

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



GROWTH



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 January 4, 2024, January 18, 2024 and January 25, 2024.

ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2023

High School	1960
Middle School	981
Out of District	63
TOTAL	3004

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Budget
- Employment/Personnel

STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board had the pleasure of introducing our 2024 Teachers of the Year and Educational Services Professional of the Year.

- 🍁 Ms. Nancy Kocis – HS Teacher of World Language
- 🍁 Ms. Stefanie Miles – MS Teacher of Science
- 🍁 Robert Baerman, Athletic Trainer



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

January 2024

K	Reese Emmett
I	Maria Gonzalez-Torner
N	Norah Gradel Luciano Ratiu
G	Emma Cappo
S	Isabella DeVito
W	John Pyne
A	Jackson Page
Y	Nicholas Kleinot

High School Spotlight Students

January 2024

Grade 9	Cole DeNick
Grade 10	Anna Jacobs
Grade 11	Madison Sims
Grade 12	Antonio Williams

Seniors of the Month – January 2024

Dillon Dukes
Anjuli Nair

Girls Field Hockey Team

- 🍁 Tri County Conference Royal Division Championship
- 🍁 South Jersey Group IV Championship
- 🍁 State Group IV Championship
- 🍁 NJ.com Team of the Year
- 🍁 South Jersey Times Team of the Year
- 🍁 Tri-County Conference Team of the Year
- 🍁 #1 Team in New Jersey
- 🍁 #5 Team in the Country

Girls Soccer Team

- Tri-County Conference Champions
- Tri-County Conference Team of the Year
- South Jersey Times Team of the Year

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Kathleen Mercado, Substitute School Nurse
- Lindsay Reed, Substitute School Nurse

Retirement:

- Holly Haynes, Food Service Manager (10 years of service)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Kenneth Coyle, Teacher of World Language

Resignation:

- None

Retirement:

- Donna Carpenter, Teacher of English (19 years of service)
- Laura Fiorentino, Teacher of English (18 years of service)
- Marie Aleardi, Attendance Secretary (21 years of service)

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- David Duffin, Teacher of History

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- None

Resignation/Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Tammy Furber, Paraprofessional

INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM

The Board of Education approved the following Practicum, Student Teachers, Visitors and Internships:

- **1/16/2024 – 5/3/2024:** Stephanie Owens, Student Learning Disabilities Teaching Consultant (LDT) Practicum; Stockton University. Cooperating Mentor: Christie Bedisky (Grade 9).
- **1/16/2024 – 5/3/2024:** Qwayonna Josephs, Creating Supportive Middle & High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Amanda Ottinger (Grade 8).
- **1/16/2024 – 5/3/2024:** Daniel Marquez-Lopez, Creating Supportive Middle & High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Amanda Ottinger (Grade 8).
- **1/16/2024 – 5/3/2024:** Griffith Rice, Creating Supportive Middle & High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Amanda Ottinger (Grade 8).
- **9/3/2024 – 12/8/2024 & 1/13/2025-5/4/2025:** Eric Roscoe, School Counseling Internship; Wilmington University. Cooperating Mentor: John Cappolina (Grades 9-12).

PRESENTATIONS:

- None

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **1/19/2024.** BLA/DECA will attend the State Officer Interview and Meeting at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- **2/17/2024.** The Science Olympiad Club will attend the SOUP Competition at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.
- **2/20/2024.** The HS STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Fulton Bank in Woolwich Twp, NJ.
- **2/21/2024.** The MS STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.
- **2/23/2024.** The HS Select Jazz Band will perform at a Jazz Festival at Egg Harbor Township High School in Egg Harbor Twp, NJ.
- **2/23/2024.** The MS Renaissance Program will hold their Semester 1 Celebration at the Deptford Mall in Deptford, NJ.
- **2/27/2024.** The HS STEP 2 ELA students will attend the "Keep Marching" Play at The Grand in Wilmington, DE.
- **2/29/2024 & 3/1/2024.** The HS Girls Wrestling will attend the State Competition at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, NJ.

- **3/15/2024.** The HS Select Jazz Band will perform at a Jazz Festival at Shawnee High School in Medford, NJ.
- **3/22/2024.** The HS Select Jazz Band will perform at a Jazz Festival at Marple Newtown High School in Newtown Square, PA.
- **4/10/2024.** The HS STEM Academy-10th Grade will tour Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.
- **4/12/2024.** The MS 7th & 8th Grade Choir will attend the Teen Arts Festival and Appel Farms in Elmer, NJ.
- **4/19/2024.** The HS Select Jazz Band will perform at a Jazz Festival at Deptford High School in Deptford, NJ.
- **4/20/2024.** The HS Select Jazz Band will perform at a Jazz Festival at the Washington Township High School in Washington Twp, NJ.
- **5/20/2024.** The HS Dragon Singers and Treble Chorus will attend the NJ American Choral Directors Association Festival at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **1/29/2024 – 2/9/2024.** The HS STEP ELA Program will sell Philly Pretzels to raise funds for field trips.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 12/12/2023	8:31 a.m.	8:45 a.m.	Fire Drill
MS 12/19/2023	9:40 a.m.	9:48 a.m.	Lockdown Drill
HS 12/15/2023	1:14 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	Fire Drill
HS 12/21/2023	1:14 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	Lockdown 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.

