

# April 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 meeting held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2017**

High School	1,771
Middle School	920
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,691</b>

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

#### **Spotlight Teacher**

- Morgan Moore – Child Study Team, Speech Therapist

#### **New Staff Introductions**

- Joseph Scordo (Bus Driver)

The April Board meeting served as a Middle School and High School Recognition Program. We recognized Middle School Spotlight Students, High School Spotlight Students and Seniors of the Month. To view student pictures, [click here](#).

### **Student Recognition**

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

#### **Middle School Spotlight Students**

<b>D</b>	Rashem Bryant Emily Hanna
<b>R</b>	Connor Griscom Breana Chambers
<b>A</b>	Camryn O'Rourke
<b>G</b>	Victoria Griffiths
<b>O</b>	Abigail Popoff
<b>N</b>	Cameron Evans

#### **High School Spotlight Students**

<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Hannah Reklewski
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Hailey Ferry
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Ester Vincent
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Matthew Gibson

#### **Seniors of the Month**

**March 2017**

Ashley Hermansen  
Madelyn Dubbs

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- [Meeting with Speaker Prieto](#)
- [School Funding](#)
- Public Testimony
- Freshmen / Middle School Sports
- Administrative Restructuring Plan

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Public Hearing for Annual School Budget 4/27/2017

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for March:

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Mar %	2016-2017 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	96.1	95.8	95.3
8	95.9	95.3	94.7
<b>Total MS Average</b>	<b>96.0</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>95.0</b>
9	96.0	95.4	94.4
10	95.9	95.2	93.5
11	95.1	94.6	92.6
12	93.3	93.9	91.4
<b>Total HS Average</b>	<b>95.1</b>	<b>94.8</b>	<b>93.0</b>
<b>District Average</b>	<b>95.6</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>94.0</b>

**PERSONNEL**

**District Employment**

- Retirement:
  - Rose Terracciano (Bus Driver)
- Non-Certified Staff:
  - Gina DellaPolla (General Worker-Cafeteria Staff)
- Substitute:
  - Nazeela Khan (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
  - Hannah Feldman (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Charles Beckman (Bus Driver)
  - Morgan Moore (Speech Therapist)
- CER and Summer Workers:
  - Tracy Fagan (Camp Director)
  - Nick Fiocco (Camp Director)
  - Ashley Blubaugh (Summer Teacher)
  - Patricia Conn (Summer Teacher)
  - Triana Hernandez (Summer Teacher)
  - Christian Lynch (Summer Teacher)
  - Sue Romano (Summer Teacher)
  - Andrew Young (Summer Teacher)
  - Sarah Reynolds (Substitute Summer Teacher)
  - Doyin Adepoju (Camp Counselor)
  - Sara Balliet (Camp Counselor)
  - Christopher Barbara (Camp Counselor)
  - Gabriella Bruno (Camp Counselor)
  - Brittney Busillo (Camp Counselor)
  - Anthony Cacciavillano (Camp Counselor)
  - Alexis Cancila (Camp Counselor)
  - Alexandra Cann (Camp Counselor)
  - Michael Capasso (Camp Counselor)
  - Alyssa Casanova (Camp Counselor)
  - Dominique Coombe (Camp Counselor)
  - Thalia Cooper (Camp Counselor)
  - Davon Dickson (Camp Counselor)
  - Justine Dittert (Camp Counselor)
  - Maddie Dubbs (Camp Counselor)
  - Alexa Fagan (Camp Counselor)
  - Cassie Fagan (Camp Counselor)
  - Grace Fagan (Camp Counselor)
  - Kymberly Ferrell (Camp Counselor)
  - Abbey Gill (Camp Counselor)
  - Shakeim Golden (Camp Counselor)
  - Colleen Highland (Camp Counselor)
  - Elizabeth Kennedy (Camp Counselor)

