

November Board Brief



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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 November 12th and the regular meeting held on November 19th.

ENROLLMENT as of October 31, 2015	
High School	1,699
Middle School	879
TOTAL	2,578

PRESENTATIONS

- Spotlight Teacher – Robin Jaramillo, HS Sports Medicine Program
- Pupil Personnel Program Spotlight – Mike Schiff
- KRHS Marching Band – US Bands Group 2A National Champions

The November Board meeting served as a Middle School Recognition Program. We recognized Student Council, Spotlight Students and Athletes of the Month.

Middle School Student Council

- Kali Poole, President
- Allison Bobst, Vice President

Spotlight Students 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.

Middle School Spotlight Students		
	September	October
D	Ida Smith	Jake Mathew Zachary Thompson
R	Alexandria Kim	Siyana Begey
A	Colin McGravey	Anthony Dittert
G	Megan Lail	Rayat Dilpreet Singh
O	Arjuna Mopal	Julia Bisignara
N	Davion Jimenez Julian Ibarra	Isabella Bowne

Middle School Athletes of the Month		
	September	October
Boys Soccer	Owen Ryan	Matthew Ciocco
Girls Soccer	Stephanie Martelli	Alexis Murphy
Boys Cross Country	James Messina	Stone Caraccio
Girls Cross Country	Sophia D'Antonio	Ashlynnne Burke
Field Hockey	Abigail Brown	Genevieve Vicere

CORRESPONDENCE

- Thank you note from Suzanne Golt

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- EIRC Strategic Planning Services Agreement

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

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Grade Level	Oct %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	97.7	97.7	94.7
8	97.0	97.2	94.4
7-8 MS Average	97.4	97.4	94.5
MS Multiple Disabilities	95.6	97.1	N/A
Total MS Average	97.4	97.5	94.5
9	95.0	96.3	94.2
10	94.4	95.6	93.2
11	93.5	94.9	92.4
12	91.9	93.8	91.1
9-12 HS Average	93.7	95.1	92.7
HS Behavior Disabilities	67.5	74.3	N/A
HS Multiple Disabilities	78.5	82.9	N/A
Total HS Average	93.5	95.0	92.7
District Average	95.5	96.2	93.6

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Certificated Staff:
 - Megan Bruder, Instructional Supervisor/S.T.E.M.
 - Non-Certificated Staff:
 - Kate McEntee, Administrative Assistant to Human Resources (transfer)
 - Samantha Streitz, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
 - Substitute(s):
 - Andrea Mulligan (Teacher)
 - Kellilynn Clifford (Teacher)
 - Chelsea Pastic (Teacher)
 - Michelle Neight (Teacher)
 - Michael Lutz (Teacher)
- ### *High School Employment*
- Certified Staff:
 - Alise Terch, Teacher MD/Resource Room
 - Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
 - Fundraiser(s):
 - **11/20/15 – 12/23/2015 Ceramic Necklace Sale.** The PAWS club will be selling ceramic necklaces with animal stamps/paw imprints with the assistance of Ms. Blubaugh. Proceeds will go to help an animal welfare organization.
 - **11/30/15 – 1/28/16 Soles 4 Souls Shoe Drive.** Students will be organizing a shoe drive. Donations will go to the Soles 4 Souls organization.
 - **11/30/15 – 2/25/16 Candy/Snacks/Candles fundraiser.** The Foreign Language club will be selling candy, snacks, and candles through Freedom Fundraising. Proceeds will benefit the Foreign Language club.
 - **12/4/15 Ugly Sweater Spirit Day.** Dragons Helping Dragons is organizing an Ugly Sweater Day to collect money for families in need. Staff will pay \$3 and students will pay \$1 to participate.
 - **1/11/16 – 2/11/16 PAWS Gloucester County Animal Shelter Donation Drive.** Students will be collecting pet and

cleaning supplies. All donations will go to the Gloucester County Animal Shelter.