- None

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **1/23/2024.** Jason Schimpf will attend Human Resources-Legal in Mt. Laurel, NJ.

- **2/12/2024.** Vincent Doud, Megan Bruder, Rachael Anderson and Charae Whetstone will attend MAP Growth: Applying Reports in East Windsor, NJ.
- **2/12/2024.** Megan Anastasia and Kate Richards will attend a virtual workshop, School Nurses: Best Strategies for Success During School Medical Emergencies.
- **2/14/2024.** Anne Byrne will attend a virtual workshop, Succeeding as an Administrative Professional.
- **2/23/2024.** Michael Massaro will attend the NJMEA Music Education State Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **3/5/2024 – 3/7/2024.** Robert Iocona will attend the CPX Cyber Security Summit in Las Vegas, NV.
- **3/22/2024.** Caitlin Hess will attend the Day of Distance Clinic in Princeton Junction, NJ.
- **3/17/2024, 3/18/2024, 3/19/2024 & 3/20/2024.** Andrew Kidder will attend the NJSGBA 2024 Conference Expo in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **1/29/2024.** Lauren Charlton will attend the Foundations of Community-Based Instruction Series for School Personnel in Haddon Township, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **1/23/2024.** Writing Effective IEP PLAAFPs facilitated by Shanna Hoffman in the HS Student Center.
- **1/25/2024.** IEP Goal Writing facilitated by Charae Whetstone in the HS Student Center.
- **2/8/2024.** Excelling with Executive Function facilitated by Nicole Cammarota-Verasco in the HS Student Center.
- **2/8/2024.** The Perfect Blend facilitated by Vincent Doud, Nicole Servais and Emily Virga in the HS Student Center.
- **2/22/2024.** Data Driven Instruction facilitated by Nicole Cammarota-Verasco, Vincent Doud and Nicole Servais in the HS Student Center.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following Programs:

- 2024-2025 Program of Studies & Student Planning Guide.
- School of Health Professions Shadowing Experience with NovaCare Rehabilitation; Premier Orthopedics

Physical Therapy; Strive Physical Therapy & Sports Rehabilitation; and The Training Room of Woolwich Township.

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 December 31, 2023.
- **Appointment of Board Secretary as Chairperson Pro-Tem.** The Board designated the Board Secretary as Temporary Chairman of the Board of Education.
- **Election Results.** The election results were reported as follows:
 - 🍁 Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm (Swedesboro): 391
 - 🍁 Patrick Daley (Woolwich Township): 2,687
 - 🍁 Kelly Bonapfel (Woolwich Township): 2,679
- **Administration of Oath of Office.** The Board Secretary administered the Oath for School Board Members duly elected to the Board of Education:
 - 🍁 Kelly Bonapfel (Term expires 2026)
 - 🍁 Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm (Term expires 2026)
 - 🍁 Patrick Daley (Term expires 2026)
 - 🍁 Kristen Lombardo (Term expires 2024)
- **Open Nomination and Election of President.** The Board elected Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm as the Board of Education President.
- **Open Nomination and Election of Vice President.** The Board elected Lauren Boerlin as Vice President to the Board of Education.
- **BOE Member Resignation.** The Board accepted the resignation of Board of Education member Christopher Fay, effective immediately.
- **School Board Member Code of Ethics Training.** The Board adopted the NJ SBA "Code of Ethics" and provided an annual training session as required.
- **Parliamentary Procedure.** The Board adopted parliamentary procedure as described by Robert's Rules of Order to govern the order of business of the Board of Education through the organization meeting in January 2025.

- **Establishment of Board of Education Annual Meeting Dates, Time and Place.** The Board approved the [dates and times for meetings](#).
- **Adoption of Official Newspaper.** The Board designated the South Jersey Times as the official newspaper to receive notification of meetings.
- **Adoption of Board Policies and Regulations.** The Board readopted all current written policies, bylaws and regulations in the official Policy Manual of the Kingsway Regional School District.
- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board reappointed Jason Schimpf as Board Secretary.
- **Depositories and Signatories.** The Board approved various depositories and signors.
- **Amendment to Minimum Wage.** The Board approved an increase to the minimum hourly wage to \$15.13 per hour.
- **2023-2024 School Calendar.** The Board approved the [2024-2025 School Calendar](#).
- **Professional Appointment.** The Board appointed Thomas O'Reilly, M.D. for Psychiatric Evaluations for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
- **FY2023 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report.** The Board accepted the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.
- **Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission.** The Board authorized the Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the Lead Agency, Hunterdon County Education Services Commission.

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, February 22, 2024, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.