

# April 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 April 21, 2022 and April 28, 2022.**

### **ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2022**

High School	1888
Middle School	922
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2810</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):

- Renaissance
- Hiring/Employment

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions
- Spotlight Employee of the Month:
  - Nancy Kocis – Teacher of World Language (French), World Language Department Chair, Advisor of the World Language Honor Society

### **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.

<b>Middle School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>March 2021</b>	
<b>K</b>	Misha Ilagan
<b>I</b>	Reese Lorman
<b>N</b>	Reese Marsteller
<b>G</b>	Liana Kimsal
<b>S</b>	Talia Allen
<b>W</b>	Alivia Allard
<b>A</b>	Kora Tedesco
<b>A</b>	Tristan Waters
<b>Y</b>	Shiven Shah

<b>High School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>March 2021</b>	
9 <sup>th</sup>	Natalie Ficarra
10 <sup>th</sup>	Madison Heitman
11 <sup>th</sup>	Emma Vander Vennen
12 <sup>th</sup>	Joshua Moore

<b>Seniors of the Month</b>	
<b>March 2021</b>	
Mahgul Mahmood	
Timothy Ninan	

<b>Winter Athletic Spotlights</b>	
<b>Boy's Bowling:</b> Tri County Conference Champions	
<b>Boy's Wrestling:</b> Tri County Conference Champions; District 29 Champions	
<b>Boy's Winter Track:</b> State Relay Champions; Group IV Champions	

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- Hy-Flex and Virtual Program, Mrs. Emily Virga
- Strategic Planning Update, Dr. James Lavender
- Public Hearing - 2022-2023 District Budget, Mr. Jason Schimpf

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

- Robin Jaramillo (Work Based Learning Coordinator)
- Megan Bruder (Instructional Supervisor)
- Susie Woodburn (Administrative Assistant)
- George Mercado (Board Certified Behavior Analyst)
- Various CER Camp Counselors/Teachers

**Resignation:**

- None

**Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule "B":**

- Various positions were approved.

**Leaves of Absence:**

- None

**Internships/Practicum:**

- None

**HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- Gabrielle Glavin (LTS Teacher of Math)
- Barbara Neal (Nurse)
- Scott Newkirk (Per Diem School Security Aide)
- Steven Ottinger (Assistant Principal)
- Farid Syed (Assistant Principal)
- Bob Nark (Long Term Substitute)

**Resignation:**

- Pamela Snyder (Custodian)
- Scarlett O'Dell (Social Studies Teacher)

**Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule "B":**

- Various positions were approved.

**Practicum**

- Ben Stahle (Science – Alexandra Taylor)
- Harrison Weidner (Math/STEM – Denise Dickson)
- Bryan Starner (Athletic Training – Rob Baerman)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- None

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- None

**Resignation/Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule "B":**

- Various positions were approved.

**Practicum**

- Valerie Palmer (Special Education – Catherine Merryman)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- None

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **5/9/2022 and 5/10/2022.** The MathCounts Club will travel to Washington, DC, to participate in the MathCounts National Competition.
- **5/23/2022.** The Photo Club & Art Club will travel to Morris Arboretum at the University of Pennsylvania.
- **5/13/2022.** The School of Health Professions will attend a Rothman speaker presentation at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
- **5/21/2022.** The Students in Action Club will participate in Public Service Pitch Day at Rutgers University.
- **5/26/2022.** The Student Council Executive Board will attend the NJASC Spring Awards Ceremony at Six Flags in Jackson, New Jersey.
- **6/1/2022.** The High School Renaissance Program will travel to Launch Trampoline Park in Deptford, New Jersey.
- **6/3/2022.** The HS and MS STEP program will attend Gator Games at Gateway High School.
- **6/3/2022.** The Grade 10 STEM Academy will travel to PSE&G in Salem, New Jersey.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **4/19/2022 – 5/3/2022.** The SURE/SIA Club will collect donations of seeds, green cleaning supplies, recyclable bags and trash bag donations to benefit Kingsway Regional High School and [Family Promise](#).

- **5/2/2022 – 5/6/2022.** The Sophomore Class of 2024 will sell student designed class t-shirts to raise funds for the Class of 2024.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 03/25/2022	Start: 01:02 pm End: 01:08 pm	Fire Drill
HS 03/31/2022	Start: 02:07 pm End: 02:11 pm	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
MS 03/18/2022	Start: 09:45 am End: 09:52 am	Fire Drill
MS 03/28/2022	Start: 01:25 pm End: 01:35 pm	Precautionary Lockdown Drill
HS/MS 04/05/2022	Start: 07:20 am End: 07:50 am	School Bus Emergency Evacuation 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:

- **5/4/2022.** Robert Miles will attend Implementing the Middle School Civics Mandate in Glassboro, NJ.
- **6/27/2022 – 6/30/2022.** Jackie Balliet, April Burger, Anne Byrne, Ashley Clerval, Debra Dilanni, Patty DiBartolo, Kim Dormann, Jen Earley, Dina Fanelle, Kathy Gallen, Kat Garrity, Michelle Gray, Christine Minot, Patricia Shields, Dana Stevens, Samantha Streitz, Michele Tirado, Susan Vance and Terri Walsh will attend the Virtual NJECC 2022 Google Training for School Secretaries and Administrative Assistants.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

The Board approved the following Professional Learning Workshops:

- **4/21/2022.** Read & Write for Special Education in HS Room 217, facilitated by Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **4/28/2022.** Read & Write for English Language Learners in HS Room 217, facilitated by Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **5/3/2022.** Read & Write for Dyslexia in HS Room 217, facilitated by Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **5/10/2022.** Read & Write for Visual Impairment in HS Room 100, facilitated by Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **5/17/2022.** Read & Write for the General Education Classroom in HS Room 100, facilitated by Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Philly Pretzel Factory – Trade Scholarship

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

- None

**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 March 31, 2022.
- **2022-2023 Logan Township School District Tuition.** The Board approved the tuition contracts with Logan Township School District for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **2022-2023 Student Transportation Bid Award.** The Board awarded the 2022-2023 To-From Transportation Routes to BR Williams.

- **Cooperative Transportation Agreement with GCSSSD.** The Board approved the contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Cooperative Transportation Services for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Clearview Interlocal Agreements.** The Board approved an interlocal agreement for borrowing buses and sharing drivers, and school bus maintenance services, with Clearview Regional School District Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Harrison Township School District Interlocal Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with the Harrison Township Board of Education for School Bus Maintenance for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **Participation in Cooperative Transportation with GCSSSD.** The Board approved a contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for participation in Cooperative Transportation for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **2022 Safety Grant Application.** The Board approved the application process for a safety grant through the NJSIG safety grant program for the 2022 fiscal year to supplement the cost of School Resource Officers.
- **Adoption of 2022-2023 District Budget.** The Board adopted the 2022-23 district budget.
- **Harrison Township IT Contract Amendment.** The Board approved the amended agreement for IT Services with Harrison Township.
- **Change Order Authorization.** The Board approved the following change order for the KRHS 2022 Facility Improvements project.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

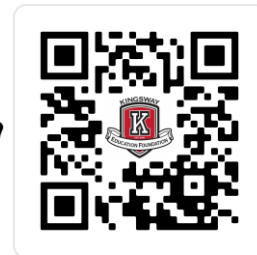
Numerous other requests for approval for workshop attendance, student activities, and education items were approved by the Board of Education. These approvals will be reflected in the formal minutes of the meeting, which are available in the office of the Board of Education secretary as well as posted online after Board approval.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is Thursday, May 26, 2022 in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



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