

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 meeting held on October 20th.

| ENROLLMENT as of September 30, 2016 | |
|--|--------------|
| High School | 1,761 |
| Middle School | 925 |
| TOTAL | 2,686 |

STAFF RECOGNITION

Spotlight Teacher

- Tom Yourison, Social Studies Teacher

The October 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 and Seniors 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 | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| D | Amelia McGravey |
| R | Isabela Jacobs |
| A | Sarah Cancila Homar Ibarra |
| G | Margot Jones |
| O | Arya Patel |
| N | Biance DeJesus |

High School Spotlight Students

| September | |
|------------------|-----------------|
| 9 th | Erin Guy |
| 10 th | Bradley Harding |
| 11 th | Maeve Donnelly |
| 12 th | Shayne Rechner |

Seniors of the Month

| September | |
|-----------------|--|
| Jessica Lail | |
| Victoria Mbakwe | |

September High School Athletes of the Month

| September | |
|--------------|--------------|
| Girls Soccer | Oonagh Breen |

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Superintendent/District Goals 2016 – 2017
- Kingsway's Fair Funding Campaign
- Inside Kingsway
- Capital Improvement Project
- Homecoming

PRESENTATIONS

- NJ School Board Recognition – Debbie Cunningham (20 Years of Service)
- New Staff Introductions
- Mr. Iocona, Technology Update

- Dr. Lavender, [Referendum Presentation](#)

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

| 2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance | | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grade Level | Sept % | 2016-2017 YTD Avg % | Past 6 Year Avg % |
| 7 | 96.6 | 96.6 | 95.3 |
| 8 | 97.0 | 97.0 | 94.7 |
| Total MS Average | 96.8 | 96.8 | 95.0 |
| 9 | 96.9 | 96.9 | 94.4 |
| 10 | 96.7 | 96.7 | 93.5 |
| 11 | 96.1 | 96.1 | 92.6 |
| 12 | 95.6 | 95.6 | 91.4 |
| Total HS Average | 96.3 | 96.3 | 93.0 |
| District Average | 96.6 | 96.6 | 94.0 |

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Resignation:
 - Veronica Hemphill (Bus Driver)
 - Edward Walter (Bus Driver)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Kathleen Jackson-Hill (Human Resource Manager)
 - Heather Hampton (Bus Driver)
- Substitute:
 - McKenna Coffey (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - Sarah Hagemeister (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - Eileen Highland (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)

- Marrtin Quick (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- John McPeak (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Nancy Bartling (Substitute Secretary)
- Cristina Calloway (Substitute Secretary)
- Nicole Frost (Substitute Secretary)
- Cynthia Weaver (Substitute Secretary)
- Eileen Highland (Home Instructor)
- Jeffrey Wolfe (Home Instructor)
- John Bond (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Julie Graham (Substitute School Nurse)

High School Employment

- Retirement:
 - Fran Wilgus (Secretary)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.
- Practicum / Student Teachers:
 - Pam Pollock (Barbara Neal – Nursing - 08/30/16 to 12/05/16)
 - Pam Pollock (Lana Lowry – Health – 01/03/17 to 04/10/17)
 - Caitlin Kerzetski (Sumana Stephenson – Special Education – 01/03/17 to 02/27/17)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Kathleen Miles (Math Teacher)
 - Patricia DiBartolo (Secretary)

Middle School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Jennifer Ruzek-Zuccato (Paraprofessional)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Kyle McLaughlin (Paraprofessional)

- Patricia Campbell (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.

FUNDRAISERS

- **10/20/2016 to 11/15/2016 Football Team.** The Football Team will be selling Kingsway socks. The funds will support the club with projects, jackets, meals, banquet, and equipment.
- **11/1/2016 to 11/18/2016 Class of 2018.** The Class of 2018 will be selling Christmas ornaments. The funds will support class events.
- **11/5/2016 Photo and Art Club.** The Photo and Art club will be selling artwork at the KEF Craft Show. The funds will support a field trip.
- **11/5/2016 NAHS.** The NAHS will be selling artwork at the KEF Craft Show. The funds will help purchase the honor cords for the Induction Ceremony.
- **11/5/2016 PAWS.** The PAWS club will be selling candy at the KEF Craft Show. The funds will be used to support the club.
- **1/23/2017 to 2/3/2017 PAWS.** The PAWS will have a donation drive. Items will be collected and donate to shelters.
- **11/5/2016 National Honor Society.** The National Honor Society will be selling used books at the KEF Craft Show. The funds collected will be donated to Al DuPont Hospital.
- **1/2/2016 to 6/1/2017 Dragons Helping Dragons.** The Dragons Helping Dragons will sell cupcakes before school one day each month to students. The funds raised will support the club.
- **11/1/2016 to 2/1/2017 Foreign Language Club.** The Foreign Language Club will be collecting shoes. All shoes will be donated to people in need of shoes.

- **11/14/2016 to 12/2/2016 Foreign Language Club.** The Foreign Language Club will be having a chocolate lover's bar candy sale. Funds raised will support the club.
- **10/20/2016 to 06/2017 Yearbook.** The yearbook club will be taking "friend pictures" at school dances. The funds raised will help support the yearbook.

