# BOARD BRIEF

## KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Committed to Excellence















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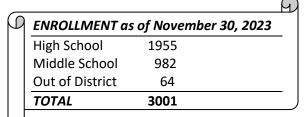
STUDENT-CENTERED

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 <u>Kingsway Regional School District</u> Board of Education meeting held on December 21, 2023.



## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- 2024-25 School Calendar
- School Zone Lights Speed Limit
- Garwin Road Shut Construction / 1-Way Traffic, February
- Parent Information Sessions
- 2024-2025 Budget
- County Office Changes

# **STAFF RECOGNITION**

We had the pleasure of introducing our <u>new staff</u> members to the Board of Education.

- Maysoun Barouki, MS Paraprofessional
- Michelle Tucci, MS Science Teacher



# **November Spotlight Teacher**

Jessica Heady, HS Special Education Teacher of

English



# 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				
December 2023				
К	Cooper Allen			
1	Jace Matthew			
N	Rocco Salamone			
G	Harry Smith			
S	Gabriel Ojeda			
	Caylee Klepacz			
W	Cayden Lacorte			
Α	Alexandra Cadena Maciel			
Υ	Anya Pless			

High School Spotlight Students				
December 2023				
Grade 9	Judy Palazzo			
Grade 10	Anya Patel			
Grade 11	Rachel Wiley			
Grade 12	Robert Scott			

Seniors of the Month – December 2023		
Kaitlyn Sabo		
Aryan Bhagat		

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#### **PERSONNEL**

#### **DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

# **Appointments:**

• None

#### **Retirements:**

Martha Dean, Bus Aide (19 years of service)

## Schedule "B":

Various positions were approved.

#### Leaves of Absence:

• Susie Woodburn (Administrative Assistant)

#### **HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**

# **Appointments:**

None

#### Resignation:

- Allison O'Connor (General Café Worker)
- Leah Connelly (General Café Worker)

#### **Retirement:**

- Maria Correa-Digiovanni, School Social Worker (23 years of service)
- Laura Reynolds, Teacher of Mathematics (25 years of service)
- Wendy Young, Teacher of Science (33 years of service)

#### Schedule "B":

Various positions were approved.

#### **Leaves of Absence:**

None

#### **MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**

#### **Appointments:**

- Rachel Little (Building Permanent Substitute)
- Patricia Knott (LTS: Teacher of Mathematics)

# **Rescinded Position:**

• Cecilia Sebastiani (Substitute School Nurse)

#### **Resignation:**

- Angel Vardaman (Building Permanent Substitute)
- MJ Hollis (Paraprofessional)

# Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

• Various positions were approved.

## **Leaves of Absence:**

- Elisabeth Spinner (Paraprofessional)
- Martin Hollis (Paraprofessional)
- Jennifer Skelly (Teacher of Special Education)

#### **INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM**

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

- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Raymond Philipp, Student Assistance Coordinator Practicum; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Fallon Corcoran (Grades 9-12).
- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Stephanie Pino, Counseling in Educational Setting Practicum; Rider University. Cooperating Mentor Vivian Cassidy (Grades 9-12).
- 1/22/2024 5/2/2024: Lauren Dunmyer, Counseling Services Internship; Rider University. Cooperator Mentor: Antoinette Henry (Grades 7-8).
- 1/8/2024 4/28/2024: Dave Stanton, School Leadership & Administration Internship; Wilmington University. Cooperating Mentor: Meredith Alexander (Grades 9-12).
- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Karlie Kraus and Angelina Canavan, Creating Supportive Middle and High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Andrew Owens (Grade 8).
- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Kevin Aikens, Isabel Alexander and Giancarlo La Spina, Creating Supportive Middle and High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Kristian Ward (Grades 11-12).
- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Madison Labrosciano and Abigail Morris, Creating Supportive Middle and High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Lauren Barr (Grades 11-12).
- 1/16/2024 5/3/2024: Haleigh Perry and Adrian Meares, Creating Supportive Middle and High School Learning Environments Field Experience; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Thomas Yourison (Grade 8).

