

May 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 meetings held on May 19, 2022 and May 26, 2022.

ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2022	
High School	1883
Middle School	923
TOTAL	2806

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Negotiations Update
- Graduation/End of Year Activities
- June Board of Education Meeting
- Superintendent/Board of Education Evaluation
- Personnel Update

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions
- Spotlight Employee of the Month:
 - Becky Cochran – High School Science Teacher

STUDENT RECOGNITION

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	
April 2022	
K	Jude Palazzo
I	Dominick Spina
N	Richard Cetkowski
N	Chase Wilson
G	Olaoluwa Esther Ashiru
S	Sianna Dhillon
W	Aiden Barnes
A	Jenna Funchion
Y	Peter Barone

High School Spotlight Students	
April 2022	
9 th	Ava DiBonaventura
10 th	Mary Wordelmann
11 th	Jayson Colina
12 th	Peyton Rieger

Seniors of the Month	
March 2022	
Charlize Bjanes	
Victoria Griffiths	

Middle School Math Counts Club	
Advisor: Ed Heil	
Madelyn Benjaminson	Ryan Duffy
Haley Blair	Melanie Ortiz Vicente
Mason Corey	Mohid Rasool
Luca Lentini	Misha Ilagan
First Place Team in South Jersey and First Place National Math Counts Video Competition: Pary Moppins	

PRESENTATIONS:

- [Academic Program Spotlight](#) – Mrs. Patricia Calandro

PERSONNEL**DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- John Cubler, Custodian
- Christina Tasker (Custodian)
- Beverly Brown (Substitute Custodian)
- Debra Di Ianni (Substitute Custodian)
- Various CER Camp Counselors/Teachers

Resignation:

- Andrea Conto (Custodian)
- Donna Selfridge (Bus Driver)
- Scott Foody (Custodian)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Leaves of Absence:

- None

Internships/Practicum:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Sara Marcus (Teacher of Science)
- Christine Schafer (Teacher of Special Education)
- Erica Fox (Teacher of Biology)
- Andrew Lydon (Teacher of Physics)
- Michael Rucker (Teacher of Social Studies)
- Frederick Reynolds (Teacher of Health Professions)
- Nancy Delano (Teacher of Mathematics)

Resignation:

- Patti Campbell (Paraprofessional)
- Melvin Allen (Principal)

Retirement:

- Lisa Camp (World Language – Italian Teacher)

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Internships/Practicum

- Lauren Charlton, Student Teaching (Special Education – Kimberly Schmidt)
- Carly McCrae, Student Teaching (Social Studies – Dave Stanton)

Leaves of Absence:

- Sara Bruce (Teacher of Health/PE)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Melissa Weicker (General Cafeteria Worker)

Resignation/Retirement:

- Kristen Lyles (Paraprofessional)

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Internships/Practicum

- Katherine Clauson, Student Teaching (Music-Vocal/Choral – Stephanie Owens)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **5/17/2022.** The Independent Living Classes will have Community Based Instruction at Fulton Bank.
- **5/24/2022.** (revised date) The Shades Club & AP Government/ Politics Class will travel to the National Museum of AA History and culture.
- **6/3/2022.** The Dragon Spark Club will travel to Homeward Bound Pet Adoption Center for a service project.
- **6/6/2022.** The Business Leadership Academy will travel to Harbaugh Village in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **7/28/2022.** CER Camp students will travel to Total Turf in Pitman, NJ for a summer camp trip. (revised costs)
- **5/24-25/2022.** (revised dates) The 8th Grade Social Studies Classes will walk to Zion Church for a lesson on the Underground Railroad in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **6/7/2022.** The STEP students will have Community Based Instruction at the Rowan University Planetarium.

FUNDRAISERS

- **5/20/2022.** The Softball team will sell concessions and t-shirts at the dedication game to raise funds for Alex's Lemonade Stand.
- **5/20/2022.** The Habitat for Humanity Club will hold team registrations for a Theme Volleyball

Tournament to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.

