

# 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 meeting held on November 17<sup>th</sup>.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of October 31, 2016**

High School	1,763
Middle School	923
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,686</b>

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

#### **Spotlight Teacher**

- Ann Gillespie, Middle School Special Education Science Teacher

The 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 of the Month.

#### **Student Recognition**

Spotlight Students, Seniors of the Month, and Athletes of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's. 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**

<b>D</b>	John Harrison
<b>R</b>	Cole Griscom
<b>A</b>	Molly Shapire
<b>G</b>	Kelsey Clodfelter
<b>O</b>	Evan Kidd Marlissa Peacock
<b>N</b>	Darci Garrity
<b>S</b>	Mayah Lynch

### **High School Spotlight Students**

#### **September**

<b>9<sup>th</sup></b>	William Ford
<b>10<sup>th</sup></b>	David Foreman
<b>11<sup>th</sup></b>	Steven Costa
<b>12<sup>th</sup></b>	Coloin Garraway

### **Seniors of the Month**

#### **September**

Erin Gray
Anastasios Kalfas

### **September High School Athletes of the Month**

#### **September**

Football	Joel Scerbo
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### **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
- Fall Recess
- Fundraising

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Debbie Cunningham, 20 Year Milestone Award
- Mr. Schiff, Pupil Personnel Spotlight
- Mr. Rosenheim, Data Update

### **ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

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

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Oct %	2016-2017 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	96.4	96.5	95.3
8	96.3	96.7	94.7
<b>Total MS Average</b>	<b>96.4</b>	<b>96.6</b>	<b>95.0</b>
9	96.0	96.5	94.4
10	96.1	96.4	93.5
11	95.1	95.6	92.6
12	94.2	94.9	91.4
<b>Total HS Average</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>93.0</b>
<b>District Average</b>	<b>95.9</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>94.0</b>

## PERSONNEL

### District Employment

- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
  - Denise Dales (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
  - Kathleen McPeak (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
  - Kathleen Mercado (Per Diem Substitute School Nurse)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - David Zeck (Maintenance Worker)

### High School Employment

- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
  - Judith Hitchner (LTS Secretary)

- Practicum / Student Teachers:
  - John Austin (Reena Ninan – Biology - 01/18/2017 to 05/08/2017)
  - Alex McDonald (Robert Baerman – Athletic Training – 01/09/2017 to 05/31/2017)
  - Eric Perez (Robert Baerman – Athletic Training – 01/09/2017 to 05/31/2017)

### Middle School Employment

- Retirement:
  - Karyn Pickard (Health & PE Teacher)
- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.

### FUNDRAISERS

- **11/1/2016 to 11/16/2016 Wellness Committee.** The Wellness committee collected blankets and donated them to the family promise of Gloucester County.
- **11/18/2016 to 12/30/2016 DECA.** The DECA will be selling cellphone slot holders. The funds will be used to support the club.
- **11/19/2016 Key Club.** The Key Club will hold a road side clean up in Woolwich Twp. The funds will be used to support the club.
- **11/21/2016 to 11/23/2016 Student Council.** The Student Council will be selling t-shirts to support a freshman who is extremely ill and in the hospital. The funds will be donated to CHOP.
- **3/6/2017 to 3/31/2017 Interact Club.** The Interact Club will be selling event tickets, t-shirts, band entrance fees, and refreshments for the Battle of the Bands. 75% proceeds will be given to the Ronald McDonald House and 25% of proceeds will be used to support the club.
- **04/10/2017 to 4/21/2017 Middle School.** The Middle School will be selling cut out flying pigs to put on the walls at the school. Funds will support the Julie Riggi scholarship account.

- **11/28/2016 to 12/9/2016 Community Service Club.** The Community Service club will be collecting used clothing to be donated to the Angels Community Outreach, which provides services to those in need throughout Gloucester County.
- **12/2/2016 Dragons Helping Dragons.** The Dragons Helping Dragons will ask the teaches to donate \$5.00 to wear an ugly sweater for the holiday season. All funds will be used to help families in need during the holidays.
- **11/14/2016 to 11/21/2016 Fellowship of Christian Athletes.** The fellowship of Christian Athletes will be collecting small items to fit in shoeboxes to be donated.

#### FIELD TRIPS

- **12/2/2016** – Middle School Play students will be viewing a professional Broadway performance at the Grand Theater, Road Company in Williamstown, NJ then stopping at Hibachi Grill.
- **01/17/2017, 1/27/2017, and 2/15/2017** – The Creative Writing classes and Junior AP & Honors classes will be going to the Samuel Mickle Elementary School for an Enrichment and Engagement Student Career Exploration.
- **2/16/2017** – The Jazz Ensemble will be traveling to Rowan University to perform in a Jazz Festival.
- **11/30/2016** – The Anti-Bullying Club will be traveling to the Harker Elementary School to provide and support character education per HIB.
- **12/21/2016** – The Student Council will be traveling to Head Start in Swedesboro to work with and mentor preschool students at the program. They will also be traveling to Applebees to reflect on the experience.
- **11/30/2016** – The Special Ed – MD students will be traveling to Hibachi Grill to help with

life skills and proper behavior in restaurants.

