

# January 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 January 26<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2016</b>	
High School	1768
Middle School	925
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,693</b>

### STAFF RECOGNITION

#### New Faculty & Staff Introductions

- Tara Reinerth – Middle School Science (LTS)
- Nicole Benedetto – Middle School H&PE (LTS)

#### Spotlight Teacher

- Patricia Conn – Business & Technology/Family & Consumer Science Teacher

#### Teacher of the Year

- **High School** – Sumana Stephenson (Special Education & Supplemental Support Math Teacher)
- **Middle School** – Stephanie Owens (Music – Chorus & Musical Teacher)

The January 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.

<b>Middle School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>D</b>	Sean Anderson
<b>R</b>	Lauren Phan
<b>A</b>	Melanie Shultz
<b>G</b>	Timothy Ninan
<b>O</b>	Brandon Horchuck Julie Santoferraro
<b>N</b>	Ethan Nguyen

<b>High School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	Jacob Martin
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	Luke McFarland
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Alma Schaffer
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Dominique Coombe

<b>Seniors of the Month</b>	
Gabrielle Repp	
Antonio Saporito	

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- 2017–18 Budget Preparation
- Swedesboro-Woolwich School District Funding Meeting
- [Senate Hearing on School Funding Fairness at Kingsway](#)
- [2017-18 School Calendar](#)
- Curriculum & Program Night – Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>
- Written Testimony by Kingsway Officials:
  - [Superintendent Lavender Testimony](#)
  - [Board President Mueller Testimony](#)
  - [Chief Academic Officer Calandro Testimony](#)
  - [Business Administrator Schimpf Testimony](#)
  - [Principal Stephenson Testimony](#)

**PRESENTATIONS**

- [Kingsway faculty & staff donate PRIDE funding to the Education Foundation](#)
- 2015-2016 Annual Audit
- Mr. John Samuel, Energy Update

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

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

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Grade Level	Dec %	2016-2017 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	95.4	96.1	95.3
8	94.3	95.6	94.7
<b>Total MS Average</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>95.0</b>
9	94.8	95.8	94.4
10	95.2	95.7	93.5
11	94.3	95.0	92.6
12	93.0	94.1	91.4
<b>Total HS Average</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>95.2</b>	<b>93.0</b>
<b>District Average</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>94.0</b>

**PERSONNEL*****District Employment***

- Substitute:
  - Mallory Maugeri (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
  - Tazreen Uddin (Per-Diem Substitute Teacher)
  - Zachery Sminkey (Daily Substitute with LTS Pending)
- Professional Learning Workshop Presenters
  - Debbie Wesolek (Making the Transition to MLA 8)
  - Colleen Fitzpatrick (Making the Transition to MLA 8)
  - Heather Connor (Making the Transition to MLA 8)

***High School Employment***

- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
  - Carmela Saggio (Dave Stanton – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
  - Amanda Bendorf (Dave Stanton – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
  - Rachel Black (Dave Stanton – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
  - Matthew Gould (John Green – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
  - Joshua Guida (John Green – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
  - Lorin Hannah (John Green – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)

- Jeffrey Miller (Sean Dunn – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
- Sarah Richards (Sean Dunn – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
- Jack Russell (Sean Dunn – Social Studies – 2/7, 2/21, 2/28, 3/28, 4/4, 4/11/2017)
- Andrew Sullivan (Jon Dalton – Music – 03/13/2017 to 03/17/2017)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Kristi Gimpel (Special Education Teacher)

### ***Middle School Employment***

- Resignation:
  - Susan Graziano (Assistant Principal)
- Schedule “B”:
  - Various positions were approved.

### **FUNDRAISERS**

- **12/16/2016 to 2/7/2017 Boys Basketball.** The Boys Basketball team will be selling concession items at all home games. Funds will support travel warm-ups, shooting shirts and the end of the season banquet.
- **2/24/2017 to 3/10/2017 Class of 2019.** The Class of 2019 will be selling reusable bags and home items. Funds will support class activities and individual activities.
- **3/1/2017 to 6/15/2016 Interact Club.** The Interact club will be collecting pop tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House of South New Jersey.
- **3/17/2017 to 3/31/2017 Interact Club.** The Interact club will be collecting canned good items to donate to “Your Place at the Table Food Bank”.
- **3/20/2017 to 3/31/2017 National Honor Society.** The National Honor Society will collect and assemble items for Military care packages to five Kingsway graduates in the service.
- **4/24/2017 Student Council.** The Student Council will be holding a blood drive for the American Red Cross.

