

October 2020 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 15, 2020.

ENROLLMENT as of October 13, 2020	
High School	1800
Middle School	1023
TOTAL	2823

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- General Election – November 3, 2020
- Facility Upgrades
- Public Access to Track

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Staff/Faculty Members were welcomed to Kingsway
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STUDENT RECOGNITION

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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	
September 2020	
K	Dominic Traini
I	Courtney Weatherby
N	Daniela Vogel
G	Gia Griscom
S	Tatum Reiger
W	Danielle Hennessy
A	Jack Marinaro
Y	Molly Baldino
S	Aubrey Schultz

High School Spotlight Students	
September 2020	
9 th	Isabella Baker
10 th	Pedro Aisa
11 th	Karl Bloomfield
12 th	Olivia Cavallaro

Seniors of the Month	
September 2020	
Julia Nocentino	
Connor Ward	

PRESENTATIONS:

- Mike Schiff – High School Graduation Reporting
- Student Council Report – Madison Lavender, State Student Council Representative

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:
 - None
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - None

- Substitute:
 - None
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Patricia Bradbury (Transportation)
 - Patricia Bowe (Transportation)

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - None
- Retirement:
 - Mildred Byrne (Cafeteria – Gen. Worker)
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Karen Storey (Custodian)
- Practicum/Internships:
 - None

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Kathleen Mercado – LTS Nurse
 - Michelle Neigut, LTS STEM
- Resignation:
 - Nicole Bintliff (Teacher of Special Education)
 - Sue McAnally (Teacher of French)
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - 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.

- None

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS:

- Sarah Reynolds – Jamboard: Boost Engagement and Collaboration

- Sarah Reynolds – Schoology: Advanced Q&A
- Karen Schonewise – Zoom: Breakout Rooms and Student Presenters

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- The Wicked Warriors of East Greenwich Scholarship
- The Brennan Family Foundation – Donation to Foundation (KEF) of \$10,000

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 2020.
- **KLG Pediatric Therapy, LLC.** The Board approved a contract with KLG Pediatric Therapy, LLC for Occupational Therapist Services beginning July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021.
- **Bond Services Contract.** The Board approved the appointment of the law firm of Wilentz, Goldman & Spitzer, P.A., Woodbridge, New Jersey, to provide specialized bond counsel legal services.
- **Refunding Bond Ordinance.** The Board had the first reading of the Refunding Bond Ordinance providing for the refunding of all or a portion of its outstanding school bonds.
- **Class of 2020 Donation.** The Board accepted a donation of \$10,897.91 from the

Class of 2020 to the Class of 2021 in the amount of \$3,500 to be used as a deposit for the upcoming prom; the remaining \$7,397.91 to be split evenly to the Classes of 2022, 2023, and 2024.

- **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.** The Board authorized the submission of the District's 2021-22 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).
- **Transportation Bid Award.** The Board awarded To-From Transportation Routes to the Holcomb Bus Service, LLC 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, November 19, 2020 by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.