

October 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 October 15th and the regular meeting held on October 22nd.

ENROLLMENT as of September 30, 2015

High School	1,700
Middle School	878
TOTAL	2,578

PRESENTATIONS

- New Staff Introductions
 - Elizabeth Fago, HS LTS English
 - Jamie Lloyd, MS English
- Spotlight Teacher
 - Bill Ewe, Physical & Health Education Teacher
- Special Education Spotlight, Dr. Hoffman and Mrs. Katie Fransko

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

Month, various other sports teams and individual athletes and coaches.

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

9th	Jakob Mosteller
10th	Olivia Rousseau
11th	Sabrina Hall
12th	Kyra Traino

Seniors of the Month

Gabrielle Ciminera
Matthew Pollock

High School Athletes of the Month

Fall Cheer	Meghan Hemdal (12)
Boys Cross Country	Jonathon Connor (10)
Girls Cross Country	Destiny Stanford (11)
Field Hockey	Celeste Azzari (12)
Football	Olawale Mustafa (12)
Boys Soccer	Tyler Mirra (12)
Girls Soccer	Katelyn Green (12)
Girls Tennis	Madison Lanham (9)
Girls Volleyball	Rachael Kelley (11)

CORRESPONDENCE

- None

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- 2015 – 2016 Board of Education Goals
- 2015 – 2016 Superintendent Goals
- Shared Technology Services/Technology Contracts

- Administrative Assistant to Human Resources Position
- 2015 – 5016 Enrollment and Projected Enrollment
- Transportation Center
- High School Track Renovation

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

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Grade Level	Sept %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	97.7	97.7	94.7
8	97.3	97.3	94.4
7-8 MS Average	97.5	97.5	94.5
MS Multiple Disabilities	98.5	98.5	N/A
Total MS Average	97.5	97.5	94.5
9	97.5	97.5	94.2
10	96.7	96.7	93.2
11	96.3	96.3	92.4
12	95.7	95.7	91.1
9-12 HS Average	96.6	96.6	92.7
HS Behavior Disabilities	81.1	81.1	N/A
HS Multiple Disabilities	87.2	87.2	N/A
Total HS Average	96.4	96.4	92.7
District Average	97.0	97.0	93.6

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Non-Certificated Staff:
 - Donald Spadel (Bus Driver)
 - Nicholas Iannacone (Bus Driver)
 - Sharon Lail (Bus Aide)
- Schedule “B”: Various positions were approved.
- Substitute(s):
 - John Carr (Custodian)
 - Kara Monahon (Secretary)
 - Joseph Hill (Secretary)
 - Pamela Pollock (Nurse)
- Resignation(s):
 - Katelyn Skinner (STEM Supervisor)

High School Employment

- Long-term Substitute(s):
 - Danielle Genovese (School Psychologist)
- Schedule “B”: Various positions were approved.
- Leave of Absence:
 - Rebecca Cochran, Chemistry Teacher (maternity leave 11/24/15-2/4/16)
 - Wendy Lynch, Math Teacher (maternity leave 11/2/15-4/4/16)
 - Lauren Forbes, Math Teacher (maternity leave 11/1/15-3/4/16)
 - Rebekah McGovern, English Teacher (maternity leave 1/4/16-5/16/16)
- Resignation(s):
 - Jenny Hunt (Special Education Teacher)
- Fundraiser(s):
 - **10/23/15 – 12/2015 Cat Tower and Dog House Sale.** The Habitat for

Humanity Club will be selling cat towers and dog houses. Proceeds will be donated to the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity. Items will be available for purchase during the KEF Craft show, which is being held on November 7th.