### **FIELD TRIPS**

- **2/7/2017** – The Young Authors will be traveling to the Samuel Mickle School to assist elementary students with illustrating a book.
- **2/15/2017** – The Middle School Special Education class will be traveling to the Swedesboro Public Library to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **2/21/2017 to 2/23/2017** – The DECA club will be traveling to Harrah’s in Atlantic City, NJ to attend the DECA State of NJ Competition.
- **2/24/2017 to 2/25/2017** – The Wrestling team will be traveling to Egg Harbor Township, NJ to compete in the Region 8 Wrestling tournament.
- **3/3/2017 to 3/5/2017** – The Wrestling team will be traveling to Atlantic City, NJ to compete in the State wrestling tournament.
- **3/8/2017** – The Middle School Special Education class will be traveling to Applebee’s to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **3/13/2017** – The STEM Academy will be traveling to RCGC to encourage young women to pursue careers in STEM.
- **3/22/2017 and 5/10/017** – The Middle School Special Education class will be traveling to Acme to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **6/7/2017** – The Middle School Special Education class will be traveling to the AMC Movie Theater to continue to use life skills learned in class.

**RESEARCH PROJECT(S)**

- None

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 12/06/2016	Start: 10:00 AM End: 10:05 AM	Fire Drill
HS 12/07/2016	Start: 08:35 AM End: 08:40 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 12/13/2016	Start: 09:30 AM End: 09:38 AM	Fire Drill
MS 12/21/2016	Start: 01:46 PM End: 01:52 PM	Precautionary Lockdown Drill

**POLICY**

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

- None

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

- Policy #5830 – Pupil Fundraising
- Regulation #5830 – Pupil Fundraising
- Policy #9191 - Boosters
- Policy #3322 – Staff Member’s Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices
- Policy #4322 - Staff Member’s Use of Personal Cellular Telephones/Other Communication Devices
- Policy #5330 – Administration of Medication
- Regulation # 5330 – Administration of Medication
- Policy #5339 – Screening for Dyslexia
- Policy #5615 – Suspected Gang Activity
- Policy #5756 – Transgender Students
- Policy #8540 - School Nutrition Programs
- Regulation #8540 - Free and Reduced Rate Meals (Abolished)
- Policy #8550 – Outstanding Food Service Charges

- Policy #8820 – Opening Exercises/Ceremonies
- Policy & Regulation #1240 – Evaluation of the Superintendent
- Policy & Regulation #3221 – Evaluation of the Teachers
- Policy & Regulation #3222 – Evaluation of the Teaching Staff Members, excluding Teachers and Administrators
- Policy & Regulation #3223 – Evaluation of Administrators, excluding Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals
- Policy & Regulation #3224 – Evaluation of Principals, Vice Principals and Assistant Principals
- Policy #3431.1 – Family Leave
- Policy #4431.1 – Family Leave
- Policy 5337 – Service Animals
- Policy #5516 – Use of Electronic Communication and Recording Devices
- Policy #0167 – Public Participation of Board Meetings
- Policy #0168 – Recording Board Meetings
- Policy #2422 – Health and Physical Education
- Policy #2425 – Physical Education (Abolished)
- Policy #2431 – Athletic Competition
- Regulation #2431.2 – Medical Examination Prior to Participation on a School-Sponsored Interscholastic or Intramural Team or Squad
- Policy & Regulation #5111 – Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Students
- Policy & Regulation #5310 – Health Services
- Policy & Regulation #5330.01 – Administration of Medical Marijuana
- Policy #5460 – High School Graduation
- Policy & Regulation #8462 – Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children

**SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Board approved the following Scholarship(s)*

- None

*The Board approved the following programs:*

- 2016-2017 High School Plus Agreement between Camden County College and Kingsway Regional High School.

#### **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 report for the period ending December 31, 2016.
- **Voided Accounts Payable Checks.** The Board approved the outstanding checks to be voided.
- **Child Nutrition 2017-2018 School Year.** The Board is not required to participate in the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) nor required to participate in Private Schools for the Handicapped to charge students for reduced and /or paid meals for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Tuition Contract Sending. The Board approved the following tuition contract agreements on a sending basis:**
  - Sending District:** Penns Grove – Carneys Point Regional School District (DK)
  - Duration:** 9/8/2016 to 6/30/2017
  - Annual Tuition Rate:** \$14,317.00
- **SFRA.** The Board approved the local government resolution for the support of the senate select committee on school funding fairness.
- **Other Capital Project Domestic Water Heater Replacement.** The Board authorized Garrison Architects to prepare and submit a New Jersey Department of Education Other Capital Project application for a domestic hot water heater

replacement at Kingsway Regional High School.

- **2017-18 KRSD School Calendar Student and Teacher.** The Board approved the 2017-2018 School Calendar.
- **Approval of Program Planning Guide.** The Board approved the program-planning guide for the 2017 – 2018 school year.

#### **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, February 16, 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 **Thursday, February 23, 2017** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.