

January 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 January 20, 2022 and January 27, 2022.

ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2021

High School	1880
Middle School	919
TOTAL	2799

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- [Snow Days and School Calendar 2021-22](#)
- School Calendar 2022-23
- [Superintendent's Update](#)

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions
- [Spotlight Teachers of the Month:](#)
Karen Jennett (MS Teacher of Special Education); Apryl Palazzo (HS School Counselor).

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

December 2021	
K	Ismaias Rodriguez
I	Aidan Heller
N	Carter Frey
G	Israel Ajayi
S	Maya Kuminka
W	Phoebe O'Rourke
A	Gabriella Scaffidi
A	Christopher Gatta
Y	Jasmine Kaur

High School Spotlight Students

December 2021	
9 th	Jaylen Peterson
10 th	Saige Antolini
11 th	Ibrahim Khokhar
12 th	Ria Parmar

Seniors of the Month

December 2021	
Molly Fitzpatrick	
Sarah Mower	

PRESENTATIONS:

- Emily Virga & Patricia Calandro: Start Strong Presentation
- Dr. Shanna Hoffman: HIB School Self-Assessment 2021-2022

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:
 - Andrea Conto (Custodian)
- Resignation:
 - None
- Retirement:
 - Frank Hines (Custodian)

- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Cynthia Gardner (Bus Driver)
- Internships/Practicum:
 - Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm – Educational Leadership/School Business Administrator (Jason Schimpf)

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Harleen Badechha (LTS Teacher of ELA)
 - Leah Connelly (Substitute Café Worker)
- Resignation:
 - Huong Lam (Cafeteria General Worker)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Kathleen Miles (Teacher of Math)
 - Meghan Mattson (Teacher of Science)

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Kate Richards (School Nurse)
 - Mallory Beach (Teacher of Special Education)
 - Timothy Shields (Paraprofessional)
 - Kristen Lyles (Paraprofessional)
- Retirement/Resignation:
 - None
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Judith Gomes (Paraprofessional)
 - Amanda Hannigan (Teacher of Special Education)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **1/21/2022 – 1/22/2022.** The Boy's Wrestling Team will travel to North Warren High School for the Patriot Duals Wrestling Tournament.
- **2/10/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Jazz Festival at Clayton High School.

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- **2/11/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform in a Jazz Festival at Rowan University.
- **2/12/2022 – 2/13/2022; 2/25/2022 – 2/26/2022; 3/4/2022 – 3/5/2022.** The Boy's Wrestling Team will participate in post-season tournaments at Franklin High School, Egg Harbor and Atlantic City.
- **2/18/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform at the Jazz Festival at Pitman High School.
- **3/18/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform in a Jazz Festival at Oakcrest High School.
- **3/31/2022.** The AP Art History, AP Drawing and Advanced Art II classes will travel to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Met Museum of Art in New York City for curriculum content for exams.
- **4/29/2022.** The High School Select Jazz Ensemble will perform in the Jazz Festival at Mainland Regional High School.
- **5/13/2022.** The National Art Honor Society will travel to the Salem Community College for glass working and fusing.

FUNDRAISERS

- **2/7/2022 – 2/11/2022.** The High School will host a Penny Wars to raise funds for Habitat for Humanity.
- **2/22/2022 – 2/25/2022.** The High School Student Council will host a Penny Wars to raise funds to donate to the charity of contestant's choice.
- **3/17/2022 – 3/31/2022.** The High School Baseball team will sell discount cards to raise funds for team t-shirts, new batting shell and hats.
- **3/18/2022 – 4/4/2022.** The High School Girls' Lacrosse team will sell cookie dough to raise funds for senior night gifts, team gear, warm up shirts and pizza.

- **2/14/2022.** The Interact Club will host a bake sale at the high school to raise funds for the Interact Club.
- **3/18/2022 – 4/1/2022.** The Boys’ Volleyball team will sell Gourmet Popcorn to raise funds for senior gifts, end of the year team party, team gear, senior day flowers and team t-shirts.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 12/09/2021	Start: 11:40 am End: 11:57 am	Shelter in Place
HS 12/21/2021	Start: 12:56 pm End: 01:02 pm	Fire Drill
MS 12/09/2021	Start: 09:31 am End: 10:45 am	Shelter in Place
MS 12/22/2021	Start: 02:05 pm End: 02:12 pm	Fire 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:

- **2/18/2022.** Kathleen Bially will attend What’s New in Young Adult Literature & How to Use it in Your Program.
- **2/8/2022.** Thomas Sabetta will attend NJ HVACR Master Contractor Continuing Education.
- **2/24/2022-2/26/2022.** Michael Massaro, Vincent Pagliaro, Joe Henderson and Anthony Sinigaglio will attend the NJMEA State Conference.

- **3/21/2022 -3/23/2022.** Michael Shuster will attend the NJSBGA Annual Conference/Expo.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

- **2/1/2022 –** Culturally Responsive Pedagogy. Virtual. Facilitators: Nicole Cammarota & Elizabeth Parambath.
- **2/3/2022 –** The Basics of Specially Designed Instruction (SDI). Virtual. Facilitator: Nicole Cammarota.
- **2/10/2022 –** Instructional Tech: Putting it All Together. Virtual. Facilitators: Ashley Hungerford & Mary Neyer.
- **2/17/2022 –** Making Meaningful Shifts in Assessments. Virtual. Facilitator: Nicole Cammarota.
- **2/22/2022 –** Black History Month & Beyond: How to Uplift Student Voices in the Classroom. HS Room 217 & Virtual. Facilitators: Elizabeth Parambath & Nicole Cammarota.
- **2/24/2022 –** Building an Inclusive Classroom Environment to Reach All Learners. Virtual. Facilitator: Nicole Cammarota.
- **3/10/2022 –** NJPGA Pearson Access Next (PAN) Work Session. HS Room 217. Facilitators: Meredith Alexander, Emily Virga, John Lutner.
- **5/4/2022 –** NJSLA Pearson Access Next (PAN) Work Session. HS Room 217. Facilitator: Meredith Alexander, Emily Virga, John Lutner, Theresa Kupsey, Antoinette Henry.

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 December 31, 2021.
- **2021-2024 ELL 3 Year Plan.** The Board approved the 2021-2024 English Language Learner (ELL) 3-Year Plan.
- **Program Planning Guide Changes.** The Board approved the changes to the Program Planning Guide for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **2022-2023 School Calendar.** The Board approved the 2022-2023 School Calendar.
- **HIB Self-Assessment and HIB Grade Report.** The Board of Education approved the 2020-2021 HIB Self-Assessment & HIB Grade Report.

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

Save the Date


KINGSWAY REGIONAL
7TH 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 with Meatballs • Dinner Rolls • Garden Salad • Green Beans
Cookies • Sheet Cake • Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea and Water

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Kids 10 & under \$7



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