- **10/23/15 – 11/13/15 Thanksgiving Dinner Drive.** The Culture Club will be collecting money during SMART lunch. Proceeds will be used to have Acme supermarkets deliver Thanksgiving dinner to in-district families.
- **10/26/15 – 11/13/15 T-shirt and Bracelet Sale.** Students in the Students Taking Action for the Future Club will be selling t-shirts from Rolferry's and Pura Vida bracelets. A portion of the proceeds will go to a charity of the club's choosing, and the remaining money will be used to help defer the transportation cost of their spring service project.
- **11/9/15 – 12/1/15 Spirit Wear Sale.** The Swimming and Dive teams are selling spirit wear. Proceeds will be used to buy t-shirts, sweatpants, and hoodies.
- **11/16/15 – 11/30/15 Cinderella Cheese Cake Co., Inc. Sale.** The class of 2017 will be selling cheesecakes. Proceeds will go to the class of 2017 and their student accounts.
- **11/18/15 Open Mic Event Refreshments.** HS students in the Coffee and Tea club will be selling coffee, tea and baked goods during an open mic event on November 18th. Proceeds will be used to purchase supplies and equipment for the club.
- **11/30/15 – 12/14/15 Shoot-A-Thon.** The Girls Basketball team is having a Shoot-A-Thon. Proceeds will be used for senior gifts, flowers, pre-game

meals, championship jackets, water bottles, and team gear.

- **12/2015 – 2/2016 Habitat for Humanity Merchandise Sale.** Students will be selling Habitat hats and shirts during home basketball games. All proceeds will be donated to the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.
- **1/6/16 – 2/6/16 Paper Basketball Sale. The Girls HS Basketball team is selling paper basketballs.** Proceeds will be donated to cancer research and/or to local families suffering through cancer.
- **1/11/16 – 1/15/16 Coin Drive.** Habitat for Humanity will be holding a coin drive. All proceeds will be donated to the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.
- **6/3/16 Team Volleyball Tournament.** Habitat for Humanity will be hosting a team volleyball tournament. All proceeds will be donated to the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.

Middle School Employment

- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Leave of Absence:
 - Stefanie Miles, Science Teacher (Maternity leave 2/29/16, return first day of the 3rd marking period 2018)
- Fundraiser(s):
 - **10/23/15 – 10/30/15 Magazine Sale.** The middle school will be selling magazines to support the Renaissance and Mentoring programs.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 09/10/15	Start: 8:34 a.m. End: 8:40 a.m.	Fire Drill
HS 09/18/15	Start: 11:30 a.m. End: 12:02 p.m.	Evacuation Drill (Stages 1 and 2)
MS 09/16/15	Start: 9:15 a.m. End: 9:26 a.m.	Evacuation Drill (Stage 1)
MS 09/24/15	Start: 7:36 a.m. End: 7:53 a.m.	Lockdown Drill

FIELD TRIPS

- **10/20/15** – The HS Yearbook group will be attending in-house yearbook training at Kingsway.
- **10/27/15** – As part of the unification club, HS students in the Special Olympics Project Unify program will be going to Wood Lanes Bowling Alley in Woodstown, NJ.
- **10/31/15** – HS Students in the KRHS Habitat for Humanity Chapter will be participating in a house build in Pitman, NJ.
- **11/13/15** – Students from the high school's MD/BD class will be going to Wood Lanes Bowling Alley.
- **11/18/15, 12/9/15, 1/13/16, 2/3/16, 3/2/16, 3/17/16** – HS Students in the SURE club will be going to GCEA each month in preparation for the SURE Conference, which is being held at Rowan University on March 17th.
- **12/4/15** – Students in the high school and middle school multiple disabilities program will be headed to the Deptford Mall on December 4th for their annual shopping spree.
- **12/9/15** – Students in Spanish III, IV & AP classes will be going to NYC to see "Get on Your Feet" in a Spanish theater and having dinner at Havana Central Restaurant.
- **12/16/15** – As part of the unification club, HS students in the Special Olympics Project Unify program will be going to Family Clay Time in Sewell, NJ.

- **1/11/16, 1/25/16, 2/22/16** – The HS Creative Writing, Junior AP, Honors English classes are going to the Samuel Mickle Elementary School as part of the Young Authors Program.
- **7/5/16 – 7/13/16** – Students in French 2-5 AP will be going to France to utilize what they have learned in a real-life setting for nine days.

