

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 meeting held on December 22nd.

ENROLLMENT as of November 30, 2016	
High School	1,764
Middle School	923
TOTAL	2,687

STAFF RECOGNITION

Spotlight Teacher

- Christina Smith – High School Math Teacher

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

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	
D	Sky Kashow
R	Patrice Martin
A	Krish Olmedo Vincent Battaglia
G	Molly Fitzpatrick
O	Madison Lavender
N	Marissa Frey

High School Spotlight Students	
9th	Dominic Amaradio
10th	Daniel Carmelo
11th	Amayely Velasquez-Ramirez
12th	Joseph Glackin

Seniors of the Month	
Sydney Jaramillo	
Lindsay Krott	

Athlete/Coach Recognition	
Girls Volleyball	Olympic Conference Champions
Girls Cross Country	TCC Royal Division Champs, SJ Open Champs, Gloucester County Champs, Tri County Conference Showcase Champions, SJ Group IV Champions
Boys Cross Country	TCC Royal Division Champs, SJ Open Champs, Gloucester County Champs
Girls Soccer	Tri County Conference Champions
Football	Samuel Fulton Sportsmanship Award- Brooks-Irvine Football Club
Girls Cross Country	Team of the Year- SJ Times
Rachael Kelley	1,000th career assist in Girls volleyball- 1st in school history
Joey	Runner of the Year- SJ Times

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Rachel Vick	Runner of the Year- SJ Times
Caitlin Hess	Coach of the Year- Girls Cross Country- SJ Times
Kristina Bullock	Coach of the Year- Girls Volleyball

Miss South Jersey 2017

- Kingsway Senior Jamie Gialloreto

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Budget Development
- Fundraiser and Booster Changes to Policy/Procedure
- Transportation Tiers – Update
- Panther Creek Visit – High School S.M.A.R.T.

PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Samuel, Energy Program Update

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Nov %	2016-2017 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	96.1	96.4	95.3
8	94.9	96.1	94.7
Total MS Average	95.5	96.2	95.0
9	95.5	96.1	94.4
10	94.8	95.9	93.5
11	94.4	95.2	92.6
12	93.6	94.5	91.4
Total HS Average	94.6	95.4	93.0
District	95.1	94.7	94.0

Average			
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PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Resignation:
 - Joanne Williams (Bus Driver)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Rudolph Inman (Bus Driver)
 - Juan Martinez (Bus Driver)
- Substitute:
 - Timothy Kandle (Substitute Custodian as needed)
 - John Peplowski (Substitute Custodian)

High School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Angeline Venito (English Teacher)
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Nicole Chermak (Wendy Lynch and Christine Bilderback – Mathematics/Clinical - 01/18/2017 to 05/08/2017)
 - Holly Fisher (Apryl Palazzo – Guidance– 01/17/2017 to 05/08/2017)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Kathleen Gallen (Secretary)

Middle School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Katherine Steet (LTS Science Teacher)
 - Allison Lisa (History Teacher)
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
 - Tara Reinerth (LTS Science Teacher)

- Sara DiBenedetto (LTS Health and PE Teacher)
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Kare Wassington (Emily Virga – SPED/Math Practicum- 01/11/2017 to 05/01/2017)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Karen Pickard (Health & Physical Education Teacher)
 - David Dominik (Math Teacher)

FUNDRAISERS

- **1/3/2017 to 1/13/2017 Student Council.** The Student Council will be selling tickets for the Mr. Kingsway event. Funds will support events, field trips and a state charity called “Bianca’s Kids”.
- **1/9/2017 to 1/13/2017 Student Council.** The Student Council will be collecting donations as part of the “best legs” competition. The funds will support events, field trips and a state charity called “Bianca’s Kids”.
- **1/9/2017 to 1/13/2017 Habitat for Humanity.** The Habitat for Humanity will be holding a coin drive. The funds will support the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.
- **1/17/2017 to 2/17/2017 World Wildlife Fund Kingsway Chapter.** The World Wildlife Chapter will be selling t-shirts with student-designed logos. The funds will support field trip expenses.
- **1/30/2017 to 2/10/2017 Senior Gospel Choir.** The Senior Gospel Choir will be selling Yankee candles. The funds will support a trip to New York.
- **2/1/2017 to 2/28/2017 Interact Club.** The Interact Club will hold a canned good drive. The items collected will be donated to “Your Place At The Table” which is a local Food Bank.
- **2/1/2017 to 4/21/2017 Student Council.** The Student Council will be taking part in the Phillies Phunraising Program by selling group Phillies tickets. Funds will support the Renaissance programs at the High School and Middle School.
- **3/6/2017 to 3/17/2017 Dragons Helping Dragons.** The Dragons Helping Dragons will have a silent auction of a Tastefully Simple basket. The funds will support the club.
- **3/9/2017 Student Council.** The Student Council will be having a basketball tournament. The funds will support the club’s end of the year trip.

