

December 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 December 10th and the regular meeting held on December 17th.

ENROLLMENT as of November 30, 2015	
High School	1,699
Middle School	880
TOTAL	2,579

PRESENTATIONS

- Mid-Year Budget Update, Jason Schimpf
- Athletic Complex Improvements

STAFF RECOGNITION

- Edward Moody, HS Social Studies Teacher – Spotlight Teacher
- Christine Dacchille – Girls Cross Country Coach of the Year
 - SJ Times Coach of the Year
 - SJTCA Coach of the Year

The December Board meeting served as a High School Recognition Program. We recognized Spotlight Students, Seniors of the Month and Athletes of the Month.

The High School Student Council Report was delivered by Student Council President Lindsay Miller and Vice President Marut Raval

Student Recognition

Spotlight Students, Seniors of the Month and Athletes of the Month.

Spotlight Students and Seniors of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's Corner and Athletes will receive a t-shirt displaying Athlete of the Month on the back. These awards are made courtesy of the Kingsway Education Foundation.

High School Spotlight Students		
	October	November
9th	Taylor Mahoney	Timothy Reynolds
10th	Isabel Bennett	Dustin Marino
11th	Samuel Craig	Kaitlyn Francis
12th	Eryn Swineford	Deborah Bunker

Seniors of the Month	
October	November
Marut Raval	Matthew Blaszczyk
Jay Scerbo	Emily Danilak

October High School Athletes of the Month	
Boy's Soccer	Daniel Rival
Girl's Soccer	Elizabeth Carroll
Girl's Cross County	Alexis Mullarkey
Boy's Cross County	Joseph Grandizio
Field Hockey	Sophia Casella
Cheerleading	Marissa Willox
Girl's Tennis	Brooke Owens
Girl's Volleyball	Gina O'Donnell
Football	Arlen LaRue

Girls Cross Country Team Accomplishments
Tri County Royal Division Champions
South Jersey Group IV Champions
SJTCA Team of the Year
#1 Team in South Jersey
SJ Times Team of the Year
Tri-County Conference Champions
Gloucester County Champions
TCC Royal Division Champions
SJ Open Division III Champions
6 th in Northeast US at Nike Regionals

SJ Times Runner of the Year
Rachel Vick

Field Hockey Team
Tri County Conference Royal Division Champions

12	93.1	93.6	91.1
Total HS Average	93.6	94.5	92.7
District Average	94.7	95.7	93.6

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Certified Staff:
- Non-Certified Staff: Edward Hinnershitz (Custodian)
- Retirement: Barbara Simmermon (Transportation Secretary)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Danielle Lehman (Bus Driver)
 - Patricia Bradbury (Bus Driver)

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- **High School Musical Selection** – “Annie Get Your Gun”

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

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Grade Level	Nov %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	96.2	97.2	94.7
8	94.9	96.4	94.4
Total MS Average	95.6	96.8	94.5
9	95.1	95.9	94.2
10	93.6	94.9	93.2
11	93.6	94.5	92.4

High School Employment

- Certified Staff:
- Long Term Substitute(s):
 - Elizabeth Fago (English)
 - Ryan Novzen (Biology)
- Resignation: Timothy Conaway (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- New Schedule "B" Club: World Languages National Honor Society
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Cassie Dennis (Robert Baerman and Chrissy Ludlam – Health/PE Training Clinical Rotation - 1/11/16 to 5/20/16)
 - Kirsten Smith (Lana Lowry – Health/PE - 3/14/06 to 5/9/16)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Kimberly Swallen (Science Teacher)

- Kristin Pepe (Art Teacher)
- Fundraiser(s):
 - **1/4/16 – 1/15/16 Battle of the Bands.**
The Interact Club is selling tickets and merchandise for the Battle of the Bands, which is being held on January 15th.
 - **1/5/16 – 1/19/16 World Wildlife Fund.**
Kingsway’s World Wildlife Fund Chapter is hosting a t-shirt design contest during art classes; the entry fee is \$2.00. Proceeds will be used to purchase 100 t-shirts and also benefit the WWF.
 - **1/11/16 – 1/15/16 Fashion Club.** The Fashion club will be hosting a fundraiser where students get to choose Mr. Kuhn’s attire for the day. Proceeds will be used to fund a field trip as well as materials for DIY projects to showcase in a potential fashion show this year

