

March 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 March 25, 2020.

ENROLLMENT as of February 28, 2021

High School	1788
Middle School	1022
TOTAL	2810

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Budget
- Personnel/Hiring Season
- Reopening Surveys
- Senior Trip - Camelback

STAFF RECOGNITION

- None

STUDENT RECOGNITION

- 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

February 2021

K	Claire Godshalk
I	Mason Corey
N	Tommy Cole
G	Taylor Lyons
S	Jack Murphy
W	Gabriella Rosato
A	Jayla Johnson
Y	Melaina Caltabiano
A	Michael Johnson

High School Spotlight Students

February 2021

9 th	Dillon Dukes
10 th	Adrian Vera Alicea
11 th	Mitchell Slider
12 th	Liam Wilkins

Seniors of the Month

February 2021

Kathryn Foth
Morgan Wordelmann

PRESENTATIONS:

- Student Council Report – State Representative, Madison Lavender

PERSONNEL

District Employment

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

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Evette Fearon - Paraprofessional

- Resignation/Retirement:
 - John Enos - Paraprofessional (11 years of service)
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Marion Wigglesworth – Secretary to Health Office
- Practicum/Internships:
 - None

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Kimberly Schmirsky – Guidance/Child Study Team Secretary
- Retirement/Resignation:
 - Katie Ford – Secretary to Student Personnel Services
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - None

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **6/2/2021 – 6/4/2021.** Senior Class of 2021 will be traveling to Camelback Resort as an Alternate Senior Trip.
- **4/9/2021 – 4/10/2021.** Boys Wrestling will be traveling to N. Hunterdon High School and Watchung Hills High School for wrestling matches.

FUNDRAISERS

- **4/20/2021 – 4/22/2021.** #1DragonFamily will host a Julie Riggi Walk-a-Thon to raise funds for the Middle School Julie Riggi Scholarship Fund.
- **3/22/2021 – 3/26/2021.** The Middle School will be collecting blankets and towels to be donated to the St. Francis Animal Hospital.
- **3/22/2021 – 3/26/2021.** The High School will be collecting blankets and towels to be donated to the St. Francis Animal Hospital.
- **4/12/2021 – 4/16/2021.** The High School Unified Club and #1Dragon Family will be

making and selling tie-dyed socks to faculty to raise funds for Autism Speaks.

POLICY

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

Policy #2361	Acceptable Use of Computer Network/Computers and Resources
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The Board recommended the following for **SECOND** reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- None

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS:

- **3/16/2021.** Sarah Reynolds: Schoology Advanced Tips and Tricks with Q&A Round Table.
- **4/8/2021.** Emily Virga: Schoology Gradebook and Powerschool Sync.
- **4/15/2021.** Schoology Presenter: Enhancing Instruction with Embeddable Content.
- **5/11/2021.** Donna Gaetana will present Schoology Assessment Design for All Levels.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Time	Drill
MS 02/22/2021	Start: 01:20 PM End: 01:25 PM	Fire Drill
MS 02/23/2021	Start: 02:00 PM End: 02:05 PM	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
MS 02/25/2021	Start: 01:19 PM End: 01:24 PM	Fire Drill
MS 02/26/2021	Start: 01:58 PM End: 02:05 PM	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
HS 02/04/2021	Start: 11:31 AM End: 11:47 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 02/09/2021	Start: 10:39 AM End: 10:40 AM	Evacuation Drill
HS 02/23/2021	Start: 12:27 PM End: 12:28 PM	Fire Drill/Evacuation Drill
HS 02/26/2021	Start: 11:25 AM End: 11:26 AM	Fire Drill/Evacuation Drill

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- Kingsway Season 3 Schedules 2021

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Dee Dots Dance Academy Janet Mullen-Garrett memorial Scholarship

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- None

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- None

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 February 28, 2021.
- **2021-2026 Superintendent Contract.** The Board reviewed and approved the Employment Contract between James J. Lavender, Superintendent of Schools and the Kingsway Board of Education.
- **Job Descriptions.** The Board approved job descriptions for Wellness Counselor, Literacy Coach, Inclusion Coach and Paraprofessional Job Coach.
- **Amendment to Substitute Teacher Placement Services Contract with Kelly Education.** The Board approved an amendment to the substitute placement services contract for the period 3/18/2021 – 6/30/2021 for a temporary increase to Substitute Teacher Daily Rate.
- **Clearview Shared Services for School Bus Maintenance.** The Board approved the interlocal agreements beginning 7/1/2021 – 6/30/2022 with Clearview Regional School District for Bus Maintenance Service.
- **2021-2022 Tentative Budget.** The Board approved and authorized submission of the 2021-22 tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools.

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, April 29, 2021](#) by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.