# **PRESENTATIONS:**

None

# FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- 1/3/2024. HS STEP Program will have Structured Learning Experiences (SLE) at Petals & Paints on Wednesdays in Swedesboro, NJ.
- 1/8/2024. HS DECA will attend the District Conference/Competition at Double Tree in Cherry Hill, NJ.
- 1/11/2024. HS Curricular Choir/Choral Club will attend the All-South Jersey Festival Chorus Rehearsal at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.
- 1/13/2024 1/14/2024. HS Boys Wrestling will attend the Escape the Rock Tournament at Council Rock High School in Newtown, PA.

- 1/20/2024. HS Play, Drama & Debate Clubs will attend the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Tournament at Washington Twp HS in Sewell, NJ.
- 1/26/2024. HS STEP Program will have Community Based Instruction (CBI) at Chick-Fil-A in Mantua, NJ.
- 1/27/2024. HS Play, Drama & Model Congress/Debate Clubs will attend the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Tournament at Kingsway HS in Woolwich Twp, NJ.
- 1/31/2024. HS Mock Trial will attend the Second Round Competition at the Gloucester County Justice Complex in Woodbury, NJ.
- 2/3/2024. HS Drama & Debate Clubs will attend the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Tournament at Eastern HS in Voorhees, NJ.
- 2/3/2024 (Alt. Date 2/10/2024). HS HOSA will attend the HOSA Southern Regional Conference at CCTEC in Vineland, NJ.
- 2/7/2024. HS Mock Trial will attend the Fifth Round Competition at the Gloucester County Justice Complex in Woodbury, NJ.
- 2/10/2024. HS Drama & Debate Clubs will participate in the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Tournament at Mainland HS in Linwood, NJ.
- **2/15/2024.** HS STEP Program will have CBI at the Dollar Tree in Mantua, NJ.
- 2/15/2024. HS Business Leadership Academy-Grade 11 will visit Villanova University School of Business in Villanova, PA.
- 2/23/2024 2/24/2024. HS Boys Wrestling may attend the Post-Season Tournament (Regions) in Egg Harbor Twp, NJ.
- 2/24/2024 (Alt. Date 2/25/2024). HS Play, Drama & Debate Clubs will attend the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Tournament at Raritan HS in Hazlet, NJ.
- 2/27/2024. HS Mock Trial will participate in the Southern Regional Competition at the NJ Law Center in New Brunswick, NJ.
- 2/29/2024 3/2/2024. HS Boys Wrestling may attend the Post-Season Tournament (States) in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **2/29/2024.** HS STEP Program will have CBI at the Philadelphia Mint in Philadelphia, PA.
- 3/21/2024. HS Business Leadership Academy-Grade
   11 will tour the University of Pennsylvania campus in Philadelphia, PA.
- **4/10/2024.** HS Business Leadership-Grade 9 will tour the Wawa Headquarters in Media, PA.

- 4/11/20242. HS AP Art History will visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art/Rubin Museum in New York City, NY.
- 4/27/2024. HS Dragon Singers, Kingsway Choral will perform at the Empire State Building in New York, NY.
- 5/17/2024 5/18/2024. HS Instrumental Music will perform at the Music in the Parks Festival in Hershey, PA.

## **FUNDRAISERS**

- 11/17/2023 12/1/2023. HS Winter ESports will sell MVP Sports Online Team Apparel to raise funds for senior gifts.
- 12/22/2023 2/28/2024. HS Girls Basketball will sell concessions at games to raise funds for team banquet, senior gifts and t-shirts.
- 12/22/2023. HS National Honor Society will host a "Trunk or Tree" event to support the chapter's charitable initiatives.
- 1/3/2024 1/16/2024. HS Shades Club will participate in an MLK Day of Service Project by collecting toiletries and winter clothing items for donation to local charities.
- 1/7/2024 1/11/2024. HS Dance Team will have a
  Dine & Donate at Cinder Bar in Clarksboro, NJ to
  raise funds for senior gifts and banquet.
- 3/7/2024 3/21/2024. HS National Art Honor Society will have handpainted bowls and soup served to raise funds for the Food Bank of South Jersey.
- 4/12/2024 4/26/2024. HS National Art Honor Society will host a Paint Night event taught by students to raise funds for NAHS.