Middle School Employment

- Paraprofessional:
 - Leah Pounds
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Fundraiser(s):
 - **11/30/15 – 12/11/15 Clothing Drive.**
The Community Service Club will be having a clothing drive. All donations will be given to Angels in God in Pitman, NJ.
 - **12/4/15 Ugly Sweater Spirit Day.**
Dragons Helping Dragons is organizing an Ugly Sweater Day to collect money for families in need. Staff will pay \$3 and students will pay \$1 to participate.
 - **12/14/15 – 12/18/15 Candy Grams.**
The MS Choir will be selling Candy Grams with a candy cane attached. Proceeds will benefit the MS Choir.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
HS 10/05/15	Start: 11:05 a.m. End: 11:17 a.m.	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
HS 10/20/15	Start: 9:29 a.m. End: 9:35 a.m.	Fire Drill
MS 10/15/15	Start: 12:25 p.m. End: 1:15 p.m.	Stage 2 Evacuation Drill
MS 10/27/15	Start: 1:00 p.m. End: 1:12 p.m.	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
HS & MS 10/16/15	Start: 7:00 a.m.	School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Route #: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21,

School/Date	Time	Drill
		22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 201, 202

FIELD TRIPS

- **12/1, 12/3, 12/8, 12/10, 12/15, 12/17** – Students in the Habitat for Humanity Club will be constructing cat towers at a house build, which will be sold during an upcoming fundraiser.
- **12/2/15** – Special Olympics Project Unify is going to Riverwinds in West Deptford, NJ, to learn how to make KRSD a more inclusive environment for all students; learn about disabilities and how to bring awareness of them to our school.
- **12/5/15** – Students in the Habitat for Humanity Club will be volunteering at a house build in Gloucester County.
- **3/21/16** – Seniors not going on the senior trip to Florida will be going to the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/22/16** – Seniors not going on the senior trip to Florida will be going to the Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ.
- **3/23/16** – Seniors not going on the senior trip to Florida will be going to the Philadelphia Zoo in Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/24/16** – Seniors not going on the senior trip to Florida will be going to the Funplex in Mount Laurel, NJ.
- **4/22/16** – The Foreign Language Club is going to the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archeology & Anthropology in Philadelphia, PA.
- **6/8/16** – The MS Yearbook Club is going to Citizen's Bank Park in Philadelphia, PA, for photographic and journalistic opportunities.

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 12/2/15
- **Using Technology to Enrich Instruction** will be presented by Emily Virga and Joe Kuppler on 12/10/15

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 October 2015.
- **Cooperative Pricing Agreement.** The Board authorized contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into Cooperative Pricing Agreements.
- **Interlocal Agreement – Woolwich Township Solid Waste Collection and Disposal.** The Board approved the Interlocal Service Agreement with Woolwich Township for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal for the period from January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016 at a cost of \$2,072.97 per month.
- **Salem County Vocational Technical School District Tuition Contract.** The Board approved the tuition contract with Salem County Vocational Technical School District for the 2015-2016 school year at an annual cost of \$4,815.00 per full-time student and \$2,407.00 per shared-time student.
- **Tuition Contracts.** The Board approved the following tuition contracts on a sending basis for the 2015-2016 school year:

Receiving District:	Woodbury City Public Schools
Student #:	45877848347
Duration:	9/8/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate:	\$15,000.00

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Receiving District:	Egg Harbor Twp. Schools
Student #:	Grade 9 DCP&P Placement
Duration:	9/3/15 – 6/30/2016
Annual Tuition Rate:	\$14,267.00

- **Salem County YMCA Pool Lease.** The Board ratified and affirmed the pool rental agreement with the YMCA of Salem County for swim practice at a total cost of \$800.00
- **Life Insurance Provider.** The Board approved Peter G. Curran, from New York Life, to provide supplemental life insurance to interested employees through payroll deductions. This benefit will continue into retirement for the employee.
- **Winter Athletic Trip Bid Award.** The Board approved contracts for winter athletic trips as follows:

Contractor	Cost
Holcomb Bus Services	\$1,684.00
McGough Bus Company	\$22,744.05
Total	\$24,428.05

- **2016 – 2017 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.** The Board authorized the submission of the District’s 2016-2017 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP), which contains required maintenance activities that are reasonable to keep the school facilities open and safe for use in their original condition and maintain the validity of their warranties.

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 work session meeting scheduled for **Thursday, December 10, 2015**, in the Board Conference Room and begins at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, December 17, 2015** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.