

September Board Brief



Committed to Excellence

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 September 20th and 25th, 2018.

ENROLLMENT as of September 5, 2018

High School	1771
Middle School	985
TOTAL	2756

DISTINGUISEHD SERVICE AWARDS

The BOE [honored a number of key players who played integral roles in the advocacy of fair school funding](#). The following individuals were recognized with **Distinguished Service Awards**, the District's highest award.

- Stephen M. Sweeney, Senate President
- John Burzichelli, NJ State Assembly
- Adam Taliaferro, NJ State Assembly
- Tom Fromm, Mayor of Swedesboro
- Jim Mueller, Board President
- Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm, BOE
- Dr. Michele Blair, BOE
- Mia Randazzo, BOE
- Dr. James J. Lavender, Superintendent

FAIR FUNDING CELEBRATION

The District hosted a celebratory event on September 25th that had somewhat of a pep rally feel, which included a number of student abassadors welcoming guests and dignitaries and the marching band playing prior to the start of the ceremony.

- To review pictures highlighting the District's pursuit of fair funding, click [HERE](#).
- To watch a brief clip of video highlights from the District's fair funding fight, click [HERE](#).

STAFF RECOGNITION

School Administration introduced 43 new teachers and support staff to members of the Board of Education.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Back to School Night
- School Opening
- High School Class Size & Teacher Load
- Personnel Update
- CBA and Retroactive Pay
- KPSA CBA Status
- School Boards Convention
- School Funding Celebration
- New Teacher Introductions

PRESENTATIONS

- None

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2017-2018 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for June:

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of Students in Attendance**

Grade Level	June %	2017-2018 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	96.3	95.6	95.4
8	95.1	94.4	94.8
Total MS Average	95.7	95.0	95.1
9	94.5	94.0	94.7
10	93.1	93.8	94.0
11	92.2	93.3	93.1
12	88.2	92.4	92.0
Total HS Average	94.4	93.8	93.4
District Average	93.9	94.4	94.2

PERSONNEL

KPSA Agreement - Revised:

The Board of Education approved the KPSA Agreement. Correspondence will be sent on an individual basis

2018-2019 Represented Staff Salary Adjustments. The Board approved salary adjustments for represented staff members.

2018-2019 Non-Represented Staff Salary Adjustments. The Board approved salary adjustments for non-represented staff members.

District Employment

- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Martha Dean (Bus Driver)
 - Lori Baker (Accounts Payable Specialist)

High School Employment

- Retirement:
 - Laura Newton (Special Education Teacher)

- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Professional Learning Workshop Presenters:
 - Lisa Camp (World Language Teacher)
 - Allison Shelly (Special Education Teacher)
- Practicum:
 - Lauren Dunmyer (Maria DiGiovanni – Social Work-09/21/18 to 12/21/2018)

Middle School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Caroline Seymour (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Sharon Freeman (Custodian)
 - Steven Hildebrand (Health & Physical Education Teacher)
- Professional Learning Workshop Presenters:
 - Jaime Lloyd (English Teacher)
 - Jennifer Skelly (Special Education Teacher)

FUNDRAISERS

- **10/20/2018 (rain date 10/27/2018) Girls Cross Country.** The Girls Cross Country team will be hosting a Halloween Run to raise funds to purchase team equipment and support events.
- **10/25/2018 to 11/15/2018 Interact Club.** The Interact Club will be collecting food donations for a food pantry.
- **10/27/2018 (rain date 11/10/2018) Interact Club.** The Interact Club will be working with Clean Communities to raise funds to support the KEA with gift bags.
- **01/12/2019 Student Council.** The Student Council will be hosting Kingsway Live to

raise funds to support Student Council events.

- **02/08/2019 National Art Honor Society.** The Nation Art Honor Society will be selling soup and handmade bowls to raise funds to donate to a food pantry.

FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **09/18/2018** – The STEP Group traveled to Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **09/20/2018** - The STEP Group traveled to Acme.
- **09/25/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **09/26/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to Chick-fil-A.
- **10/01/2018** – The STEP Group will be traveling to Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **10/05/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to the Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **10/09/2018** – The Student Council will be traveling to the College of New Jersey.
- **10/17/2018** - The DECA Group will be traveling to Kean University.
- **10/17/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to Acme.
- **10/17/2018** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **10/19/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to the Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **10/25/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to Rosie’s Farm & South Harrison School.
- **10/31/2018** - The STEP Group will be traveling to the Swedesboro Diner.
- **11/01/2018** - The BLA Academy will be traveling to the Campbell’s Soup Company.
- **11/12/2018** – The Student Council will be traveling to the NJASC Executive Board Meeting.
- **11/21/2018** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **12/01/2018** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to the Phillies Organization.
- **12/01/2018** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to the WAWA Corporate Headquarters.
- **12/10/2018** – The Student Council will be traveling to the NJASC Executive Board Meeting.
- **12/19/2018** – The Student Council will be traveling to Head Start.
- **12/19/2018** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **01/09/2019** – The DECA group will be traveling to the Crowne Plaza.
- **01/09/2019** – The Student Council will be traveling to the NJASC Winter Convention.
- **01/16/2019** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **02/01/2019** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to Villanova University.
- **02/04/2019** – The Student Council will be traveling to a NJASC Executive Board Meeting.
- **02/06/2019** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **02/20/2019** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.

- **03/01/2019** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to the Wegmans Corporation.
- **04/01/2019** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to Virtua Voorhees Hospital.
- **04/10/2019** – The Student Council will be traveling to Head Start.
- **04/17/2019** - The SURE group will be traveling to a Planning Meeting and Conference.
- **05/30/2019** – The Student Council will be traveling to Jackson, NJ.

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- None

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.

- 5512.01 – Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

AWARD(S) and SCHOLARSHIP(S)

The Board approved the following award(s) and scholarship(s)

- None

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved.

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 August 2018.
- **Transportation Bid Award – GCIT4.** The Board approved the to and from bus routes for the 2018-2019 school year for GCIT4.
- **Void AP Checks.** The Board approved the outstanding checks to be voided.
- **Settlement.** The Board approved the settlement and release agreement negotiated by counsel for all parties.
- **Special Olympics Grant.** The Board accepted a Special Olympics Play Unified Grant in the amount of \$3,300.00.
- **Official Depositories and Signatories.** The Board approved as official depositories and signatories of the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education in accordance with the Governmental Unit Deposit Protection Act.
- **Bid Award High School Kitchen Air Conditioning Upgrades.** The Board awarded Falasca Mechanical the construction contract in the amount of \$82,600.00 for the Kingsway High School kitchen air conditioning upgrades.
- **Adoption of Substitute Employment Rates.** The Board approved the substitute employment rates for the period of September 4, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

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, October 18, 2018** in the Eitel Theater and begins at 7:00 p.m.