

# February 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 February 20, 2020.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2020**

High School	1775
Middle School	1031
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2806</b>

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**

**February 2020**

<b>K</b>	Isabella Gular
<b>I</b>	Shane Mistichelli
<b>N</b>	Dan Jespersen Riley Hanratty
<b>G</b>	Joseph Chropka
<b>S</b>	Jordyn Johnson
<b>W</b>	Shauna Mullen
<b>A</b>	Milani Parikh
<b>Y</b>	Hannah Ferris

### **High School Spotlight Students**

**January 2020**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Jacob Mason
10 <sup>th</sup>	Peyton Rieger
11 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Castillo
12 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Ibekwe-Carter

### **Seniors of the Month**

**January 2020**

Samuel Allen
Divum Raval

### **Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy VFW Essay Contest Winners**

8 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Jessica Blanda
10 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Madison Lavender

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- None

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- New Staff Introductions

### **PRESENTATIONS**

- Wendy Beckett, VP Greater Swedesboro Business Association – Donation to Kingsway Cafeteria Program

- Mr. Tonelli, Mr. Dubbs, Mr. Hildebrand, Ms. DiBenedetto – Middle School Academic Program Update: Unified Health & Physical Education Program

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

*2019-2020 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for January 2020:*

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Grade Level	Jan %	2019-2020 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	98.1	96.7	95.5
8	97.8	96.3	94.9
<b>Total MS Average</b>	<b>98.0</b>	<b>96.5</b>	<b>95.2</b>
9	94.3	95/3	94.8
10	93.9	94.4	94.4
11	94.1	94.8	93.4
12	92.2	93.2	92.2
<b>Total HS Average</b>	<b>93.7</b>	<b>94.4</b>	<b>93.8</b>
<b>District Average</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>95.5</b>	<b>94.5</b>

**PERSONNEL**

**District Employment**

- Non-Certified Staff:  
None
- Substitutes:  
None
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Joseph Scordo (Bus Driver)
- Resignation:  
None
- Practicum/Internship:
  - Jullia Wiberg (Health & Physical Education– Field Experience)
  - Gianna Moyer (Health & Physical Education– Field Experience)

- Alexa Nunzio (Health & Physical Education– Field Experience)
- Warren Pierce (Health & Physical Education– Field Experience)
- Courtney Short (Health & Physical Education– Field Experience)

**High School Employment**

- Certified Staff:
  - Jennifer Arcolesse (LTS Teacher of Mathematics)
- Leave of Absence:
  - Alisa Camp (Teacher of Italian)
- Resignation:
  - John Herman (Custodian)
- Retirement:
  - Carol Ewald (Teacher of Family & Consumer Science) with 19 years of service
- Schedule “B”:  
Various positions were approved

**Middle School Employment**

- Certified Staff:
  - Tammy Furber (Paraprofessional)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Eileen Highland (Paraprofessional)
  - Nicholas Magnotta (Teacher of Art)
- Resignation:
  - Jessica Immediato (Paraprofessional)
  - Christian Lynch (Teacher of Science)
  - Aileen Parker (Paraprofessional)
- Retirement:
  - Leonard Pospiech (Teacher of Business) with 18 years of service
- Schedule “B”:
  - Various positions were approved

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **3/16/2020 to 4/03/2020** – The HS Renaissance Program will be selling coupon books to raise funds for prizes and cafe café/snacks

- **3/19/2020** – The MS Academic Assistance Program will sell concessions at the March Madness Tournament to raise funds for the AAP field trip
- **3/13/2020 to 3/27/2020** – The Boy’s Volleyball team will be selling gourmet popcorn to raise funds for team events, apparel, senior night and team banquet
- **3/1/2020** – The Girl’s Softball team will be having a clothing drive to raise funds for their team banquet
- **4/1/2020** – The Girl’s Softball team will be serving in a community cleanup to raise funds for softball team senior gifts
- **4/30/2020** – The MS #1DragonFamily will be selling sandwiches to raise funds to support the Australia wildfires
- **3/27/2020** – The MS #1DragonFamily Kindness Challenge will accept donations to participate in Pajama Day or handmade cards to give to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia
- **2/27/2020** – The MS Mentoring Program will host a floor hockey tournament to raise funds to support the Mentoring Program
- **3/11/2020** – The HS STEP students will travel to Pizza Villa
- **3/18/2020** – The HS STEP students will travel to Hollywood Diner
- **3/25/2020** – HS STEP students will travel to Philly Soft Pretzel
- **4/17/2020 to 4/18/2020** – The Boy’s Volleyball Team will travel to Rhode Island College for a tournament
- **2/15/2020 to 2/16/2020** – The Boy’s Wrestling Team will travel to the NJSIAA State Group IV Championships at Toms River North
- **3/23/2020** – Student Council will attend the Student State Executive Board Meeting at Pemberton Township High School

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

- Chelsea Valdera: Master’s Program Capstone Project: The Effectiveness of Using Collaborative Learning in an Honors Algebra 2 Classroom
- Melissa Lachall: Cabrini University Communication Department Interview: Education Inequity Multimedia Web Project

#### FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **4/6/2020 to 4/10/2020** – The Senior Class of 2020 will travel to Orlando, Florida
- **4/3/2020** – The Film Studies Club will travel to Cinemark16
- **5/21/2020** – The Art Club/Photo Club will travel to the MET Fifth Avenue
- **3/10/2020 (snow date 3/12/2020)** – The Science Olympiad Club will travel to Middlesex County College for the Science Olympiad State Competition
- **5/27/2020** – The MS Student Council will travel to Six Flags Great Adventure
- **3/4/2020** – The HS STEP students will travel to ShopRite

#### POLICY

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

- Policy 2624 – Grading System
- Regulation 2624 – Grading System
- Policy 5410 – Promotion and Retention (M)
- Regulation 5420 – Reporting Pupil Progress
- Policy 5430 – Grade Point Average (GPA) (f/k/a Class Rank)
- Policy 5440 – Honoring Pupil Achievement
- Policy 5460 – High School Graduation (M)

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:

- None

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

- None

**OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- Various placements were approved

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/Date	Time	Drill
MS 01/07/2020	Start: 09:45 AM End: 09:53 AM	Fire Drill
MS 01/17/2020	Start: 01:40 PM End: 01:46 PM	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
HS 01/16/2020	Start: 01:00 PM End: 01:13 PM	Lockdown – minor issues (technology)
HS 01/24/2020	Start: 01:09 PM End: 01:13 PM	Fire Drill

**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 26, 2020 in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.

**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 the period ending January 31, 2020.
- **The Board approved a Contract with Clearview Regional School District Board of Education** for sports runs on an as-needed basis beginning 1/2/2020 through 6/30/2020.
- **The Board approved Kingway Regional School District to apply for a LEAP (Local Efficiency Achievement Program) Implementation Grant.**