

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



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BELONGING



TEAMWORK



STUDENT-CENTERED



PERSEVERANCE

- ★ **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
July 27, 2023.**

ENROLLMENT as of June 30, 2023

High School	1951
Middle School	955
Out of District	43
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):

- Student Discipline Matters
- Graduation
- Attendance Policy
- Administrative Retreat/Goals

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- George Ramos (Maintenance-HVAC)

Retirement/Resignations:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Patricia Bowe (Bus Driver)

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Michele Arnone (General Café Worker)
- Natalie Lerro (Paraprofessional)
- Michael Mazzeo (Custodian)
- Dianna Montague (Teacher of Special Education)
- Jennifer Todd (Teacher of Special Education)
- Holly Fisher (School Counselor)
- Dana Ott (Teacher of Business)
- Amy Zirbser-Duffy (Registered Behavior Technician – RBT)
- Patrick Carpenter (Teacher of Music)
- Dylan McCormick (Teacher of English-LTS)
- Jessica Rice (Paraprofessional)
- Gabrielle Helm (Teacher of English)

Resignation:

- Karla Morales (Teacher of Social Studies)
- Anthony Sinigaglio (Teacher of Music)
- Jessica Waller (Teacher of English)
- Eric DeDonatis (Teacher of World Language-Italian)
- Alysia Thomson (Paraprofessional)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Internships/Practicum

Agreement for Student Internships. The Board adopted an Agreement with Rowan University for Student Internships for the period August 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025.

- **8/1/2023 – 12/12/2023.** Carly Pickett- Rowan University, Athletic Training Internship. Cooperating Mentor: Robert Baerman.

Leaves of Absence:

- Veronica Keefer (Teacher of Science)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Michael Maguire (Teacher of Special Education)
- Nicole Tolley (Teacher of Special Education)
- Jasmine McLaurin (Teacher of Special Education)
- Charlyene Pinckney (Teacher of Science-LTS)

Resignation:

- Mallory Beach (Teacher of Special Education)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Internships/Practicum

- **9/5/2023 – 10/27/2023 and 3/11/2024 – 5/3/2024.** Robert Wilson- Rowan University, Student Teaching. Cooperating Mentor: Stephanie Owens.

Leaves of Absence:

Judith Gomes (Paraprofessional)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **8/21/2023 -8/25/2023.** Members of the Lindsey Meyer Teen Institute/SAAD Club will attend the YMCA Camp Mason Summer Leadership Conference in Hardwick, New Jersey.
- **8/4/2023 – 8/6/2023.** The High School Mascot will attend the Mascot Training Day Camp at Millersville University.

FUNDRAISERS

- **10/29/2023 – 11/2/2023.** The KRMS Renaissance program will host a Dine & Donate event at Ciconte's Restaurants to raise funds for the Renaissance Program activities.
- **12/22/2023 – 12/22/2023.** Dragons Helping Dragons will have a staff dress down day to raise funds for their outreach program.
- **1/10/2024 – 1/10/2024.** The KRHS Musical will sell tickets for the Broadway Cabaret to raise funds for the musicians in the Musical.
- **2/4/2024 – 2/8/2024.** The KRHS Musical will host a Dine & Donate event at Ciconte's Restaurants to raise funds for the musicians in the Musical.
- **2/5/2024 – 2/16/2024.** The KRHS Musical will sell ads in the spring musical booklet to raise funds for the musicians in the Musical.

- **2/20/2024 – 2/28/2024.** KRMS will sell team spots for the 3v3 March Madness Basketball tournament to raise funds for the 7th Grade outing in June.
- **3/7/2024 – 3/9/2024.** The KRHS Musical will sell tickets and concessions for the spring Musical.
- **5/13/2024 – 5/24/2024.** KRMS will sell paper flying pigs to raise funds for the Julie Riggi Scholarship Fund.
- **6/4/2024.** Dragons Helping Dragons will sell pretzels and water at the Choir Concert.
- **6/5/2024.** Dragons Helping Dragons will sell pretzels and water at the Band Concert.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

- **EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 06/02/2023	09:05 am	09:11 am	Fire Drill
MS 06/08/2023	02:00 pm	02:10 pm	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
MS 06/16/2023	02:30 pm	02:58 pm	Shelter in Place
HS 06/08/2023	08:49 am	09:49 am	Round Table for Evacuations
HS 06/23/2023	10:00 am	10:04 am	Fire Drill

POLICY

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

Policy/Regulation Number:	Title:
Policy and Regulation 2425	Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program
Policy and Regulation 5200	Attendance
Policy 8140	Student Enrollments
Policy and Regulation 8330	Student Records
Regulation 8140	Student Accounting
Regulation 8420.2	Bomb Treats
Regulation 8420.7	Lockdown Procedures
Regulation 8420.10	Active Shooter

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

Policy/Regulation Number:	Title:
P0152	Board Officers
P0161	Call Adjournment and Cancellation
P0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P0163	Quorum
P1511	Board of Education Website Accessibility
P2423 and R2423	Bilingual and ESL Education
P3216	Dress and Grooming
P3270 and R3270	Professional Responsibilities & Lesson Plans and Plan Books
P4216	Dress and Grooming
P5513 and R5513	Care of School Property

