

# April 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 April 25, 2019.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2019**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| High School   | 1747        |
| Middle School | 988         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2735</b> |

### **New Staff Introduction**

- None

### **Spotlight Teacher**

- Laura Reynolds (Math Teacher)

### **Spotlight Employee**

- Jeffrey Sieman (Maintenance)

The April 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.

#### **Middle School Spotlight Students**

**February 2019**

|          |               |
|----------|---------------|
| <b>G</b> | Kiara Sicilia |
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#### **Middle School Spotlight Students**

**March 2019**

|          |                                 |
|----------|---------------------------------|
| <b>D</b> | Lillian Matthias                |
| <b>R</b> | Nicholas Brown                  |
| <b>A</b> | Olivia Musumeci                 |
| <b>O</b> | John Pool                       |
| <b>N</b> | Morgan Collins<br>Hayden Lupton |

#### **High School Spotlight Students**

**March 2019**

|                        |                 |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>9<sup>th</sup></b>  | Carly Oberg     |
| <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | Avery Munoz     |
| <b>11<sup>th</sup></b> | Rachel Monahon  |
| <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> | Stephen Wilkins |

#### **Seniors of the Month**

**March 2019**

|              |
|--------------|
| Hetvi Patwa  |
| Gavin Wagner |

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- Personnel
- [2019-20 School Budget](#)

- Cyber Day

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Mr. Schimpf – [2019-20 School Budget](#)

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

*2018-2019 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for March 2019:*

| 2018-2019 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance |             |                     |                   |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grade Level   | Mar %       | 2018-2019 YTD Avg % | Past 6 Year Avg % |
| 7   | 96.3        | 96.0                | 95.5              |
| 8   | 96.0        | 95.8                | 94.9              |
| <b>Total MS Average</b>                               | <b>96.2</b> | <b>95.9</b>         | <b>95.2</b>       |
| 9   | 95.1        | 95.4                | 94.8              |
| 10  | 95.3        | 95.6                | 94.4              |
| 11  | 93.2        | 94.2                | 93.4              |
| 12  | 92.9        | 93.6                | 92.2              |
| <b>Total HS Average</b>                               | <b>94.1</b> | <b>94.7</b>         | <b>93.8</b>       |
| <b>District Average</b>                               | <b>95.1</b> | <b>95.3</b>         | <b>94.5</b>       |

**PERSONNEL**

**District Employment**

- Appointments:
  - Juan Martinez (Bus Driver)
- Retirement:
  - Roxanne Paul (Bus Driver)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Dana Stevens (Payroll Administrator)
  - Jason Sturek (Mechanic)
- Internship/Practicum:
  - Karla Morales (School Counseling – Vivian Cassidy – 09/03/2019 to 05/06/2020)

- Olivia Jacobo (Social Studies – Dave Stanton – 25 hours)
- Colin Mailley (Social Studies – Dave Stanton – 25 hours)
- William Morgan (Social Studies – Kristian Ward – 25 hours)
- Sarah Taylor (Social Studies – Kristian Ward – 25 hours)
- Joseph Davis (Social Studies – Ed Moody – 25 hours)
- Scott Pierman (Social Studies – Ed Moody – 25 hours)
- Kaina Pichardo (Spanish – Tabitha Williams – 25 hours)
- CER Workers:
  - Various positions were approved.

**High School Employment**

- Appointments:
  - Sarah Reynolds (English Teacher)
  - Robert Roman (LTS Math Teacher)
- Resignation:
  - Julianne Rickard (English Teacher)
- Retirement:
  - David Young (Math Teacher)
- Schedule “B”:
  - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
  - Sallie Bill (Guidance Substitute)
  - Nancy McCloskey (Guidance Substitute)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Amanda Ottinger (English Teacher)
  - Arthur Spence (Custodian)

**Middle School Employment**

- Appointments:
  - Allison Dickson (Science Teacher)
  - Elizabeth Spinner (Paraprofessional)
- Resignation:
  - Jennifer Cressman (Paraprofessional)

- Leaves of Absence:
  - Lourdes Perez-Nieves (Cafeteria Staff)

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **6/14/2019 Habitat for Humanity.** The Habitat for Humanity students will be hosting a theme team volleyball tournament.

**FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **06/27/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to the Cinemark Theatre.
- **07/11/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to the Big Event bowling alley.
- **07/18/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to the Oasis Family Fun Center.
- **07/25/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to the Launch Trampoline Park.
- **08/01/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to Adventure Aquarium.
- **08/08/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to Funplex Lanes.
- **08/15/2019 CER Camp** – The CER Camp will be traveling to the Cherry Hill Skating Center.
- **04/29, 05/06, 05/13, 05/20, 06/03, 06/10 and 06/17/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Rosie’s Farm and Dream Park.
- **Multiple times between 4/30/2019 and 6/1/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Best Buy.
- **04/26/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Premium Outlet.
- **05/01/2019 Mock Trial** – The Mock Trial students will be traveling to Auletto’s Catering.
- **05/01/2019 BLA** – The 10<sup>th</sup> Grade BLA students will be traveling to Virtua Hospital.

- **05/03/2019 STEM** – The STEM students will be traveling to the Colgate Palmolive’s Global Technology Center.
- **05/14/2019 BLA** - The 10<sup>th</sup> grade BLA students will be traveling to the Subaru headquarters.
- **05/17/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Ella Harris Recreation Park Outlet.
- **05/21/2019 UNIFY** – The Unify students will be traveling to Riverwinds.
- **05/29/2019 AP Biology** – The AP Biology students will be traveling to the Fox Chase Cancer Center.
- **05/30/2019 Art/Multicultural Club and STEP Team** – The Art/Multicultural Club and STEP Team will be traveling to the NJ State Teen Arts finals at Ocean County College.
- **05/31/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Rosie’s Farm Market.
- **6/13/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Shriver Pier.
- **6/7/2019 STEP** – The STEP students will be traveling to Gateway High School.
- **11/27/2019 and 11/28/2019 Marching Band.** The Marching band will be traveling to the Philadelphia Thanksgiving Day Parade.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

| School/<br>Date  | Time                             | Drill            |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| MS<br>03/11/2019 | Start: 09:37 AM<br>End: 01:42 PM | Shelter in Place |
| MS<br>03/28/2019 | Start: 01:45 PM<br>End: 01:54 PM | Fire Drill       |
| HS<br>03/11/2019 | Start: 09:35 AM<br>End: 01:47 PM | Shelter in Place |
| HS<br>03/29/2019 | Start: 09:16 AM<br>End: 09:21 AM | 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

**PROGRAMS**

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- The Stephen C. Kreps Memorial Scholarship

**OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- 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 accepted the Student Activity and Athletic Account Financial Reports for period ending March 2019.
- **2019-2020 Shared Services with Clearview for School Bus Maintenance.** The Board approved the shared service agreement.
- **2019-2020 Cooperative Transportation.**  
The Board approved the participation in Cooperative Transportation Services with the GCSSD for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Reject Insurance Bids.** The Board rejected all bids for Health Insurance received on March 11, 2019.
- **To and From Route Transportation Bid Award.** The Board approved the to and from routes for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Safety Grant Submission for 2019-2020.**  
The Board approved the submission of the

grant application for the 2019 Safety Grant Program through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group's Eric South.

- **2019-20 Budget Adoption.** The Board approved and authorized the submission of the [2019-20 School Budget](#) to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.
- **School Business Administrator Contract 2019-2020.** The Board submitted the employment contract for the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary for review and approval.
- **2018-2019 School Calendar.** The Board approved the updated 2018-2019 school calendar.

**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, May 23, 2019** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.