

September 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 regular meeting held on September 22nd.

ENROLLMENT as of September 7, 2016

High School	1771
Middle School	927
TOTAL	2,698

PRESENTATIONS

- New Staff Introductions
- Principals: Welcome Back Updates

STAFF RECOGNITION

- Christina Ludlam – Athletic Trainer
- Robert Baerman – Athletic Trainer

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- CER
- Rowan University - Memorandum of Understanding

- Superintendent/District Goals 2016 – 2017
- Group photo of Board for the Yearbook

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

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Grade Level	June %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Years Avg %
7	95.3	95.8	94.3
8	95.5	95.4	93.6
Total MS Average	95.3	95.5	93.9
9	95.1	95.1	93.3
10	94.3	94.5	92.0
11	92.8	93.5	92.4
12	94.3	92.2	91.1
Total HS Average	93.9	93.7	92.7
District Average	94.8	92.3	93.6

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Resignation:
 - Donna Carter (Human Resource Manager)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Anthony Cataldi (Cafeteria)
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved
- Substitutes:
 - Lenora Vizzini (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - Jeffrey Wolfe (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)

- Rebecca Shugarts (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Christopher Frucci (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Deanna Levito (Substitute Secretary)
- Jeannine Campbell (Substitute Secretary)
- Delaine Mercer (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Kyle McLaughlin (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- William Colon (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Jonathan Hooley (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Karen Ruesch (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Home Instructor:
 - Kathy Beaver
 - Sallie Bill
 - Kathryn Ferri
 - Edward Huchinson
 - Richard Kastrava
 - Jacqueline Keane
 - Sarah Keane
 - Maria Martin
 - Vincent Mateescu
 - John McBride
 - Laura Mervine
 - Anne Noble-Vetter
 - Marilyn O'Rourke-Young
 - Charles Rival
 - Mysti Specht
 - Elizabeth Spinner
 - Kim Vanzoeren

- Kathleen Weiland
- Paul Weiland
- Leave of Absence:
 - Roxanne Paul (Bus Driver)
 - Jason Sturek (Head Mechanic)

High School Employment

- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Antwine Perez (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved
- Leave of Absence:
 - Colby Kuhn (Physical Education Teacher)
- CER - Fall/Spring SAT Prep Course
 - Colleen Fitzpatrick (ELA Teacher)
 - Chelsea Vanderpyl (Math Teacher)

Middle School Employment

- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved
- Long Term Substitutes:
 - Tara Reinerth (Science Teacher)
 - Robert Sellen (ELA Teacher)

FUNDRAISER(S)

- **TBD Middle School Student Council.** The Middle School Student Council is holding a 2016 Speedball Fall Classic kickoff to raise funds to support projects and events sponsored by the Middle School Student Council.
- **10/3/16 – 10/21/16 Middle School Student Council.** The Middle School Student Council is selling 2016 – 2017 School Tee Shirts and Shorts to raise funds to support projects and events by the Middle School Student Council.
- **June 2017 - Middle School Sports and Health Science and Physical Education**

Fitness Fund. The Middle School Sports and Health Science and Physical Education Fitness Fund is holding the 2017 end of the year speedball game to raise funds to purchase and replace equipment in the fitness center and to enhance the Fitness Club.

- **9/26/16 – 9/30/16 High School Student Council.** The High School Student Council is selling Homecoming tickets to raise funds for the Homecoming event, donate to Bianca’s Kids, use for future student leadership training, and support other events throughout the year.
- **10/13/16 High School Student Council.** The High School Student Council is asking students to donate a dollar to wear a hat on a single day. Funds raised are donated to Heavenly Hats organization for cancer patients.
- **9/23/16 – 11/4/16 Athletics.** The Athletic group will be collecting donations at football games. The funds raised are donated to Adam Taliaferro Foundation and Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation.
- **9/30/16 - 10/30/16 Boys and Girls Cross Country.** The Boys and Girls Cross Country collecting donations on Snap Raise to raise funds for equipment, banquet and uniforms.
- **10/15/16 – 11/15/16 Renaissance Program.** The Renaissance Program are selling tickets to 76ers game to raise funds for the Renaissance prize incentives.

