

January Board Brief



Committed to Excellence

Board Brief

The following 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.

Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education work session held on January 21st and the regular meeting held on January 28th.

ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2015

High School	1,698
Middle School	879
TOTAL	2,577

PRESENTATIONS

- Referendum Information, Dr. Lavender, Mr. Schimpf

STAFF RECOGNITION

- Teachers of the year
 - Emily Virga (Middle School)
 - Robin Jaramillo (High School)
- Mark Anderson, Special Education/Mathematics – Spotlight Teacher

The January Board meeting served as a Middle School Recognition Program. We recognized Spotlight Students.

The Middle School Student Council Report was delivered by Student Council Treasurer Colin McGravey and Secretary Tara Maccarone

Student Recognition

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

Middle School Spotlight Students		
	November	December
D	Colin Kuni	Abigail Lutz
R	Sam Allen	Rylie Martin
A	Jack Fitzpatrick	Nikolaos Kalfas
G	Laken Franchetti	Angelina McArdle
O	Felicia McHenry	Amelia Meya Luke Wilkins
N	Sean Barr Cheyenne Toulson	Maham Ajaz

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- [Strategic Plan](#)
- [Referendum, March 8, 2016](#)
- [2016-17 School Calendar](#)
- Curriculum & Program Night
- [Business Leadership Academy](#)
- Parent Banned from Kingsway, Policy 9160

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for December:

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Grade Level	Dec %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	95.6	96.8	94.3
8	94.6	96.0	93.6
Total MS Average	95.1	94.4	93.9
9	95.1	95.7	93.3
10	94.5	94.8	92.0
11	93.9	94.3	92.4
12	92.8	93.4	91.1
Total HS Average	94.1	94.4	92.7
District Average	94.6	95.4	93.6

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Substitutes:
 - Donna Kacprowicz (Cafeteria General Worker)
 - Rebecca Costill (Substitute Teacher)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Tracey Smith (Bus Driver)

High School Employment

- Resignation: Lauren Forbes (Mathematics Teacher)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Long Term Substitute(s):
 - Sarah Keane (Teacher of the Arts – 2/18/2016 to 6/30/2016)
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Chelsea Mareacacci (Denise Desiderio– Art – 21 hours Spring Semester)

- Courtney Stumpf (Denise Desiderio– Art – 21 hours Spring Semester)
- Nicole Yuhas (Denise Desiderio– Art – 30 hours Spring Semester)
- Laura Cain (Ashley Blubaugh– Art – 21 hours Spring Semester)
- Chloe Casper (Rebecca Popp – English – 02/01,02/02,02/04)

Middle School Employment

- Resignation: Tiandra Jones (Mathematics Teacher)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Long Term Substitute(s):
 - Katherine Steet (Teacher of Science – 2/29/2016 to 6/30/2016)
 - Gail Friel (Teacher of Math – 2/22/2016 to 6/30/2016)
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Laura Mervine *Ratify & Affirm (Takiyah Dumas - English- 01/19/2016 – 05/12/2016)

Fundraisers:

- **02/01/16 – 02/18/16 Student Council.** The Student Council will be collecting items (books, comfort items, etc.) for Samaritan Healthcare & Hospice (no money will be collected).
- **02/01/16 – 06/15/16 Student Council.** The Student Council will take part in the Phillie Phanraising Program to help raise money by selling group tickets at full price and then receiving a rebate check based on the number of tickets sold.
- **03/15/16 – 03/29/16 Class of 2019.** The Class of 2019 will be selling Yankee Candles to raise money for class activities.
- **02/08/16 – 02/10/16 SADD.** Kingsway students will be selling candy grams

with funds going towards EOY senior student scholarship.

