

October 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 October 17, 2019.

ENROLLMENT as of September 30, 2019

High School	1785
Middle School	1025
TOTAL	2810

The October 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

September 2019

K	Jack Cordery
I	Jack Heino
N	Michel Shultz
G	Alayna Riepen
S	Megan Gorman
W	Kayla Donaruma
A	Siena Schenck AJ Ashlock
Y	Nicholas DeCinque

High School Spotlight Students

September 2019

9 th	Anabelle McGowan
10 th	Caitlyn Hickey
11 th	Kerry O'Connor
12 th	Anastasia Manes

Seniors of the Month

September 2019

Richard Jaramillo
Gabriella Velez

- **Governor's STEM Scholars Program –**
Bhavanna Chamarthi – 2019-2020
Governor's STEM Scholars Program
Recipient

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Shared Services Meeting with South Harrison
- Stadium and Track Expansion Project Update

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Staff Introduction

PRESENTATIONS

- Mrs. Calandro – State Testing Update

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

2019-2020 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance			
Grade Level	Sep %	2019-2020 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	97.8	97.8	95.5
8	97.6	97.6	94.9
Total MS Average	97.7	97.7	95.2
9	97.1	97.1	94.8
10	96.5	96.5	94.4
11	96.5	96.5	93.4
12	95.6	95.6	92.2
Total HS Average	96.4	96.4	93.8
District Average	97.1	97.1	94.5

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Non- Certified Staff:
 - Lolita Arias (Bus Aide)
- Retirement:
 - Larry Lore (Building & Grounds Supervisor)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved
- Substitute:
 - Christine Minot (Custodian)
 - Bruce Danner (Custodian)
 - Nicholas DiBartolo (Custodian)
- Field Experience:
 - Jakob Molloster (Tom Yourison – Social Studies)
- Professional Learning Workshop Presenters:
 - Rory Nordberg (BrainPop)

High School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Monique Stowman-Burke (Assistant Principal)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Michael Mulligan (English Teacher)
 - Patricia Shields (Secretary)

Middle School Employment

- Certified Staff:
 - Laura Campbell (Learning Disabilities Teacher and Consultant)
- Resignation:
 - Jennifer Beckett (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved

FUNDRAISERS

- **10/19/2019** – The Key Club will be working with Woolwich Clean Communities.
- **10/24/2019 to 10/25/2019** – The Fuel Up to Play 60 will be hosting a dodgeball tournament.
- **10/26/2019** – The Interact Club will be working with Woolwich Clean Communities.
- **10/28/2019 to 11/19/2019** – The Interact Club will be holding a food drive.
- **11/2/2019** – The Habitat for Humanity Club will be selling items from reclaimed wood.
- **12/2/2019 to 12/16/2019** – The Foreign Language Club will be selling handwoven bracelets.
- **12/9/2019 to 12/21/2019** – The Environmental Club will be selling Christmas plants grown by the club.
- **12/9/2019, 12/12/2019 and 12/20/2019** – The Choir will be selling candy grams.
- **1/13/2020 to 1/24/2020** – The Student Council will be selling tickets to Kingsway Live.

- **2/8/2019** – The National Art Honor Society will be selling bowls.
- **3/30/2020 to 4/3/2020** – The Student Council will be collecting coins.
- **5/8/2020** – The National Art Honor Society will be selling paintings, baskets and food.

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **10/2/2019** – The STEP students traveled to Duffield's Farm Market
- **11/16, 12/14, 1/18, 2/25, 3/21, 4/18 and 5/16/2020** – The Habitat for Humanity students traveled and will be traveling to community service projects.
- **10/16, 11/20, 12/18, 1/15, 2/5 and 2/19/2020** – The SURE Students traveled and will be traveling to Summit monthly meetings.
- **10/24/2019** – The Choral Department will be traveling to Rowan University.
- **10/29/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to Cecil Creek Farms.
- **11/4/2019 and 2/4/2020** – The SURE and SIA students will be traveling to SIA conferences.
- **11/12/2019** – The BLA 9th Grade students will be traveling to Stockton University.
- **11/13/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to the Pink Lotus.
- **11/14/2019** – The Freshman Learning Team will be traveling to Rowan University.
- **11/15/2019** – The BLA Seniors will be traveling to Freddy's & Penn Oaks Golf Club.
- **11/15/2019** – The Unified students will be traveling to Riverwinds.
- **11/16/2019** – The PRISM students will be traveling to the 16th Annual GSA Forum.
- **11/19/2019** – Some High School students will be traveling to a College Fair.
- **11/20/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to Shoprite.

- **11/20/2019** – The Anti-Bullying Club will be traveling to Harker Elementary School.
- **12/11/2019** – The Student Council will be traveling to Head Start, the police department and Applebees.
- **1/3/2020** – The High School Renaissance students will be traveling to Dave and Busters.
- **1/8/2020** – The Student Council will be traveling to TCNJ.
- **1/16/2020** – The Science Olympiad students will be traveling to Camden County College.
- **1/30/2020** – The STEM Academy 2022 will be traveling to Adventure Aquarium.
- **2/20/2020** – The STEM Academy and Computer Club students will be traveling to the Amazon Fulfillment Center.
- **3/10/2020** – The Science Olympiad students will be traveling to Middlesex County College.
- **3/13/2020** – The World Wildlife Fund students will be traveling to Adventure Aquarium.
- **3/19/2020** – The SURE students will be traveling to Rowan University.
- **3/27/2020** – The STEM Academy students will be traveling to Rowan CREATE.
- **4/3/2020** – The STEM Academy students will be traveling to Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory.
- **4/22/2020** – The Student Council will be traveling to Headstart, the police department and Applebees.
- **4/24/2020** – The Computer Science Club will be traveling to the Amazon Fulfillment Center.
- **5/1/2020** – The STEM Academy students will be traveling to Colgate and Palmolive.

- **5/1/2020** – The STEM Academy students will be traveling to the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine.
- **5/27/2020** – The Student Council will be traveling to Six Flags Great Adventure.
- **6/2/2020** – The AP Physics 1 & 2 students will be traveling to Six Flags Great Adventure.
- **6/24/ to 7/2/2020** – The French Students Level 3-5 AP will be traveling to France.
- **6/5/2020** – The Middle School Choir will be traveling to the Choir Adjudication and Competition.
- **6/9/2020** – The 7th Grade students will be traveling to YMCA Camp.

RESEARCH PROJECT

- None

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
MS 09/09/2019	Start: 02:30 PM End: 03:15 PM	Staff discuss of drill procedures and expectation
MS 09/13/2019	Start: 07:40 AM End: 07:56 AM	Evacuation Drill
MS 09/20/2019	Start: 09:00 AM End: 10:00 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 09/26/2019	Start: 01:33 PM End: 01:40 PM	Fire Drill
MS 09/30/2019	Start: 08:00 AM End: 08:45 AM	Cafeteria Staff were provided with evacuation training
HS 09/10/2019	Start: 12:27 PM End: 12:31 PM	Fire Alarm
HS 09/16/2019	Start: 07:57 AM End: 08:15 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 09/20/2019	Start: 08:39 AM End: 10:10 AM	Evacuation 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:

- None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- 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 the period ending September 2019.

- **GCIT Tuition 2019-2020.** The Board approved the GCIT tuition for the 2019-2020 school year.

- **Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act School Self-Assessment 2018-2019.** The Board approved the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act School Self-Assessment 2018-2019.

- **Textbook and Program Adoption.** The Board approved the textbooks and programs for the 2019-2020 school year.

- **Job Description.** The following job description was approved:

- Administrative Assistant to Building and Grounds Supervisor.

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