

February 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 February 17, 2022 and February 24, 2022.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2022

High School	1888
Middle School	925
TOTAL	2813

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- COVID Mitigation Plan Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- Budget Development Process

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions

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

January 2021

K	Maya Jaiswal
K	Bakhora Tokhirova
I	Mackenzie Agness
N	Autumn Herring
G	Keylin Lopez-Escamilla
S	Veronica Rojas
W	Jimmy Donaruma
A	Alexia Luessenhop
Y	Maximillian Shah

High School Spotlight Students

January 2021

9 th	Julius Martinez
10 th	Mia Bucs
11 th	Damon Dukes
12 th	Joseph Miranda

Seniors of the Month

January 2021

Alexander Manes
Tyler Torres

Patriot's Pen/Voice of Democracy VFW Essay Contest Winner

Tyler Torres

PRESENTATIONS:

- Teachers of the Year 2021-2022:
 - Laura Reynolds - High School Teacher of Math
 - Nicole DiBonaventura - Middle School Teacher of Math
- Educational Services Professional of the Year:
 - Owen McBride - School Counselor
- Brian Tonelli – Middle School Academic Program African American Experience
- Jean Harkness, Policy Consultant - New Jersey School Board Association: Board's Role in Policy

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

- Joanne Williams (Bus Driver)
- Ben Kauffman (Substitute Custodian)

Resignation:

- Elizabeth Parambath (Instructional Coach)
- Samantha Costa (Bus Driver)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Leaves of Absence:

- Fallon Corcoran (SAC/Wellness Counselor)

Internships/Practicum:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Isaiah Hymans (Team Scholastics Tutor)

Resignation:

- Sandra Hoolahan (Cafeteria General Worker)

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Leaves of Absence:

- Kathleen Miles (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Chelsea Valdera (Teacher of Mathematics)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- None

Resignation:

- Kathleen Mercado (School Nurse)

Schedule "B":

- Various positions were approved.

Leaves of Absence:

- Name

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **2/1/2022 – 6/15/2022.** The High School STEP Program will have Structured Learning Experiences to Petals & Paints Florist; Cinder Bar; Kings Things; Mullica Hill Library and Rosie's Farm Market.
- **2/25/2022.** The Middle School Renaissance Program will travel to Total Turf in Sewell, NJ.

- **2/26/2022.** Model UN will travel to Clearview HS to compete at the Model UN Conference.
- **2/28/2022.** The Middle School STEP program will travel to Red Robin in Deptford, NJ for Community Based Instruction.
- **2/28/2022 – 3/2/2022.** The DECA Club will travel to Harrah's in Atlantic City for the State Competition and Conference.
- **3/4/2022; 3/10/2022; 3/22/2022; 4/1/2022; 4/7/2022.** The STEP program will have Community Based Instruction at Rowan Planetarium, Harrison House Diner, Camden Aquarium, Sewell Dollar Tree and Chick-Fil-A and the Gloucester Outlets.
- **3/9/2022.** The Business Leadership Academy will tour businesses within Total Turf in Sewell, NJ.
- **3/10/2022.** The Middle School Living History Club will travel to Gettysburg National Military Park.
- **3/11/2022.** The Business Leadership Academy will tour Smart Vent in Mt. Royal, NJ.
- **3/12/2022.** The SIA/SURE Club will attend the Multiplying Good National Mid-Winter Virtual Conference.
- **3/18/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Jazz Festival at West Chester High School East.
- **3/26/2022.** Model UN will travel to Haddonfield Memorial High School to complete at the Model UN Conference.
- **4/29/2022.** The STEM Academy – Grade 11 will travel to the Philadelphia Zoo for STEM Academy Enrichment.
- **5/18/2022.** The STEM Academy – Grade 10 will attend a Virtual Surgery in Seminar Room 100.
- **5/18/2022.** The STEM Academy – Grade 12 will travel to Stone Harbor to the Wetlands Institute and participate in Beach Clean Up.
- **5/25/2022.** The STEM Academy – Grade 9 & AP Physics I will travel to Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ for Physics Day.
- **6/30/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to Cinemark Theater in Somerdale, NJ.

- **7/7/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to Launch Trampoline Park in Deptford, NJ.
- **7/14/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to Philadelphia Zoo in Philadelphia.
- **7/21/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to Oasis Family Fun Center, in Glen Mills, NJ.
- **8/4/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to the Funplex in Mt. Laurel, NJ.
- **8/11/2022.** The CER Camp will take a summer camp trip to Hot Wheelz Skating Center in Cherry Hill, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **2/14/2022 – 2/18/2022.** The Class of 2025 will sell Kingsway Beach Towels to raise funds for the Freshman Class.
- **3/1/2022 – 3/31/2022.** The Shades Club will be collecting coats and sweatshirts to donate to the Sure House Mission Homeless Outreach in Sewell.
- **3/1/2022.** The Shades Club will sell handmade cloth [face masks](#) to raise funds for the SHADES Club.
- **4/18/2022 – 5/11/2022.** The Student Council will accept registrations for Dodgeball teams and donate funds to Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.
- **3/14/2022 – 3/25/2022.** The Key Club will collect items to assemble Foster Karing Kits to be donated to the Gloucester County Department of Children and Families.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 01/06/2022	Start: 12:47 pm End: 12:56 pm	Emergency Lockdown Drill
HS 01/19/2022	Start: 12:48 pm End: 12:53 pm	Fire Drill
MS 01/19/2022	Start: 10:45 am End: 10:53 am	Fire Drill
MS 01/27/2022	Start: 01:14 pm End: 01:26 pm	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:

- **2/4/2022.** Shanna Hoffman will attend Best Practices for Paraprofessionals.
- **2/24/2022.** Thomas Sabetta will attend (virtual) NJ HVACR Master Contractor Continuing Education.
- **3/9/2022.** Meredith Alexander, Charae Whetstone and Robert Miles will attend Intro to Curriculum Writing, Part I.
- **3/15/2022 – 3/17/2022.** June Cioffi will attend the Director of Athletics Association of NJ Annual Workshop.
- **3/18/2022.** Kristian Ward and Scarlett O’Dell will attend the Creating Context for Teaching Elie Wiesel’s Night: A Holocaust Education Workshop.
- **3/18/2022 – 3/19/2022.** Caitlin Hess will attend the Virtual Day of Distance Clinic 2022.
- **3/22/2022.** John Cappolina will attend the Rider’s Counselor Breakfast, Information Session and Tour.
- **3/25/2022.** Danielle Baney will attend the Antibullying & School Safety Conference.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

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 January 31, 2022.
- **CER Summer Camp 2022 Parent Handbook.** The Board approved the Parent Handbook for 2022 CER Summer Camp.
- **KRHS Summer 2022 Facility Improvements.** The Board awarded a construction contract to Dandrea Construction totaling \$2,785,000.
- **Transportation Bid Award 22-010.** The Board of Education awarded To-From Transportation Routes to Holcomb Bus Services, Inc. and BR Williams.

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, March 24, 2022 in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

[Join us at our 8th Annual Jazz Bistro](#)



KINGSWAY REGIONAL
8TH ANNUAL
JAZZ BISTRO
FRIDAY MARCH 4, 2022 @ 6PM
High School Café West
Catered by Kingsway Regional School District Cafeteria

LIVE MUSIC

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET
Ziti Alfredo & Ziti Marinara with Meatballs
Dinner Rolls • Caesar Salad • Green Beans
Cookies • Sheet Cake • Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea and Water

TICKETS Adults \$12
Children 10 & under \$8



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