FIELD TRIPS

- **12/9/2016 Ratify and Affirm** – The New Jersey Model Congress group traveled to the State House Annex in Trenton, NJ and tested skills learned in class.
- **12/15/2016 Update** – The Special Olympics Project Unify group traveled to Riverwinds in West Deptford, NJ to learn how to raise awareness about disabilities in our school community.
- **12/21/2016 Update** – The Functional MD Program traveled to Acme Markets to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **1/3/2017** – DECA/BLA students will travel to the NJ DECA Regional Conference in Cherry Hill, NJ.
- **1/7/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Mainland Regional High School in Linwood, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **1/11/2017** – The Functional MD Program will travel to Dollar Tree in Sewell, NJ to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **1/11/2017** – The Student Council will travel to the NJASC Winter Conference for leadership training.

- **1/21/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Northern Burlington High School in Columbus, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **1/23/2017** – The S.U.R.E. group will travel to Rowan University for leadership training.
- **1/25/2017**– The Functional MD Program will travel to Acme Markets in Logan, NJ to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **2/2/2017 and 2/28/2017** – The Mock Trial group will be traveling to the New Jersey Law Center to compete in the Southern New Jersey State Mock Trial Competition.
- **2/4/2017** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will travel to Upper Moreland High School to attend a jazz clinic.
- **2/4/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Eastern High School in Voorhees, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **2/8/2017** - The S.T.E.P. group will travel to Ripley’s Believe It Or Not Museum in Atlantic City, NJ to allow students to use skills learned in class.
- **2/11/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Dumont High School in Dumont, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **2/18/2017** – The Select Jazz Ensemble will travel to Upper Darby High School to compete in a Jazz Festival.
- **2/18/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Kingsway Regional High School in Woolwich, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **2/23/2017** – The Academic Assistance Program will travel to Rowan University to gain field experience associated to the Academic Assistance Program
- **2/24/2017** - The Select Jazz Ensemble will travel to Penns Grove High School in Penns Grove, NJ to compete in a Jazz Festival.
- **2/24/2017** – The New Jersey Model Congress group will travel to the State House Annex in Trenton, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **2/25/2017** – The Drama Club and Public Speaking/Debate class will travel to Raritan High School in Hazlet, NJ to compete in the NJ Dramatic and Forensic League.
- **3/13/2017** – The S.T.E.M. group will travel to RCGC for the woman in the S.T.E.M. fair.
- **3/16/2017 and 3/17/2017** – The New Jersey Model Congress group will travel to Rider University in Lawrence Township, NJ to compete in a Model Congress from school around the state.
- **3/17/2017** - The Select Jazz Ensemble will travel to Schalick High School to compete in a Jazz Festival.
- **4/1/2017** - The Select Jazz Ensemble will travel to Lakeside Performing Arts Center at the Millville Middle School to compete in a Jazz Festival.
- **4/25/2017** – The Foreign Language club will travel to Ellis Island and visit the Statue of Liberty to follow in immigrants’ footsteps.
- **5/10/2017** – S.T.E.P. will travel to Historic Smithville to use skills they have learned in class.
- **5/22/2017** – The Photography club will travel to Longwood Gardens to have a unique area for students to develop a better understanding of photography.
- **6/28/2017 to 7/3/2017** – The French club will be traveling to Montreal and Quebec City in Canada to visit the biggest French speaking city in North America.

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- None

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 11/03/2016	Start: 09:06 AM End: 10:45 AM	Stage 2 Evacuation Stage 3 Evacuation – Bomb Threat
HS 11/03/2016	Start: 03:00 PM End: 04:00 PM	Table Top Safety Meeting
MS 11/16/2016	Start: 12:55 PM End: 01:10 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 11/28/2016	Start: 09:39 AM End: 09:44 AM	Fire Drill

POLICY

The Board recommended the following for FIRST 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 (Abolish)
- 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

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

- None

SCHOLARSHIP

The Board approved the following Scholarship(s)

- None

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- Memorandum of Understanding Rowan High School Start Program

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 accepted as filed the Middle School, High School and Athletic financial reports for the period ending November 30, 2016.
- **2015 – 2016 CAFR.** The Board accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial report ("C.A.F.R.") for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2016 and related documents for submission to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- **Synopsis Audit Recommendations and Corrective Action Plan.** The Board accepted and approved the Audit Synopsis, a summary of audit recommendations and corrective action plan for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2016.
- **C.R.E.S.S.** The Board approved the professional services agreement through the Center of Regional Education Support Services (C.R.E.S.S.) for the 2016 – 2017 school year on an as needed basis.
- **Tuition – Receiving.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreements on a receiving basis.
 - Sending District: Greenwich Township School District
Duration: 9/1/2016 to 6/30/2017
Annual Tuition Rate: \$35,000.00
1:1 Paraprofessional: \$28,000.00

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, January 19, 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, January 26, 2017** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.