- **8/18/2022.** The Class of 2023 will sell tickets to paint Senior Parking Spots to raise funds for the Class of 2023 senior trip.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 04/01/2022	Start: 10:57 am End: 11:12 am	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 04/25/2022	Start: 01:37 pm End: 01:42 pm	Fire Drill
MS 04/21/2022	Start: 09:15 am End: 09:20 am	Fire Drill
MS 04/29/2022	Start: 09:12 am End: 09:24 am	Lockdown 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

RESEARCH PROJECT

- None

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved the following Professional Development Plans and Teacher Mentor Program:

- **5/26/2022.** Krista Diodati, Jessica Sitzes, and Stephanie Lappen will attend Student-Centered Learning in Mathematics in Ewing, NJ.
- **6/27/2022 - 7/1/2022.** Michele Orr will attend the Computer Science Discoveries virtual presentation.
- **7/18/2022 - 7/21/2022.** Sean Bell will attend the AP Summer Institute: AP English Literature & Composition virtual presentation.
- **7/11/2022 - 7/15/2022.** Harleen Badechha will attend AP Language and Composition for the new AP Teacher in Watertown, CT.

- **8/1/2022 - 8/4/2022.** Gregory Smith will attend the AP Summer Institute-Calculus AB in Blackwood, NJ.
- **8/1/2022 - 8/4/2022.** Emily Wescott will attend the AP Summer Institute – AP Language & Composition at the Schoodic Institute in Acadia, Maine.
- **8/1/2022 - 8/4/2022.** Patricia Villarreal will attend the AP Summer Institute – Spanish Language and Culture in Blackwood, NJ.
- **5/19/2022.** April Burger will attend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Workshop in Sewell, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following Professional Learning Workshops:

- None

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Colton Catalano's Kindness Award
- The Country Garden Club Helen Utle Memorial Scholarship
- Swedesboro Woolwich Little League Alumni Scholarship

RESEARCH PROJECTS

- None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- Diego Rincon Segurado (Spain) Grade 10
- Vinicius Sandes Costa Barcellos (Brazil) Grade 11

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 April 30, 2022.
- **Adoption of Substitute Employment Rates.** The Board approved the substitute employment rates for the period 07/01/2022 – 06/30/2023.

- **Tax Payment Schedule of 2022-2023.** The Board approved the payment schedule to receive current expense and debt service tax levy for the 2023-23 school year.
- **Appointment of Representatives Requesting Federal and State Funds.** The Board designated the Superintendent and Business Administrator as agents to request state and federal funds.
- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board appointed Board Officials for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- **Appointment of Professionals.** The Board appointed professionals for the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- **Designation of Superintendent: Transfer Authority.** The Board appointed a designee to approve line item transfers as necessary.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Contract.** The Board authorized the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services.
- **Designation of Official Website.** The Board adopted the official website as www.krsd.org.
- **Authorization to Pay Claims Between Meetings.** The Board authorized the School Business Administrator to pay claims between monthly meetings.
- **District Travel Limitation for Regular Business Travel.** The Board established a maximum annual limitation for regular business travel.
- **Establishment of Petty Cash Funds.** The Board established petty cash funds for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023.
- **Adoption of Chart of Accounts.** The Board adopted the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.
- **Tax Shelter Annuities and Disability Insurance Providers.** The Board approved companies to be Tax Shelter Annuity/After Tax Plans and Disability Insurance providers.
- **Claims Auditor Pre-Payment Authority.** The Board designated the School Business Administrator as the Claims Auditor.
- **Educational Data Services, Inc.** The Board authorized Educational Data Services as a bidding program for our school supplies.
- **Flexible Spending Account.** The Board approved the Cafeteria Plan effective July 1, 2022.
- **Medical Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the contract with Amerihealth to provide for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023.
- **Prescription Renewal Rates.** The Board approved an amendment to the contract with SHIF for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023.
- **Dental Renewal Rates.** The Board approved a contract with Delta Dental to provide a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2022 –June 30, 2023.
- **Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Rates.** The Board adopted the property & casualty insurance rates for the 2022-23 fiscal year.
- **School Health Insurance Fund & Indemnity and Trust Agreement.** The Board approved membership in the School Health Insurance Fund (SHIF) and execution of the Indemnity and Trust Agreement.
- **Agreement with Woolwich Township for Fuel.** The Board approved an agreement with Woolwich Township to supply fuel for Emergency Response Vehicles, Police Vehicles, Public Works Vehicles and Code Vehicles should the need arise through December 2025.
- **Bid Award Trash Services.** The Board awarded the bid for Trash/Recycle Removal Services to Waste Management of New Jersey, Inc.

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, June 13, 2022 in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

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