

February 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 February 21, 2019.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2019

| | |
|---------------|-------------|
| High School | 1746 |
| Middle School | 988 |
| TOTAL | 2734 |

STAFF RECOGNITION

Spotlight Teacher

- [Steve Ottinger](#) (Social Studies)

Spotlight Employee

- [Carmela Hampton](#) (Bus Driver)

New Staff Introduction

- Frank Patti (Bus Aide)

The February 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

January 2019

| | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| D | Ka'nya Nelson Andrew Gould |
| R | Jordyn Clarkson |
| A | Megan Lewin |
| G | Evan Sciubba |
| O | Krysta Gonzalez |
| N | Leena Hines |
| 2nd MP | Francesca Solari |

High School Spotlight Students

January 2019

| | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| 9th | Ibrahim Haque |
| 10th | Jacob Vander Vennen |
| 11th | Kennedy Waterson |
| 12th | John Retkovis III |

Seniors of the Month

December 2018

Timothy Reynolds

Seniors of the Month

January 2019

Madelynn Collins

William Pollick

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Joint Board Leadership Meeting between Kingsway/South Harrison
- High School late to class policies

PRESENTATIONS

- **Brian Tonelli** – Middle School Academic Program Spotlight – African American Living Wax Museum
- **Paul Sommers** – Hoagies 4 Hope & donation to the Hannold family

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

| 2018-2019 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance | | | |
|---|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grade Level | Jan % | 2018-2019 YTD Avg % | Past 6 Year Avg % |
| 7 | 95.7 | 96.4 | 95.5 |
| 8 | 95.1 | 96.0 | 94.9 |
| Total MS Average | 95.4 | 96.2 | 95.2 |
| 9 | 94.6 | 95.7 | 94.8 |
| 10 | 95.2 | 95.8 | 94.4 |
| 11 | 94.1 | 94.7 | 93.4 |
| 12 | 93.2 | 93.9 | 92.2 |
| Total HS Average | 94.3 | 95.0 | 93.8 |
| District Average | 94.8 | 95.6 | 94.5 |

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Leaves of Absence:
 - Dana Stevens (Payroll Administrator)
 - Heather Hampton (Bus Driver)

- Professional Learning Workshop Presenters:

- Lisa Camp – Google App-Kaizenz

High School Employment

- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - John Peplowski (Custodian)
 - Bradley Bailey (Chemistry Teacher)
- Practicum:
 - Brandon McNair (Cassie Tomczak – 15 hours between 03/06/2019 and 04/10/2019 – Math)

Middle School Employment

- Retirement:
 - Linda Levitsky (Special Education Teacher)

FUNDRAISERS

- **02/22/2019 to 04/01/2019** – The girl’s basketball team will be selling concessions at all home girl’s basketball games.
- **03/01/2019 to 03/31/2019** – The Key Club will be collecting donations for Foster Care Packs.
- **03/08/2019 to 3/22/2019** – The boy’s volleyball team will be selling gourmet popcorn.
- **04/01/2019 to 04/12/2019** – The SURE Club will be collecting donations for the Family Promise of Gloucester County.

FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **02/09/2019 Ratify & Affirm** – The UNIFY Bowling Team traveled to the NJSIAA Bowling Sectionals.
- **Multiple dates in March, April and May** – The STEP program will be traveling to the Mullica Hill Library, Petals & Paints and Ry’s Bagels.

- **03/04/2019 to 03/06/2019**– The DECA group will be traveling to the State Competition.
- **03/06/2019** – The STEM Academy will be traveling to Rutgers University.
- **03/08/2019** – The STEP program will be traveling to the Learning Resource Center.
- **03/13/2019** – The STEP program will be traveling to Marino’s.
- **03/15/2019 Updated** – The STEP program will be traveling to the Rowan Planetarium, Barnes & Noble, Ry’s Bagels and Pizza Hut.
- **03/18/2019** – The STEP program will be traveling to Shoprite.
- **03/19/2019** – The STEM Academy will be traveling to Johnstone School.
- **04/29/2019** – The Special Education Students will be traveling to the Dare to Dream Conference.
- **05/03/2019** – The SURE group will be traveling to the Family Promise of Gloucester County.
- **06/26/2019 to 07/01/2019** – The French students level 2, 3, 4 and 5AP will be traveling to Quebec Canada.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

| School/ Date | Time | Drill |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| MS 01/14/2019 | Start: 10:31 AM End: 11:35 AM | Shelter in Place |
| MS 01/29/2019 | Start: 09:20 AM End: 09:25 AM | Fire Drill |
| HS 01/14/2019 | Start: 10:10 AM End: 11:18 AM | Shelter in Place |
| HS 01/29/2019 | Start: 01:39 PM End: 01:43 PM | Fire Drill |
| HS 01/31/2019 | Start: 09:30 AM End: 09:42 AM | Fire Alarm – Tripped by water leak |

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

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 January 2018.
- **Child Nutrition Program.** The Board is not required to participate in the Child Nutrition Program (CNP) nor required to participate in the Private Schools for the Handicapped to charge students for reduced and/or paid meals for the 2019-2020 school year.
- **Tuition Agreement with Paulsboro Board of Education.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreement.
 - **Receiving District :** Paulsboro School District
 - **Duration:** 1/04/2019 – 06/30/2019
 - **Pro-rated Tuition Rate:** \$15,748.65
- **Apple Counseling Services.** The Board approved an agreement with Apple Counseling Services, LLC.
- **GCSSTD Cooperative Transportation.** The Board approved participation in Cooperative Transportation Services with the GCSSTD.

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, March 21, 2019 in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.