FIELD TRIP(S)

- **06/15/17** – The 8th grade class will be going to Penn’s Landing, Philadelphia for the 8th grade trip.
- **10/04/16 to 10/07/16** – The Junior English Class will be going to Campbell Library at Rowan University to increase awareness of the library as an academic and real world

resource and to promote information to improve literacy.

- **3/8/17 and 3/15/17** – The RCGC Priority Students will be going to RCGC for an opportunity to become acclimated to college life.
- **10/11/16** – The Student Council will be going to the College of New Jersey for the 2016 Fall Business Meeting.
- **10/13/16** – The Intro to Law group is going to Camden County Federal Courthouse to learn about the Constitution, our Court, and responsibilities of United States citizens.
- **9/24/16 to 11/19/16** - The Softball program will be donating time with Clean Communities, Lake Clean Up, and Swedesboro- Woolwich Day.
- **10/18/16** – STEM Academy Students will be visiting Exxon Mobil Paulsboro Technical Center to develop a support network to girls interested in STEM careers.

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- For the 2016 – 2017 Academic Year, Kingsway Regional School District will partner with the Data Wise Project at Harvard University’s Graduate School of Education to create case studies of what the Data Wise Improvement Process looks like when it is working well in the field.
- For three weeks in October, Kingsway Regional School District will be looking to improve engagement in student-centered learning environments with the use of the curricular elements differentiated for student interest.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
HS 08/01/2016	Start: 08:00 AM End: 04:00 PM	Fire Alarm and System Test
MS 08/26/2016	Start: 01:36 PM End: 01:51 PM	Staff Fire Drill

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS & MS 08/29/2016	Start: 10:00 AM End: 11:00 AM	MOA meeting with regional police to discuss and cover the safety and security procedures for the district for the upcoming school year

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

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

- Google Classroom for the Beginner/Intermediate User – Jaime Lloyd

Policy

The Board approved for second reading the following policies:

- Policy 3216 Dress and Grooming
- Policy 3432.1 Employee Sick Leave Bank – Teaching Staff Members
- Policy 4332.1 Employee Sick Leave Bank – Support Staff Members

The Board approved for first reading the following policies:

- Policy 5230 Late Arrival and Early Dismissal

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- TOPSports Cheerleading – Program that offers children with special needs an opportunity to participate in organized sports.

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- **Board Secretary's Report.** 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 08/31/16.
- **Inter Local Agreement with Woolwich Township Resource Officer.** The Board approved an inter local agreement with Woolwich Township for a Resource Officer commencing September 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017 for the cost of \$76,230.00.
- **Facility Use Fees Waiver.** The Board approved the following to have the facility use fees waived.
 - Kingsway Dragons Jr Wrestlers – 9/20/16 to 11/15/16
 - Gloucester County Elite AAU Basketball - 9/20/16 to 11/18/16
- **Logan ESY Transportation Jointure.** The Board approved the following transportation jointures:
 - Logan Township School District – Per Diem Routes \$105.99 per day including aide
- **2016 – 2017 Statement of assurance and HIB Self-Assessment.** The Board approved the 2016 – 2017 HIB Self-Assessment & Statement of Assurance.
- **Substitute Rates.** The Board approved the new substitute employment rates for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- **Memorandum of Agreement for Title III Consortium 2016 – 2017.** The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for Title III Consortium 2016 – 2017.
- **Coaches Handbook.** The Board approved the Coaches Handbook with revisions on page 23.

- **Out of District Placement.** The Board approved the following out of district placement.
 - Garfield Park Academy - \$53,010.00
– 9/6/2016 to 6/30/2017

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 work session meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 13, 2016**. The meeting will be held in the Board Conference Room and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, October 20, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.