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- Inspira Shadowing Experience for Sports Medicine Students
 - To extend the learning of our Sports Medicine II students, Robin Jaramillo has established shadowing opportunities for her students at Inspira. These are strictly voluntary and independent of the course requirements; students will not be graded on their shadowing experience, but rather provided an optional opportunity to share with the class. Shadowing at Inspira serves to expand the students' learning and provide on-the-job experiences related to various medical professions. Participation will allow students to make informed decisions when selecting a career or profession while developing occupational and employability skills in practice. The current contact at INSPIRA who will be setting up the shadowing is Kathy Pflieger, Clinical Educator.
- 2015-2016 Kingsway Regional School District Course Adoption Phase 2
- 2015-2016 KRSD Middle School and High School Courses of Study, including those with updated standards is available at <http://krsd.org/coursesofstudy>
- Kingsway Regional High School will be hosting the NJ Dramatic & Forensic League Competition on January 30, 2016
- Christine Bamford's research project – *iPad Use With Students With ADHD*

- Math Honor Society Proposal
- 2015-2016 KRSD Nursing Services Plan
- 2015-2016 KRSD Winter Athletic Schedules
- **MOA 7th Period Stipend.** The Board approved a side bar agreement with the KEA to pay 7th period stipends to high school math teachers.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

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

- **Google Classroom: Part II** will be presented by Jaime Lloyd on 11/09/15
- **Making and Grading a Quiz Using Google Forms and Flubaroo** will be presented by Lisa Camp on 11/11/15
- **Engaging Students Through Technology Stations** will be presented by Emily Virga and Joe Kuppler on 11/12/15
- **Causes & Cures: Getting to the Root of Academic and Behavior Problems** will be presented by Stefanie Fox-Manno on 11/16/15
- **How to Make Your Questions Essential** will be presented by Stefanie Fox-Manno on 11/18/15

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 September 2015.
- **KEA Contracts.** The Board authorized salary adjustments to reflect the collective bargaining agreement ratified on September 24, 2015 retroactive to July 1, 2015.
- **Logan Township Tuition Contracts.** The Board approved the following tuition contracts with Logan Township School District for the 2015-2016 school year:

Category	Estimated # of Students	Estimated Cost per Student	Total
Regular Education Grades 9 - 12	271	\$10,162	\$2,753,902
Behavioral Disabilities	2	\$31,827	\$63,654
Multiple Disabilities	2	\$37,000	\$74,000
Resource Center			\$107,635
2013-2014 Tuition Adjustment			(\$243,074)
Total 2015-2016 Tuition			\$2,756,117

- **Special Olympics Grant.** The Board accepted a \$3,000 grant from Special Olympics to be used to promote inclusive sports activities for the 2015 – 2016 school year.
- **Workforce 55+.** Workforce 55+ is a federally funded program that offers economically disadvantaged seniors, 55 years of age and older, jobs and training. Through Workforce 55+ Kingsway Regional School District has the ability to hire clerical help and support staff if qualified for 15 to 20 hours per week at no cost to the District. The participants are paid through the Department of Labor. The goal is to potentially hire if possible, but there is no obligation to do so. The Board approved the working relationship between the Kingsway Regional School District and the NJ Department of Labor.
- **2016-2017 Tri-County Conference.** The Board approved the Tri-County Conference Constitution revisions effective December 1, 2015, the 2016-2017 Proposed Budget, and the 2016-2017 ticket prices for all athletic events.

- **KEA Memorandum of Agreement.** The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement with the Kingsway Education Association for the implementation of a 7th period teaching assignment stipend.
- **2015 Veterinary Science Practicum & Fellowship Memorandum of Understanding.** The Board approved the 2015 Veterinary Science Practicum & Fellowship Memorandum of Understanding.
- **QSAC Determination.** The Board accepted the revised QSAC District Performance Review scores in the areas of Instruction and Program and Governance, and acknowledged that the District has satisfied at least 80% of the weighted indicators in each of the five areas of the QSAC review and has been designated a “high performing” school district.

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, November 12, 2015**, in the Board Conference Room and begins at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, November 19, 2015** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.