- Brenna Leso (Camp Counselor)
  - Ceilia Leso (Camp Counselor)
  - Christopher Morehead (Camp Counselor)
  - Kelly Murphy (Camp Counselor)
  - Jake Newsom (Camp Counselor)
  - Prisca Ogunkanmi (Camp Counselor)
  - Julianna Pfeffer (Camp Counselor)
  - Hailey Rivell (Camp Counselor)
  - Rachel Rivell (Camp Counselor)
  - Antonio Saporito (Camp Counselor)
  - Alma Schaffer (Camp Counselor)
  - Rachel Vick (Camp Counselor)
  - Carly Westburg (Camp Counselor)
  - Elizabeth Westburg (Camp Counselor)
  - Jasmine Zhang (Camp Counselor)
  - Riley Bradson (Substitute Camp Counselor)
  - Kendrah Cooper (Substitute Camp Counselor)
  - Ana Ibarra (Substitute Camp Counselor)
  - McKenzie Nugent (Substitute Camp Counselor)
  - Riley Yates (Substitute Camp Counselor)
  - Colin Campbell (Music Instructor)
  - Joe Henderson (Music Instructor)
  - Colleen Kelemen (Music Instructor)
  - Roberta Burlock (Extracurricular Supervision on an as needed basis)
  - Ingrid Luongo (LDTC/ Special Ed Team Leader)
  - Danielle Baney (School Psychologist)
  - Maria DiGiovanni (Social Worker)
  - Christina Bamford (LDTC)
  - Joanelen Fenimore (School Psychologist)
  - Melissa Lachall (School Psychologist)
  - Dean Ilconich (Teacher)
  - Kimberly Pinkham (Teacher)
  - Caitlin Kerzetski (Teacher)
  - Stephanie Taraschi (Teacher)
  - Joanne Gagne (Elective Teacher)
  - John Bollar (Paraprofessional with Ilconich)
  - Debra Bushby (Paraprofessional with Pinkham)
  - Sharon Foth (Paraprofessional with Kerzetski)
  - Eric Peterson (Paraprofessional)
  - Wendi O’Connor (Paraprofessional)
  - Nicholas Piccone (Paraprofessional)
  - Frank Schwartz (Paraprofessional)
  - Antwine Perez (Paraprofessional)
  - Michael Reed (Paraprofessional)
  - Heather Peltz (Paraprofessional)
  - Sharon Young (Paraprofessional)
  - Roberta Burlock (Substitute Teacher)
  - Pamela Pollock (Nurse)
- High School Employment**
- Retirement:
    - Nancy McCloskey (Guidance Counselor)
  - Resignation:
    - Angeline Bertino (LTS English Teacher)
  - Schedule “B”:
    - Various positions were approved.
  - Practicum / Student Teachers:
    - Rita Bell (Christie Bamford – CST - 05/24/2017 to 8/31/2017)

- Holly Fisher (Apryl Palazzo – Guidance – 09/05/2017 to 5/7/2018)
- Kevin Hymer (Brent Dodulik – Health/PE – 10/30/2017 to 12/21/2017)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Daniel Lang (Custodian)
  - Richard Lippincott (Custodian)
  - Rebekah McGovern (English Teacher)

**Middle School Employment**

- Resignation:
  - James McIlhenney (Science Teacher)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Vikki Lare (Special Education Teacher)

**RESOLUTIONS**

- None

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **5/1/2017 to 5/31/2017 Environmental Club.** The Environmental Club will be having a plant sale. The funds will support the supplies for the club.
- **6/9/2017 Habitat for Humanity.** The Habitat for Humanity Club will be having a “Theme Team” Volleyball Tournament. Funds will be donated to the Habitat for Humanity.
- **4/28/2017 to 5/3/2017 The Softball Team.** The softball team will be selling t-shirts and concession snacks. The funds will be donated to CHOP.

**FIELD TRIPS**

- **5/1/2017** – The STEP class will be traveling to the Crescent Moon Coffee Shop to work on skills learned in class.
- **06/13/2017** - The World Wildlife Fund, Animal Science and Environmental Club will be traveling to the Wetlands Institute to personal interact with animals that are endangered.

