

# January 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 January 23, 2020.**

<b>ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2019</b>	
High School	1777
Middle School	1027
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2804</b>

The January 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](#).

### STAFF RECOGNITION

#### Teacher of the Year

- High School – Allison Shelley (Special Education)
- Middle School – Susan Dillard (Special Education)

### Educational Services Professional of the Year

- Christina Ludlam (Nurse)

### 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.

<b>Middle School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>January 2020</b>	
<b>K</b>	Annaliese Kipers
<b>I</b>	Julianna Jones
<b>N</b>	Sophie Bell
<b>G</b>	Antonia Pechlivanidis
<b>S</b>	Miranda Fuchs Patience Blair
<b>W</b>	Dillon Dukes
<b>A</b>	Braiden Tedesco
<b>Y</b>	Ashley Brown
<b>DRAGON</b>	Ryland Mishura

<b>High School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>December 2019</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Joel Toby
10 <sup>th</sup>	Brian Talton
11 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Morris
12 <sup>th</sup>	Isabella Huhn

<b>Seniors of the Month</b>	
<b>December 2019</b>	
John Fitzpatrick	
Andrew Hermansen	

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Kingsway's School of Health Professions Proposal
- School District Consolidation Studies

**STAFF RECOGNITION**

- New Staff Introductions

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Holman, Frenia, Allison, PC – 2018-2019 Audit Presentation
- Melvin Allen – HS Academic Program Spotlight

**ATTENDANCE SUMMARY**

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

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Grade Level	Dec %	2019-2020 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	95.0	96.4	95.5
8	94.7	95.9	94.9
<b>Total MS Average</b>	<b>94.9</b>	<b>96.1</b>	<b>95.2</b>
9	94.4	95.6	94.8
10	93.5	94.5	94.4
11	94.0	95.0	93.4
12	93.2	93.5	92.2
<b>Total HS Average</b>	<b>93.8</b>	<b>94.6</b>	<b>93.8</b>
<b>District Average</b>	<b>94.3</b>	<b>95.4</b>	<b>94.5</b>

**PERSONNEL**

**District Employment**

- Non-Certified Staff:
  - None
- Substitutes:
  - Renee Jastrzembki (Cafeteria Worker)
  - Kathryn Ross (Cafeteria Worker)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Joseph Scaffo (Network Technician)
- Resignation:
  - Gertrude Dallett (Bus Driver)

- Practicum/Internship:
  - Alexandria Amiss (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Gina Frazzetto (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Deric Luciano (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Brian Nichols (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Olivia Salandra (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - James Cascio (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Nicholas Davis (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Anthony Lane (Special Education – Field Experience)
  - Julia 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:
  - Katy Kelly (HS Teacher of Spanish)
- Schedule “B”:
  - Various positions were approved
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Katherine Bond (Teacher of English)
  - Sara Bruce (Teacher of Health & Physical Education)
  - Alisa Camp (Teacher of Italian)
  - Becky Cochran (Teacher of Biology)
  - Karen Storey (Custodian)
  - Chelsea Valdera (Teacher of Math)

**Middle School Employment**

- Certified Staff:
  - Katie Ford (Secretary to Pupil Services and M.S. Nurse’s Office)

- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved

#### FUNDRAISERS

- **2/3/2020 to 2/7/2020** – The Habitat for Humanity Club will be conducting Penny Wars to purchase building materials.
- **2/4/2020** – The SADD Club will hold a Chick-Fil-A night to purchase club t-shirts.
- **2/10/2020 to 2/14/2020** – The Dragon SPARK Club will be collecting coins to donate to the Cathedral Kitchen.
- **2/21/2020 to 3/2/2020** – The Musical will be selling advertisements for the program booklet to purchase props and supplies.
- **3/1/2020 to 3/15/2020** – The Kingsway Key Club will be collecting items for Foster Karing Kits to donate to the Gloucester County Office of Children & Families.
- **3/12/2020 to 3/14/2020** – The Musical will be selling tickets for admission to the Spring Musical to purchase props and supplies.

#### FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **1/22/2020** – The MS STEP students traveled to ShopRite.
- **1/25/2020 and 2/22/2020** – The Ski/Snowboard Club will travel to Jack Frost Ski Resort
- **2/1/2020, 2/29/2020 and 3/28/2020** – The Model UN Club will travel to the Model UN Conferences.
- **2/3/2020** – Student Council NJ Executive Board Member will travel to the first State Student Council meeting at Franklin H.S.
- **2/12/2020** – The HS STEP students will travel to Sally Beauty, Petco and Lowes.
- **2/20/2020** – The HS STEP students will travel to the Amish Market
- **2/21/2020** – The Business Leadership Academy students will travel to Widener University.

- **2/25/2020** – The BLA Juniors will travel to St. Joseph's University School of Business
- **2/26/2020** – HS STEP students will travel to the AMC Movie Theater
- **3/2/2020 to 3/4/2020** – The DECA Club will attend the State Competition in Atlantic City.
- **3/16/2020** – The Sophomore BLA Students will travel to the American Water Headquarters.
- **7/6/2020 to 7/14/2020** – The Spanish Students will travel to Costa Rica for a cultural experience to practice Spanish.

#### RESEARCH PROJECT

- 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.

- Policy 3212 – Attendance
- Regulation 3432 – Sick Leave
- Policy 4212 – Attendance
- Regulation 4432 – Sick Leave

#### 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 12/12/2019	Start: 09:31 AM End: 09:45 AM	Precautionary Lockdown drill
MS 12/19/2019	Start: 03:35 PM End: 03:42 PM	Fire Drill
HS 12/13/2019	Start: 11:28 AM End: 12:00 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 12/20/2019	Start: 11:03 AM End: 11:06 AM	Fire Drill

**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 December 2019.
- **Grant Acceptance.** The Board accepted a \$1,000 grant from The First Day of School Foundation to be used for student supplies and classroom materials for the M.S. Special Education classroom.
- **Transportation Contract with Holcomb Transportation, LLC.** The Board approved the transportation contract with Holcomb Transportation, LLC to New Hope Academy.
- **Transportation Contract with Camden County Educational Services Commission.** The Board approved the transportation contract with Camden County Educational Services Commission to Garfield Park Academy.
- **Approval of Program Planning Guide.** The Board approved the Program Planning Guide for the 2020-2021 school year.

**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, February 20, 2020 in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.

**TOAST OF THE TOWN – CANCELED**

Dear School Community,

This message is to inform you that this year's [8<sup>th</sup> Annual Toast of the Town](#) event scheduled for Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup>, has been cancelled, due to low participation and ticket sales.

We sincerely apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and look forward to partnering with our school community again for future events that support the Kingsway Education Foundation. We are issuing full refunds to those who have already purchased tickets and you will receive confirmation that the refund was processed soon.

The Kingsway Education Foundation (KEF) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 2010 to raise funds to support programs, equipment needs, and activities at Kingsway Regional Middle and High Schools. Similar to a local Home and School Association, funding raised through KEF helps fill in the gaps in programming and activities and supports student scholarships that cannot be included in the school budget. To learn more about KEF and how it has supported the Kingsway Regional School District, Click [HERE](#).

Thank you all who have supported the Kingsway Education Foundation in the past and, in particular, the Toast of the Town event.