

December 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 December 9, 2021 and December 16, 2021.

ENROLLMENT as of November 30, 2021	
High School	1887
Middle School	922
TOTAL	2809

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Collective Bargaining Update
- Student Recognition
- Covid Update
- Strategic Planning Update
- Superintendent Goal Update

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions
- Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Ashley Blubaugh (High School Teacher of Visual and Performing Arts)

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	
November 2021	
K	Samantha Lauwers
I	Madison McGoldrick
N	Avery Wyckoff
G	Serenity Archer
S	Beatrice Voll
W	Vianna Staino
A	Ally Black
A	Zuri Stevenson
Y	Chase Coccozza

High School Spotlight Students	
November 2021	
9 th	Jordan Gabriel
10 th	Grace Morris
11 th	Julia Boyle
12 th	Luis Sanchez-Gonzales

Seniors of the Month	
November 2021	
Carly Oberg	
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PRESENTATIONS:

- Jessica Bittmann: Onboarding Data/Human Resources

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:
 - Aimee Rosett – General Worker-Café
 - Samantha Costa – Bus Driver
 - Suzie Woodburn – LTS Secretary
- Resignation:
 - Donald Spadel – Bus Driver
 - Maria Luna-Almonte – Bus Driver
- Retirement:
 - None

- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Patricia White – Transportation Coordinator

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Krista Diodati – LTS Teacher of Mathematics
 - Angel Vardaman – Building Permanent Substitute Teacher
- Resignation:
 - Scott Newkirk – School Security Aide
 - Barbara Neal – School Nurse
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Celeste Dolan – Paraprofessional
- Internship/Practicum:
 - Ian Gunner, Rowan University (Brent Dodulik, Physical Education): Student Teaching 1/18/2022 – 3/11/2022 & 10/31/2022 – 12/21/2022

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - None
- Resignation:
 - Eileen Highland – Paraprofessional
- Retirement:
 - Rose Fredericks – School Nurse
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Jamey Brown – Special Education Teacher

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **12/17/2021.** The Middle School Dragon Spark Club will travel to the Gloucester County Library in Mullica Hill, New Jersey.
- **12/18/2021 to 12/19/2021.** The High School Boys Wrestling Team will travel to the University of Delaware for a Wrestling Tournament.

- **1/8/2022.** The High School Science Olympiad will attend the New Jersey Science Olympiad Tournament at Connetstoga.
- **1/12/2022.** The High School STEM Academy will attend the Boeing Company STEM Academy Enrichment Program.
- **1/12/2022.** The High School DECA Club will travel to a DECA Competition at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.
- **1/15/2022.** The High School Unified Program will attend the Special Olympics Polar Plunge in Wildwood, New Jersey.
- **1/19/2022.** The High School Business Leadership Academy will attend the Sports Business Tour-Sustainability Focus at Lincoln Financial Field.

FUNDRAISERS

- **1/18/2022 – 2/1/2022.** The High School World Wild Life Fund will collect pet supplies to be donated to Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge.
- **1/31/2022 - 2/1/2022.** The High School National Art Honor Society will sell Valentine’s Day Candy Grams and donate funds to the Food Bank of South Jersey.
- **2/2/2022.** The High School Student Council will sell tickets to Kingsway Live to raise funds to support Student Council events.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 11/11/2021	Start: 01:00 pm End: 01:04 pm	Fire Drill
HS 11/12/2021	Start: 12:36 pm End: 12:46 pm	Precautionary Lockdown
MS 11/18/2021	Start: 01:15 pm End: 01:20 pm	Fire Drill
MS 11/30/2021	Start: 11:40 am End: 11:50 am	Precautionary 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:

- **12/16/2021.** Kimberly Hargraves will attend 50 Best Strategies for Teaching English Language Arts.
- **1/5/2022.** Kimberly Hargraves will attend What’s New in Young Adult Literature.
- **1/6/2022.** Michael Sandberg and Joe Bittmann will attend Diffusing Anger, Anxiety, and Aggression: Improving Student Behavior.
- **1/14/2022.** Michael Shuster will attend an Indoor Air Quality Training workshop.
- **1/27/2022.** Emily Virga will attend the New Jersey Association of School Administrators Techspo ’22.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

- **1/6/2022** – Collaborative Co-Teaching. HS Room 217. Facilitators Nicole Cammarota and Elizabeth Parambath.

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 November 30, 2021.
- **Transportation Jointure.** The Board approved a transportation jointure contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Sports runs for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **School Security Grant Award Acceptance.** The Board accepted the NJDOE School Security Grant in the amount of \$112,489.
- **Parental Transportation Contract.** The Board approved a parental transportation contract for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **CRESS Contract.** The Board approved a contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for services for ESY and the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Transportation Bid 22-008 Award.** The Board awarded to-from transportation routes to 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, January 20, 2022 in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.