- **5/5/2017** – The Yearbook Club will be traveling to GCIT to complete training, book planning and dover design.
- **5/5/2017** – The Mock Trial team will be traveling to Auletto’s Catering for the Bar Foundation Law Day luncheon.
- **5/16/2017** – The Key Club will be traveling to the Ronald McDonald House to volunteer time to help residents.
- **5/24/2017** – The Student Council will be traveling to the NJASC Spring Conference and Six Flags to learn more about the NJASC and to recognize their accomplishments.
- **5/24/2017** – The STEP class will be traveling to the Colonial Dinner to work on skills learned in class.
- **5/30/2017** – The AP Physics 1 & 2 class will be traveling to Six Flags to explore real world large scale physics using tools and measuring devices on the rides.
- **6/1/2017** – The MS Special Education MD class will be traveling to Don Pablo’s Restaurant in Woodbury, NJ to work on skills learned in class.
- **6/5/2017** – The AP Biology class will be traveling to the Fox Chase Cancer Center to present research with other high school students to the members of the medical and research community.

**RESEARCH PROJECT(S)**

- None

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 03/09/2017	Start: 12:06 PM End: 12:10 PM	Fire Drill
HS 03/10/2017	Start: 10:14 AM End: 10:25 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 03/24/2017	Start: 08:33 AM End: 09:42 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 03/09/2017	Start: 01:40 PM End: 01:52 PM	Full Lockdown

School/ Date	Time	Drill
MS 03/24/2017	Start: 08:40 AM End: 09:05 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 03/30/2017	Start: 09:20 AM End: 09:25 AM	Fire Drill

**POLICY**

The Board recommended the following for FIRST reading for revisions and/or adoption. To access our policy database, [click here](#).

- Policy #5536 – Random Drug Testing for Student Alcohol or Other Drugs
- Regulation # 5536 – Random Drug Testing for Student Alcohol or Other Drugs
- Policy #2436 – Athletic and Activity Registration Fee Program

The Board recommended the following for SECOND reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- Policy #5430 – Class Rank
- Policy #5410 – Promotion and Retention

**SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Board approved the following Scholarship(s)*

- None

**PROGRAMS**

*The Board approved the following programs:*

- 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 accepts as filed the Middle School, High School and Athletic financial reports for the period ending March 31, 2017.
- **GCSSSD Cooperative Transportation Services.** The Board approved the participation in Cooperative Transportation Services with GCSSSD for the 2017-2018 school year.

- **Agreement Sport Safe Testing Services, Inc.** The Board approved an agreement with the Sport Safe Testing Services, Inc. for drug and alcohol testing in conjunction with Kingsway’s new Student Drug and Alcohol Testing Policy as per the agreement on file in the business office.
- **Interlocal with Harrison Township for IT Services.** The Board approved that the shared services agreement between Kingsway Regional Board and the Township of Harrison, to provide information technology management services to the Township of Harrison, in accordance with the Uniform shared services and consolidation act.
- **SEMI Action Plan.** The Board authorized the submission of a Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan to the executive County Superintendent of Schools as part of the District’s proposed budget submission for the fiscal year of 2018.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation of three pieces of Hammer Strength equipment from the Philadelphia Eagles.
- **2016-2017 Jointure with Clearview.** The Board approved a transportation jointure with Clearview Regional School District for sports runs beginning March 24, 2017 through June 15, 2017 at a cost of \$100.00 per trip.
- **Adoption of 2017-2018 Budget.** The Board authorized the submission of the 2017-2018 tentative budget as submittal to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- **Moment of Silence**
  - Moment of Silence for Farrah Rae Guinaugh, a sophomore at Kingsway Regional High School.
- **Job Description(s) – Approval /Revisions.** The Board approved the following:
  - Assistant Principal – Supervisor of Athletics

- Assistant Principal – Supervisor of Guidance
- Assistant Principal – Supervisor of Instruction & Programs
- Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC)

**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 work session meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, May 18, 2017**. The meeting will be held in the Board Conference Room and will begin at 7:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is scheduled for **Thursday, May 25, 2017** in the Eitel Theater East and begins at 7:00 p.m.