

# July-August 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 July 25, 2019 and August 22, 2019.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of June 31, 2019**

|               |             |
|---------------|-------------|
| High School   | 1740        |
| Middle School | 987         |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>2727</b> |

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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

- Administrative Goals
- Personnel Update
- Transportation & Rte. 322 Project
- [Coming Soon! New Track & Field Project](#)
- 5:45 Late Bus returns to Kingsway

### ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

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

| 2018-2019 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance |        |                     |                   |
|---|--------|---------------------|-------------------|
| Grade Level   | June % | 2018-2019 YTD Avg % | Past 6 Year Avg % |
| 7   | 96.4   | 95.9                | 95.5              |
| 8   | 96.9   | 95.8                | 94.9              |
| Total MS Average                                      | 96.7   | 95.8                | 95.2              |
| 9   | 95.3   | 95.2                | 94.8              |
| 10  | 95.3   | 95.5                | 94.4              |
| 11  | 94.5   | 94.1                | 93.4              |
| 12  | 89.8   | 92.9                | 92.2              |
| Total HS Average                                      | 93.7   | 94.4                | 93.8              |
| District Average                                      | 95.2   | 95.1                | 94.5              |

### PERSONNEL

#### District Employment

- Appointments:
  - John Herman (Custodian)
  - Anne Byrne (Administrative Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer)
- Resignation:
  - Julie Miller (Administrative Assistant to the Chief Academic Officer)
- Retirement:
  - Kenneth Burr (Maintenance Worker)
- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
  - Lolita Arias (Substitute Bus Aide)
  - Giovanna Bindi (Substitute Cafeteria Worker)
  - Marvin Howard (Substitute Custodian)

- Sarah Willis (Substitute Cafeteria Worker)
- Denise Sheridan (Substitute Cafeteria Worker)
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Donna Selfridge (Bus Driver)
- Summer Hours:
  - Various positions were approved.

### High School Employment

- Appointments:
  - Olivia Kimber (Chemistry Teacher)
  - Erin Bernat (Health & Physical Education Teacher)
  - Stephanie Lappen (Special Education Teacher)
  - Kyle Louis (Special Education Teacher)
  - Kathleen Burns (LTS Spanish Teacher)
  - Robert Cressman (LTS Math Teacher)
  - Bobbi Havers (English Teacher)
  - Elizabeth Porcellini (LTS Family & Consumer Science Teacher)
- Resignation:
  - Phillip Whitehurst (Math Teacher)
  - Tara Cunningham (Math Teacher)
  - Stephanie Taraschi (Health and Physical Education Teacher)
  - Marissa Whitten (English Teacher and Assistant Play Director)
- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Stephanie Vitelli (Guidance Counselor)
  - Jeanine Delaney (Business Teacher)
  - Carol Ewald (Family and Consumer Science Teacher)

### Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
  - Kathleen Bially (Media Specialist)
- Resignation:
  - Kimberly Pinkham (Media Specialist)

- Retirement:
  - Ingrid Luongo (Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant)
- Schedule "B":
  - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Danielle Altersitz (Math Teacher)

### FUNDRAISERS

- **08/19/2019 to 09/06/2019** – The Field Hockey team will be selling popcorn.
- **08/28/2019** – The Cheerleading team held a car wash.
- **09/11/2019 to 09/23/2019** – The Class of 2020 will be selling Homecoming t-shirts.
- **12/02/2019 to 12/16/2019** – The Middle School will be collecting items to donate to a local church in need.
- **04/23/2020** – The Middle School will be holding a Walk-a-thon.

### FIELD TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **08/26/2019** – The Boys Soccer team traveled to Ocean City, NJ.
- **08/30/2019** – The Girls Soccer team traveled to Ocean City, NJ.
- **09/27/2019** – The Field Hockey team traveled to Ocean City, NJ.
- **11/21/2019 to 11/24/2019** – The Princeton Model Congress students will be traveling to Washington, DC.
- **12/13/2019** – The Model Congress students will be traveling to Trenton, NJ.
- **01/04/2020** – The Drama Club, Public Speaking Class and the Debate Class will be traveling to Columbus, NJ.
- **01/25/2020** – The Drama Club, Public Speaking Class and the Debate Class will be traveling to Woolwich Township, NJ.