- **12/14/2016** – The Special Ed – MD students will be traveling to the Deptford Mall to help with life skills and proper behavior in malls.
- **12/8/2016** – The Community Service club will be traveling to Sandy Lane to visit elderly and play games.
- **12/17/2016 to 12/19/2016** – The Wrestling Team will be traveling to the University of Delaware to participate in the Beast of the East Tournament.
- **11/15/2016** – Students from the Class of 2017 and the Class of 2018 traveled to a college fair in Camden, NJ to give students a chance to fill out college applications.
- **11/23/2016, 12/20/2016, 1/25/2017, 2/28/2017, and 3/22/2017** – The Independent Living Course (S.T.E.P.) will be traveling to different locations on each day to provide students with the opportunity to receive instructions from a professional in related class topics.
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- **12/14/2016** - The Independent Living Course (S.T.E.P.) will be traveling to Deptford Mall to apply skills used in their Math and Independent Living courses.
- **11/17/2016 to 11/20/2016** – The Princeton Model Congress will be traveling to Washington, DC to test skills learned in class in a competition against schools from around the county in a model congress.

- **C days during 2016 – 2017 school year -**  
The Independent Living Course (S.T.E.P.) will be traveling to different locations to gain work experience and to apply skills used in their Math and Independent Living courses.
- **12/14/2016** – The Functional MD Program will be traveling to the Amish Market in Mullica Hill, NJ to gain work experience and to apply skills used in the course.
- **12/8/2016** – The Business Leadership Academy will be traveling to the Phillies Organization to meet with business managers from the marketing sales, finance, and human resource departments to gain insight into the sports business.

**RESEARCH PROJECT(S)**

- A research project will be conducted to specifically examine the relationship between the implementation of a daily quiz and student participation rates.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/Date	Time	Drill
HS 10/06/2016	Start: 12:20PM End: 12:25 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 10/11/2016	Start: 12:00 PM End: 12:20 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 10/13/2016	Start: 08:40 AM End: 09:00 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 10/14/2016	Start: 12:25 PM End: 12:40 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 10/20/2016	Start: 12:23 PM End: 12:34 PM	Fire Drill
HS 10/26/2016	Start: 11:05 AM End: 11:16 AM	SMART Lockdown Drill
MS 10/13/2016	Start: 12:21 PM End: 01:05 PM	Stage 1 and stage 2 evacuation drill
MS 10/25/2016	Start: 01:43 PM End: 01:48 PM	Fire Drill

**POLICY**

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

- None

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

- None

**SCHOLARSHIP**

*The Board approved the following Scholarship(s)*

- The Kaitlyn Marie Bernardino Colleluori Scholarship

**PROGRAMS**

*The Board approved the following programs:*

- Nursing Services Plan 2016 – 2017 School Year
- Kingsway 2016 – 2017 Winter Athletic Schedule

**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 October 31, 2016.
- **Special Olympics Grant.** The Board accepts a \$5,016.00 grant from the Special Olympics to be used to promote inclusive sport activities for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
- **Transportation Jointure-Logan Township School District.** The Board approved a transportation jointure with Logan Township School District for a Twilight run for displaced students from October 18, 2016 through June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$217.83 per day.
- **Tuition Contract-Salem County Vocational School Districts.** The board approved the tuition contract for Career, Technical, and Academy Programs with Salem County

Vocational-Technical School District for the 2016 – 2017 school year at an annual cost of \$4,887.00 per full time student and \$2,443.50 for part time student.

- **Tri County Conference.** The Board approved the Tri County Conference 2017 – 2018 proposed budget, ticket prices, and expansion as follows:
  - 2017 – 2018 Proposed budget for the Tri County Conference \$1,425.00 per school
  - 2017 – 2018 Ticket Prices- All athletic events for the 2017-2018 school year: \$3.00 per Adults, \$2.00 per Student and Senior Citizens, and \$4.00 per Adults for all West Jersey Football League Varsity Football Games.
  - 2017 – 2018 conference expansion: Overbrook High School request to join the Tri-County Conference for Bowling.
- **Winter Athletic Trip Bid Rejection.** The Board rejects all bids received on Friday, October 28, 2016 for winter athletic trips.
- **Interlocal Agreement with Woolwich Township for 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, 2017 through December 31, 2017 at a cost of \$2,083.34 per month. This represents an increase of .5% from the 2016 cost.
- **Transportation Jointure with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission.** The Board approved a transportation jointure with Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission from September 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 for \$67.59 per day.
- **Transportation Jointure – Clearview Regional.** The Board approved a transportation jointure with Clearview Regional School District for Athletic trips

from November 1, 2016 through June 20, 2017 in the amount of \$15.95 per hour.

- **2017 – 2018 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.** The Board authorized the submission of the District’s 2017 – 2018 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP), which contains required maintenance activities that are reasonable to keep the school facilities open and safe for the 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 work session meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, December 15, 2016**. 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, December 22, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.