- **03/09/16 – 03/18/16 Boys Volleyball.** The boys' volleyball team will be selling gourmet popcorn with funds going towards the end of the season party.
- **03/05/16 - Boys Lacrosse.** The boys lacrosse team is hosting an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser to raise money to help pay for senior night activities, games and snacks.
- **03/09/16 – 03/18/16 Girls Lacrosse.** The girls' lacrosse team is selling Player's Choice cookie dough to raise money to help pay for Banquet, pasta parties, clothing and senior gifts.
- **02/08/16 – 02/12/16 Dragons Helping Dragons (DHD).** DHD is collecting donations for families in the district needing assistance. Hearts can be purchased to place on the giving tree on the lobby wall.
- **02/01/16 – 03/12/16 Bowling Team.** The bowling team will be selling wristbands for a Bowl-a-thon to raise money for the Shane Schweihenz Scholarship Fund.
- **02/01/16 – 02/26/16 Boy's Tennis.** The boys tennis team will be selling old fashion candy for team t-shirts.
- **04/01/16 Interact Club.** The Interact club will be selling concession items at the Mr. Kingsway concessions.

FIELD TRIPS

- **02/06/16** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the Jazz Festival.
- **02/19/16** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the Jazz Festival.
- **02/27/16** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the Jazz Festival.
- **03/19/16** - The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the Jazz Festival.
- **04/09/16** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the NJ Regional Jazz Championship.
- **04/15/16 or 04/16/16** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to the Jazz Championships.
- **02/04/16** – If Mock Trial wins Gloucester County competition, they will represent the county at the Southern Regional Finals at the New Jersey Law Center.
- **01/30/16** – KRHS Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will participate in an official Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity build site.
- **02/11/16** – The Jazz Ensemble will be going to Rowan University to perform and get instruction from Rowan staff about their performance.
- **05/13/16** – Concert band, Symphonic band and Select Jazz Ensemble will be going to Great Adventure to perform and receive feedback on their performance.
- **05/14/16 – Select Jazz Ensemble.** The Jazz Ensemble will be performing at the outdoor and living show.
- **05/18/16 – French III, IV, V AP.** Students will travel to NYC to expose the students to French culture via art and cuisine
- **02/06/16** – The Math Counts Club will be going to the South Jersey Math Competition.
- **06/10/16** – KMS Choir will be going to Kutztown University to perform and receive feedback from judges.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 12/01/2015	Start: 11:02 AM End: 11:14 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 12/01/2015	Start: 11:30 AM End: 12:05 PM	Meeting Precautionary Lockdown
HS 12/11/2015	Start: 09:33 AM End: 09:38 AM	Fire Drill
MS 12/09/2015	Start: 9:30 AM End: 9:37 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 12/22/2015	Start: 1:45 PM End: 1:56 PM	Fire Drill

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following Professional Learning Workshops; please contact Stefanie Fox-Manno for more information:

- **Google Classroom Museum** - will be presented by Jamie Lloyd on 02/04/2016
- **Revitalizing Research II: Getting from Web Search to Research** –will be presented by Colleen Fitzpatrick and Heather Connor on 02/16/2016

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- **None**

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for December 2015
- **Receipt and Acceptance of Student Activity and Athletic Account Financial Reports.** The Board accepts as filed the Middle School, High School and Athletic financial report for the period ending 12/31/2015.
- **Acceptance of Cafeteria Financial Report.** The Board accepts as filed the Kingsway

Regional Cafeteria Financials for the period ending.

- **Transportation Jointure.** The Board approved transportation with Logan Township School District for home to school transportation on an as needed basis in the amount of \$26.48 per hour for the 2015-2016 school year.
- **Child Nutrition 2016-2017 School Year.** The Board is not requiring participation in the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) nor requires Private School for the Handicapped to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
- **Receiving Tuition Contract.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreements on the receiving basis:
Sending District: State of New Jersey
Duration: 9/2/2015 to 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate: \$10,162
Transportation: \$50,678
- **Interlocal Agreement with Harrison Township.** The Board approved an updated interlocal agreement to provide IT Services to Harrison Township as per agreement on file on the Business Office for the period of January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016.
- **Approval of Program Planning Guide.** The Board approved the Program Planning guide for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
- **Submission of Bond Proposals.** The Board approved the submission of two bond proposals to the legally qualified voters of the school district at the special election of March 8, 2016.

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 work session meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, February 18, 2016**. The meeting is scheduled in the Board Conference Room and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, February 25, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.