

# April 2021 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 April 29, 2020.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2021**

High School	1789
Middle School	1023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2812</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):

- Summer School 2021
- Increased Instruction to 4-Days per week
- Quarantine Rules Updates
- Virtual BOE Meetings
- Board Retreat

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- [New Staff Recognition for April 2021](#)

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

- [www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs](http://www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs)

Spotlight Students and Seniors of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's Corner. These awards are made courtesy of the Kingsway Education Foundation.

### **Middle School Spotlight Students**

**March 2021**

<b>K</b>	Luke Tanzola
<b>K</b>	Nicolette Young
<b>I</b>	Katie DiLorenzo
<b>N</b>	Ojonile Gabriel
<b>G</b>	Hayden Gibbs
<b>S</b>	Andi Beach
<b>W</b>	Raeghan Pierce
<b>A</b>	Jason Meola
<b>Y</b>	Lindsey Harris

### **High School Spotlight Students**

**March 2021**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Hellen Ortiz Vicente
10 <sup>th</sup>	Archit Kumar
11 <sup>th</sup>	Mahgul Mahmood
12 <sup>th</sup>	Rylie Crane

### **Seniors of the Month**

**March 2021**

Rylie Harker
Madison Phun

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2021-2022 Budget Public Hearing

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **District Employment**

- Appointments:
  - None
- Resignation/Retirement:
  - JoAnn Barbera – Bus Aide
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Donna Selfridge – Bus Driver

**High School Employment**

- Appointments:
  - Christina Little – LTS Teacher of ELA
- Resignation/Retirement:
  - None
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
  - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
  - Rebecca Popp – ELA Teacher
  - Marion Wigglesworth – Secretary
  - Olga Perez-Wilchacky – Teacher of World Language - Spanish
- Practicum/Internships:
  - None

**Middle School Employment**

- Appointments:
  - Kathy Mercado – Substitute Nurse
- Retirement/Resignation:
  - None
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
  - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
  - None

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Board approved the following staff training:

- Fallon Corcoran – Marijuana Legalization and the Impact on Public Schools
- Charae Whetstone – Affirmative Action Officer Certification
- Valerie Palmer – Just Words Virtual Launch Workshop

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **5/14/2021.** Health Professions will attend a virtual seminar in Room 100 for the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Eagle Sports Medicine Symposium.
- **6/11/2021.** The Class of 2021 will have their Senior Prom at The Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ.
- **6/16/2021.** The Class of 2021 will celebrate Senior Day at Great Adventure, Jackson, NJ.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **05/03/2021-5/7/2021.** Student Council will hold a Penny Wars Competition/Collection of Coins to raise funds to donate to Charity of Contestant’s Choice.
- **4/30/2021 – 5/14/2021.** Girls Lacrosse will hold an online sale of cookies and magazines to raise funds to purchase senior night gifts, team gear and warm up shirts for the girl’s lacrosse team.
- **4/7/2021 – 4/22/2021.** The baseball team will sell discount cards to raise funds for the purchase of team t-shirts, new batting shell and hats for the baseball teams.
- **5/3/2021 – 5/24/2021.** Interact Club will have a food drive collection of canned goods for donation to a local charity.
- **5/10/2021 – 5/28/2021.** The Class of 2022 will be selling painted parking spots at the Camden Aquarium to raise funds for their Senior Prom.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Time	Drill
MS 03/15/2021	Start: 10:45 AM End: 10:52 AM	Lockdown Drill
MS 03/16/2021	Start: 11:25 AM End: 11:34 AM	Fire Drill
MS 03/18/2021	Start: 10:45 AM End: 10:51 AM	Lockdown Drill
MS 03/19/2021	Start: 11:25 AM End: 11:33 AM	Fire Drill
HS 03/04/2021	Start: 01:52 PM End: 01:56 PM	Lockdown button and silent alarm button test
HS 03/09/2021	Start: 02:32 PM End: 02:33 PM	Fire Drill
HS 03/19/2021	Start: 09:56 AM End: 09:57 AM	Fire Drill
HS 03/22/2021	Start: 10:39 AM End: 10:41 AM	Lockdown button and silent alarm button test

**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 2361 – Acceptable Use of Computer network/Computers and Resources

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS:**

- **5/4/2021** - GoGuardian Info Session

**PROGRAMS**

The Board approved the following programs:

- Six Week [Summer School Program](#) for 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> Grade
- [Spring Athletic Schedule](#)

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board approved the following [scholarships](#):

- Raines Dental Senior Scholarship

**FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

- None

**OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

The Board approved the following out of district placements:

- Pinelands Learning Center - \$14,500  
4/13/2021 through 6/30/2021

**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 March 31, 2021.
- **SBA/BS Contract.** The Board authorized submission of the Employment Contract between Jason Schimpf, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary and the Kingsway Board of Education to the Executive County Superintendent for review.
- **KPSA Agreement.** The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement between the Kingsway Principals and Supervisors

Association and the Kingsway Regional Board of Education for the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

- **Cooperative Pricing System Agreement 2021 through 2026.** The Board authorized the Agreement to effect substantial economies in the purchase of energy and technology products and services.
- **Gloucester County Special Services School District Cooperative Transportation.** The Board approved participation in cooperative transportation for the 2021-22 school year.
- **Paul's Commodity Hauling.** The Board approved an agreement with Paul's Commodity Hauling, Inc. beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **2021 Safety Grant Application.** The Board authorized action to apply for and receive a safety grant award.
- **Shared Services Agreement Harrison Township.** The Board approved a shared services agreement with Harrison Township Board of Education for Bus Maintenance Services.
- **2021-2022 Budget.** The Board approved adoption of the budget for the 2021-2022 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, May 27, 2021 by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.