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **7/27/2023 – 7/6/2024.** Susan Vance will attend various virtual Fred Pryor+ Learning Seminars: Career Track.
- **8/2/2023 – 8/4/2023.** Sara Marcus will attend the Virtual AVID Ignite for Science seminar.
- **8/8/2023 – 8/10/2023.** James Barnshaw will attend the Virtual AVID Elective Level 1 Workshop.
- **8/8/2023 – 8/10/2023.** Meredith Alexander and Bobbi-Jean Havers will attend the Virtual AVID Ignite for Strategic Leadership Conference.
- **11/8/2023 – 11/11/2023.** Nicole Verasco will attend the National Association for Gifted Children in Orlando, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **8/7/2023.** Making a Splash with G&T Series | Session I: Understanding the 3Es to Support G&T Learners facilitated by Nicole Verasco in HS Student Center open classroom.
- **8/7/2023.** Starting Strong with SDI facilitated by Nicole Verasco in HS Student Center open classroom.
- **8/7/2023.** Developing a Culture of Partnership in the Classroom to increase Student Motivation and Agency facilitated by Caitlin Hess in HS Room 217.
- **8/8/2023.** Making a Splash with G&T Series | Session II: Designing for Differentiation facilitated

by Nicole Verasco in HS Student Center open classroom.

- **8/8/2023.** Tiering Assignments and Assessments in the Science Classroom facilitated by Megan Bruder in HS Room 438.
- **8/8/2023.** Schoology Lab for Experienced Users facilitated by Vince Doud and Nicole Servais in HS Room 216.
- **8/9/2023.** Making a Splash with G&T Series | Session III: Assessing for Extension facilitated by Nicole Verasco in HS Student Center open classroom.
- **8/9/2023.** AI for Teaching and Learning | Session I: Chat GPT – What it is and is not: Priming Responsible Student Use and Safety facilitated by Nicole Verasco in HS Room 216.
- **8/9/2023.** Teaching with Clarity | Scales, Success Criteria, and Rubrics facilitated by Stefanie Fox-Manno and Emily Virga in HS Room 217.
- **8/9/2023.** Supporting Student Mental Health facilitated by Fallon Corcoran and Ray Philipp in HS Room 217.
- **8/10/2023.** G&T Support Sessions facilitated by Nicole Verasco in HS Room 400.
- **8/10/2023.** Schoology Support Sessions facilitated by Vince Doud and Nicole Servais in HS Student Center open classroom.
- **8/10/2023.** Step into Student Goal Setting | A Path to Growth, Motivation and Agency facilitated by Emily Virga in HS Room 217.
- **8/10/2023.** AI for Teaching & Learning | Session II: Expanding DI with AI facilitated by Vince Doud and Nicole Servais in HS Room 216.
- **8/10/2023.** Manage to Lead facilitated by Mary Neyer in HS Room 216.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:

- KRSD Emergency Virtual or Remote Instruction Program 2023-2024
- KRSD Safe Return Plans 2023-2024
- 2023-2024 KRHS Student Handbook
- 2023-2024 KRHS Athletic Coaches Handbook
- 2023-2024 KRHS Athletic Parent/Student Handbook
- 2023-2024 KRMS Student Handbook

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 June 30, 2023.
- **Authorization to Solicit Bids.** The Board authorized solicitation of bids for Equipment Lease Purchase Financing in coordination with the Educational Services Commission of New Jersey.
- **2023-2024 Logan Township Tuition Revised.** The Board approved tuition contracts with Logan Township School District for the 2023-2024 school year.
- **Use of Facility Waiver.** The Board waived the insurance requirement and facility use fees for the Kingsway Education Foundation and the Dragon Run Committee.
- **FY24 Federal Entitlement Grant Application.** The Board authorized submission of the federal entitlement grant applications and acceptance of funding.
- **IT Contract Addendum.** The Board approved an addendum to the contract with South Harrison Township extending the contract and including services relating to telephones beginning December 1, 2023.
- **Revised IT Contract.** The Board approved the revised Information Technology Agreement with East Greenwich Township to include telephone maintenance.
- **Union County Special Education Contract.** The Board approved the 2023-2024 Special Education Contract with the Union County Educational Services Commission.
- **Cooper Health System Agreement.** The Board approved an Agreement with the Cooper Health System to provide specialty physicians for home football games.
- **2023-2024 Transportation Jointure Contract.** The Board approved the Transportation Jointure Contracts for the 2023-2024 School Year.

- **NJSIAA Membership.** The Board approved enrollment as a member of the New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association and authorized participation in approved athletic activities sponsored by the NJSIAA.
- **Equipment Disposal.** The Board approved the list of equipment for disposal.

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, August 24, 2023, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

KINGSWAY IS HIRING

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Kingsway Regional School District is Hiring!

Full Time:

- Custodian
- Maintenance - HVAC
- HS Paraprofessional
- Summer Technology Student Workers
- Bus Drivers
- ESL Teacher
- World Language Teacher
- HS Registered Behavior Technician
- HS Teacher of Biology
- Teacher of Special Education

Long-Term Substitutes:

- HS Business Teacher

Apply online at [KRSD.org/employment](https://www.krdsd.org/employment) or simply send your resume to HR@KRSD.US.

Aspiring Teachers

KRSD is participating in a new program to simplify the certification process. To see if you qualify and to learn more, email HR@KRSD.US.

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