- **02/01/2020** – The Drama Club, Public Speaking Class and the Debate Class will be traveling to Voorhees, NJ.
- **02/08/2020** – The Drama Club, Public Speaking Class and the Debate Class will be traveling to Egg Harbor City, NJ.
- **02/21/2020** – The Model Congress students will be traveling to Trenton, NJ.
- **02/29/2020 snow date 03/01/2020** – The Drama Club, Public Speaking Class and the Debate Class will be traveling to Hazlet, NJ.
- **03/19/2020 to 03/20/2020** – The Model Congress students will be traveling to Lawrence Township, NJ.
- **05/29/2020** – The Middle School Renaissance students will be traveling to Funplex.
- **06/11/2020** - The 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be traveling to the Spirit of Philadelphia.
- **09/11/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to the Dollar Tree.
- **09/12, 09/19, 09/26, 10/03, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 and 10/31/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to the Petals and Paints.
- **09/18/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to Shoprite.
- **09/18/2019** – The STEP students will be traveling to Shoprite.
- **09/25/2019** – The STEP student will be traveling to Barnes & Noble.
- **10/16/2019** – The STEP student will be traveling to Shoprite.
- **10/23/2019** – The STEP student will be traveling to Dollar Tree.
- **10/29/2019** – The STEP student will be traveling to the Harrison House.

**RESEARCH PROJECT**

- **2019-2020 School Year** – The purpose is to collaborate with College Board to plan,

implement and assess the success of the newly redesigned curriculum.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

| School/Date      | Time                             | Drill                        |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| MS<br>06/03/2019 | Start: 09:35 AM<br>End: 09:45 AM | Precautionary Lockdown Drill |
| MS<br>06/27/2019 | Start: 01:15 PM<br>End: 01:20 PM | Fire Drill                   |
| HS<br>06/07/2019 | Start: 09:34 AM<br>End: 10:00 AM | Precautionary Lockdown Drill |
| HS<br>06/24/2019 | Start: 10:45 AM                  | Security 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:

- Fall Athletic Schedule 2019

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

- Various placements were approved.

**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 June 2019 and July 2019.
- **GCIT Pool Lease.** The Board approved the lease agreement with Gloucester County Vocational Technical School District for the use of their pool.
  - **Parental Transportation Contract.** The Board approved a Parental Transportation Contract with Craig and Maria Blanda to YALE-Evans Elementary.
  - **Transportation Contract with Gateway Regional.** The Board approved a transportation contract with Gateway Regional School District.
  - **Transportation Contract Renewals.** The Board approved the transportation contract renewals.
  - **CRESS Contract.** The Board approved the CRESS contract.
  - **PT Services Tamera Siner.** The Board approved a contract with Tamera Siner to provide physical therapy student services at a cost of \$68.00 per hour.
  - **Facility Use Waiver for KEF.** The Board will waive the insurance requirement and facility use fees for the Kingsway Education Foundation for all activities held on Kingsway property.
  - **Official Depositories and Signatories.** The Board approved the official depositories and signors of the Kingsway Regional School District.
  - **Establishment of Petty Cash.** The Board authorized the establishment of the STEP petty cash account.
  - **Rejection of Bids Received for the Track and Stadium Expansion Project.** The Board rejected all bids received in relation to the Track and Stadium Expansion Project.
  - **2019-2020 KRHS Student Handbook.** The Board approved the 2019-2020 KRHS Student Handbook.
  - **2019-2020 KRMS Student Handbook.** The Board approved the 2019-2020 KRMS Student Handbook.
  - **2019-2020 KRHS Activity Advisors Handbook.** The Board approved the 2019-2020 KRHS Activity Advisors Handbook.
  - **2019-2020 KRHS Athletic Coaches Handbook.** The Board approved the 2019-2020 KRHS Athletic Coaches Handbook.
  - **2019-2020 KRSD Parent & Athlete Handbook.** The Board approved the 2019-2020 KRHS Parent & Athlete Handbook.
  - **Parental Transportation Contract.** The Board approved a parental transportation contract with Dorothy Bianco-Shulman.
  - **Transportation Jointure with South Harrison.** The Board approved a transportation contract with South Harrison Township School District.
  - **Bid Award for transportation routes.** The Board approved the routes for the 2019-2020 school year.
  - **Joint Transportation Agreements.** The Board approved the Joint transportation agreements.
  - **Joint Purchasing Agreement with Penns Grove-Carneys Point.** The Board approved the joint purchasing agreements with the Penns Grove-Carneys Point School District for the acquisition of ice cream, milk, juice, dairy and bake goods.
  - **Receiving District Tuition with Clearview.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreement.
    - **Sending District:** Clearview Regional School District  
**Duration:** 09/01/2019 – 06/30/2020  
**Annual Tuition Rate:** \$10,861.00  
**ICS 3 hours/day:** \$4,724.10
  - **Professional Development Plans and Teacher Mentor Program.** The Board approved the District Professional Development Plan, High School Professional

Development Plan, Middle School Professional Development Plan and the Teacher Mentor Program.

- **Teacher and Administrator Evaluation Model.** The Board approved the use of the Marzano Teacher Evaluation Model.

#### 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, September 26, 2019 in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.