation 8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
Policy 8465	Bias Crimes and Bias-Related Acts
Policy 5460	High School Graduation
Policy 9560	Administration of School Surveys
Policy 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies
Regulation 9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

Policy 8420	Emergency and Crisis Situations
Policy 7410	Maintenance and Repair
Regulation 7410	Maintenance and Repair
Policy 3161	Examination for Cause--Teaching
Policy 4161	Examination for Cause--Staff
Policy 2415.04	Title I District-Wide Parent and Family Engagement
Policy 2417	Student Intervention and Referral Services

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:

- **5/18/2023.** Michelle Orr will attend the DECA Southern Region Advisor Meeting in Sewell, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **5/3/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Highly Engaged Learners | 3 Components to Add to Every Lesson in HS Room 217.
- **5/8/2023.** Emily Virga, Meredith Alexander, and Ed Dubbs will facilitate the NJSLA Work Session in HS Room 217.
- **5/11/2023.** Ashley Hungerford will facilitate the Fishbowl Roundtable for March and April in the Student Center-Open Classroom.
- **5/24/2023.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Building Better | A Guide for Utilizing Project-Based Learning for Gifted Learners in HS Room 217.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING. The Board approved the School of Health Professions Shadowing Experience with the following businesses:

- Grand Chiropractic
- KLG Pediatric Therapy, LLC

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Amendment:

- None

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- 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 March 31, 2023.
- **Salem County Vocation Tuition.** The Board approved the 2023-2024 tuition contract with the Salem County Vocational School District.
- **Harrison Township School District Interlocal Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with the Harrison Township Board of Education for School Bus Maintenance for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Clearview Interlocal Agreements.** The Board approved an interlocal agreement with Clearview Regional School District for borrowing of buses and sharing of drivers, and School Bus Maintenance Services for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **IT Agreement with Woolwich Township.** The Board approved the revised agreement with Woolwich Twp. for IT services, including phone system maintenance.
- **2023-2024 District Budget.** The Board adopted the 2023-24 district budget.
- **2023 Safety Grant Application.** The Board authorized all action necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award to supplement the cost of School Resource Officers.
- **Student Transportation Bid Award.** The Board awarded a student transportation To/From School contract to BR Williams for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Cooperative Transportation with GCSSSD.** The Board approved a contract with the Gloucester County Special Services School District for participation in Cooperative Transportation for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report.** The Board accepted the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Reports dated April 18, 2023.

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, May 25, 2023, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

JOB FAIR
MAY 6TH
9AM - 12PM

- Campus Tour
- On the spot interviews
- Q&A with HR Department
- Meet District Supervisors

Departments with Open Positions

- Cafeteria
- Custodial
- Paraprofessionals
- Certified Teachers

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