FIELD TRIPS

- **10/20/2016** – The Special Olympics – Project Unify will travel to Riverwinds in West Deptford, NJ to learn different ways to make our school community more inclusive and get ideas to raise awareness about disabilities.
- **10/22/2016** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **11/17/2016** – The Military History class will be traveling to McGuire Air Force Base to get an insight into the planes and fighter jets from our major wars.
- **11/17/2016 to 11/18/2016** - The Peer Facilitators group will travel to High Elevations Trampoline Park to have the opportunity to train in peer mediation techniques and encourage team building.
- **11/16/2016, 12/14/2016, 1/11/2017, 2/8/2017, 2/22/2017 and 3/16/2017** – The SURE group will be participating in a workshop for Schools United for Respect and Equality.
- **11/19/2016** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **12/12/2016** – The Spanish 4 and AP SPA class will travel to the El Repertory Theater and Havana Central Restaurant for an educational field trip.
- **12/15/2016** – The Gospel Choir will travel to Holy Name Church in Mullica Hill, NJ for a community service project and mini concert.

- **12/17/2016** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **1/21/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **02/18/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **03/18/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **04/04/2017** – The English IV class will be traveling to the Arden Theatre in Philadelphia, PA to see a performance on Shakespeare.
- **4/22/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **05/20/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **06/17/2017** - The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be participating in an official Gloucester County Build Site.
- **10/26/2016** – The MD class will be traveling to Acme Markets in Logan Township to apply what they have learned in class.
- **5/17/2017** – The Senior Chorus Gospel Choir will be traveling to New York City to perform at the Empire State Building.
- **10/18/2016** – The Yearbook club will be having a training session in the South Media Center at Kingsway to train with the yearbook publisher.
- **11/19/2016** – The Spectrum (GSA) Group will be traveling to Perth Ambog, NJ for an educational workshop.

- A research project will be conducted to see differentiation based on personality type and student teacher relationships.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

| School/ Date | Time | Drill |
|--------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| HS 09/13/2016 | Start: 12:30 PM End: 12:35 PM | Fire Drill |
| HS 09/21/2016 | Start: 01:00 PM End: 01:06 PM | Precautionary Lockdown |
| HS 09/22/2016 | Start: 09:05 AM End: 09:07 AM | Shelter-In-Place |
| HS 09/22/2016 | Start: 09:07 AM End: 09:17 AM | Precautionary Lockdown |
| HS 09/23/2016 | Start: 08:30 AM End: 08:34 AM | Evacuation Drill (stage 1 and 2) Live test with fire company for response times |
| HS 09/29/2016 | Start: 12:00 PM End: 12:05 PM | Precautionary Lockdown |
| HS 09/29/2016 | Start: 12:45 PM End: 12:50 PM | Precautionary Lockdown |
| HS 09/30/2016 | Start: 07:00 AM End: 07:20 AM | Fire Drill |
| MS 09/15/2016 | Start: 09:15 AM End: 09:21 AM | Stage one evacuation drill |
| MS 09/28/2016 | Start: 08:31 AM End: 08:35 AM | Fire Drill |
| HS/MS 10/4/2016 | Start: 07:00 AM | School Buss Emergency Evacuation Drill |

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

POLICY

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

- Policy 5230 Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

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

- **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 report for the period ending September 30, 2016.
- **Transportation Jointure.** The Board approved the following transportation jointure for the 2016 – 2017 school year.
 - Swedesboro-Woolwich- \$68.24 per day
- **Professional Appointment.** The Board approved a Private Investigator service with Robert T. Zimmerman (pending Private Investigators License) from October 21, 2016 through June 30, 2017 at a cost of \$42.50 an hour with a 4-hour minimum as needed.
- **Tuition Contracts with GCIT.** The board approved the tuition contract for Emergency Response/Fire Science and Career—Technical Programs with Gloucester County Vocational-Technical School District for the 2016 – 2017 school year at an annual cost of \$2,250.00 per full time student and \$1,125.00 for part time student.
- **Units of Study – New/Revised Curriculum.** The Board approved the Units of Study.

- 2016 – 2017 Kingsway Regional School District Curriculum Approval New/Revised Courses Phase 3.
- 2016 – 2017 Kingsway Regional School District Courses of Study, including those with updated 2015 standards.
- **Curriculum Courses of Study on KRSD.org.** The board approved the following curriculum courses of study.
 - 2016 – 2017 KRSD Middle School and High School Courses of Study, including those with updated 2015 standards.
- **NJSAC Statement of Assurance.** The Board approved the 2016 – 2017 QSAC statement of assurance (SOA) and authorizes the superintendent to submit the SOA to the Gloucester County and N.J. Departments' Office of Education.
- **Out of District Placement.** The Board approved the following out of district placements.
 - Willowglen Academy-Newton Campus - \$57,148.00 – 09/12/2016 to 06/30/2017
 - Y.A.L.E., Cherry Hill - \$48,195.00 (Responsibility of Logan Twp.) – 09/26/2016 to 06/30/2017

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 regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, November 17, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.