Middle School Employment

- Paraprofessional:
- Schedule “B”: Various positions were approved.
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Nicole Somogy (Danielle Baney - Psychology- Spring 2016)
- Fundraiser(s):

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 11/20/2015	Start: 1:27 PM End: 1:32 PM	Fire Drill
HS 11/24/2015	Start: 1:29 PM End: 1:37 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 11/18/2015	Start: 9:28 AM End: 9:37 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 11/30/2015	Start: 8:41 AM End: 8:48 AM	Fire Drill

FIELD TRIPS

- **12/17/15** – The HS Gospel Choir is going to Holy Name Church in Mullica Hill to perform for senior citizens.
- **12/18/15** – HS Student Council will be going to Head Start in Swedesboro to mentor young children.
- **1/6/16** – HS Student Council will be going to the NJASC Winter Conference at TCNJ for student leadership development.
- **1/13/15 and 2/8/16** – HS Young Authors will be going to Samuel Mickle School to help elementary students illustrate their books
- **6/14/16** – the MS 7th grade class is going to the Marine Mammal Stranding Center in Brigantine, NJ to enhance their understanding of science curriculum through hands-on activities.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

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

- **Helping Students Track Their Own Progress** will be presented by Chelsea Vander Pyl and Alexandria Bossi on 1/27/16

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- 2015-2016 Winter Athletic Schedule

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary’s Report, Treasurer’s Report, Bill List, High School Student Activities and Athletic Reports, Middle School Activities Report and Cafeteria Report for November 2015.
- **Professional Services Agreement C.R.E.S.S.**
The Board approved the professional services agreement through the Center of Regional Education Support Services – CRESS for the 2015-2016 school year for

Teacher of the Deaf services at a cost of \$15,984.00.

- **Federal Grant Award and Application Authorization.** The Board approved a consortium with the Harrison Township School District and the submission of an application for and acceptance of the following federal grant entitlement award for the period of 7/1/15 through 6/30/16
 - Federal Program Title III – Award Amount \$1,420.00
- **Tuition Contracts.** The Board approved the following tuition contracts on a receiving basis for the 2015-2016 school year:

Sending

District: Greenwich Township
Student #: 17632
Duration: 9/8/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate: \$37,000.00
1:1 Aide: \$26,500.00

Sending

District: Greenwich Township
Student #: 16803
Duration: 9/8/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate: \$10,162.00
1:1 Aide: \$26,500.00
ICS: \$1,307.00

- **Tuition Contracts.** The Board approved the following tuition contracts on a sending basis for the 2015-2016 school year:

Receiving

District: Delsea Regional
Kingsway Student #: Grade 12 Student
Duration: 9/8/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate: \$13,869.00

Sending

District: Greenwich Township
Kingsway Grade 8

Student #:
Duration: 9/8/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate: \$14,208.00

- **Annual Audit: Acceptance of Fiscal Year 2015 Comprehensive Annual financial report.** The Board approved the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (“CAFR”) for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015 and related documents for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- **Acceptance / Approval of Audit Synopsis and Corrective Action Plan for Audit Findings.** The Board approved the Audit Synopsis, summary of audit recommendations and corrective action plan for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.
- **Fox Chase Agreement.** The Board recognized this potential grant opportunity between Kingsway Regional High School and Fox Chase Cancer Center, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.
- **NJSAC Statement of Assurance.** The Board approved the 2015 – 16 QSAC Statement of Assurance (SOA) and authorized the superintendent to submit the SOA to the Gloucester County and N.J. Departments’ Offices of Education.
- **Special Election to Improve Athletic Complex.** A special election has been set for March 8, 2016 to request voter approval to make various improvements to school facilities.

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 meeting of the Board is the annual organization meeting, scheduled for **Thursday, January 7th**. The work session meeting scheduled for **Thursday, January 21, 2016**. Both meetings are scheduled in the Board Conference Room and begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, January 28, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.