# **OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

Various placements were approved

# **EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Start Time	End	Drill
		Time	
MS 11/02/2023	9:00 AM	9:30 AM	Hold Drill
MS 11/16/2023	9:50 AM	10:10	5: 5 :!!
		AM	Fire Drill
HS 11/02/2023	8:59 AM	9:49 AM	Hold
HS 11/17/2023	10:17 AM	10:48	
		AM	Hold
HS 11/27/203	12:47 PM	12:55	Fire Drill
		PM	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 and Regulation 1642.01	Sick Leave (New)		
Policy 2270	Religion in the Schools		
Policy and Regulation 2419	School Threat Assessment Teams (M)		
Policy 3161	Examination for Cause		
Policy and Regulation 3212	Attendance (M)		
Policy 3270	Professional Responsibilities		
Policy 3324	Right of Privacy		
Policy and Regulation 3432	Sick Leave (Abolished)		
Policy 4161	Examination for Cause		
Policy and Regulation 4212	Attendance (M)		
Policy 4324	Right of Privacy		
Policy and Regulation 4432	Sick Leave (Abolished)		
Policy and Regulation 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students (M)		
Policy and Regulation 5116	Education of Homeless Children and Youths		
Policy and Regulation 5460.02	Bridge Year Pilot Program (M) (Abolished)		
Policy 8500	Food Services (M)		
Policy 8540	School Nutrition Programs (M) (Abolished)		
Policy 8550	Meal Charges/Outstanding Food Service Bill (M) Abolished)		

# PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- 12/15/2023. Brandom Hernandez and George Ramos will attend the Integrated Pest Management training in Waretown, NJ.
- 12/19/2023. Patricia Calandro will participate in the virtual workshop: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and Employers: Investigating Claims of Harassment & Discrimination.

- 1/19/2024. Alexandra Walek will participate in the virtual workshop: Improving Your Students' Behavior in Physical Education.
- 3/22/2024 3/24/2024. Balvir Singh will attend the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD) Annual Conference in Washington, DC.
- **4/5/2024.** Zachary Angelo will attend Integrated Pest Management training in Bridgewater, NJ.
- 1/23/2024 1/25/2024. Amanda Ottinger will attend the virtual workshop: Scaffolding Learning Through Language.
- 1/25/2024. Nicole Servais will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- 1/24/2024 1/26/2024. Vincent Doud will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- 1/24/2024. Bruce Walker will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- 1/25/2024. Robert Bruno will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- 1/24/2024 1/25/2024. Tim Erikson will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.
- 1/24/2024 1/26/2024. Rob locona will attend TECHSPO '24 in Atlantic City, NJ.

#### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- 1/11/2024. Data-Driven Instruction facilitated by Nicole Verasco, Vince Doud & Nicole Servais in the HS Student Center.
- 1/18/2024. Formative Assessment facilitated by Nicole Verasco in the HS Student Center.
- 1/2/2024 1/31/2024 (Asynchronous). Virtually facilitated by Nicole Verasco.
- 1/23/2024. EdTech Teacher Drop-In Support facilitated by the EdTech Committee in the HS Student Center.

#### **RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The Board approved the following Research Projects

None

## **PROGRAMS**

The Board approved the following Programs:

 CER Parent Handbook for Summer Camp 2024. The Board approved the Parent Handbook for the 2024 CER Summer Camp Program.

#### **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 November 30, 2023.
- Special Olympics Grant Award Acceptance. The Board accepted a grant award from the Special Olympics in the amount of \$5,000.
- Pool Lease. The Board approved a lease agreement with Gloucester County Vocational-Technical School District for pool use for high school swimming and diving practices and meets for the 2023-2024 season.
- Receiving Student Tuition. The Board approved a tuition agreement with Sterling High School District for a Regular Ed McKinney-Vento Student for the period November 22, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

#### **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 <u>Thursday</u>, <u>January 25</u>, <u>2024</u>, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by <u>Zoom Conference</u> and begins at 6:30 p.m.

# 2023 Holiday Greeting

