

November 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 meeting held on November 18, 2021.

ENROLLMENT as of October 31, 2021

High School	923
Middle School	1891
TOTAL	2814

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Strategic Planning Process
- Collective Bargaining
- Employment Status
- "Why Kingsway": Promotional Video

STAFF RECOGNITION

- New Faculty & Staff Introductions
- Spotlight Teacher of the Month: Robert Cressman (High School Teacher of Math)

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

October 2021

K	James Wilkes
I	Braedon Richman
N	Evan Whitworth
G	Sanpha Kamara
S	Tristan Owen
W	Karsen Taylor
A	Mariana Caserta
A	Laylah Anderson
Y	Olivia Filauri

High School Spotlight Students

October 2021

9 th	Aubrey Schultz
10 th	Andrew Gould
11 th	Christian DeMarco
12 th	Elijah Lane

Seniors of the Month

October 2021

Madison Lavender
Peyton Rieger

PRESENTATIONS:

- Kingsway Regional Middle School Student Council: Vivian Alam, President; Vianna Staino, Vice President; and Danielle Lewis, Secretary
- Robert Iocono: Technology Update

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:
 - Jennifer Vincent – General Worker-Café
 - David Parks – Custodian
 - Chris Purviance – Bus Driver
 - Charles Drew – School Bus Aide
 - Madeline Psihalinos – General Worker-Café

- Resignation:
 - Dorothy Banenas – General Worker-Café
 - Antoinette Hawk – General Worker-Café
 - Renee Bell – General Worker-Cafe
- Retirement:
 - None
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Brett Fereday - Custodian

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Alex Saavedra – Team Scholastics Tutor
 - Laurie Burkett - Paraprofessional
- Resignation:
 - Zachery Bates – Paraprofessional
 - Cassie Tomczak – Teacher of Math
 - Antwine Perez – Adjunct Winter Track Coach
 - Michelle Behringer – I&RS Advisor
 - Laura Fiorentino – Writers Block Advisor
 - Katherine Bond – Teacher of ELA
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Michael Coller – Teacher of History
 - Patricia Campbell - Paraprofessional

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Isabella Knapp – Special Education Teacher
- Resignation:
 - Mallory Ilves – Special Education Teacher
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Tiffany Scurry – Social Worker
 - Nicholas Piccone – Paraprofessional
 - Steven Hildebrand – Teacher of Physical Education
 - Ryan Stickel – Teacher of Pre-Algebra
 - Michele Orr – Teacher of Business & Computer Science

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **12/13/2021.** The Middle School Living History Club will travel to Valley Forge.
- **12/16/2021.** The High School Student Council will drop off donations at Headstart in Swedesboro, Local Police & Fire Stations, Inspira Medical, Angels of God Community Outreach, and Applebees.
- **12/16/2021.** The Students in Action Club will participate in a Winter Service Project at Family Promise of Gloucester County.
- **12/17/2021.** The Renaissance Program will travel to Dave & Busters in Blackwood, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **11/15/2021 to 12/8/2021.** The High School Student Council will collect toys to donate to Toys for Tots.
- **12/1/2021 to 12/15/2021.** The SURE/SIA Club will collect canned goods to donate to King’s Things Food Pantry in exchange for Candygrams.
- **12/13/2021 to 12/17/2021.** The Class of 2025 will sell Snowflake Grams to raise funds for the Class of 2025 fund.
- **12/13/2021 to 1/11/2022.** The High School Student Council will register teams for a Dodgeball Tournament to raise funds to donate to the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation.
- **1/10/2022 to 1/21/2022.** The KRHS Musical will sell ads for their Musical Playbill to raise funds for set construction.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 10/15/2021	Start: 12:32 pm End: 01:15 pm	Stage 2 Evacuation Drill
HS 10/22/2021	Start: 12:46 pm End: 12:49 pm	Fire Drill
MS 10/14/2021	Start: 09:09 am End: 09:30 am	Stage 1 & Stage 2 Evacuation Drill
MS 10/19/2021	Start: 07:40 am End: 07:50 am	Bus Evacuation Drill
MS 10/28/2021	Start: 10:56 am End: 11:10 am	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.

Policy Regulation Number	Title
P0141.2	Board Member and Term - Receiving District
P1642	Earned Sick Leave Law
P2270	Religion in Schools
P2415.06	Unsafe School Choice Option
P2422	Comprehensive Health and Physical Education
P2610	Educational Program Evaluation
P2622	Student Assessment
P3159	Teaching Staff Member-School District Reporting Responsibility
P3421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
P4219	CDL Controlled Substance and Alcohol Use Testing
P4421.13	Postnatal Accommodations
P5111	Eligibility of Resident-Nonresident Students
P5200	Attendance
P5320	Immunization
P5337	Service Animals
P5600	Student Discipline - Code of Conduct
P5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses
P5612	Assaults on District BOE Members or Employees
P5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses
P6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
P7243	Supervision of Construction
P7440	School District Security
P8210	School Year
P8220	School Day
P8320	Personnel Records
P8462	Reporting Potentially Missing or Abused Children
P8600	Student Transportation

P8630	Bus Driver-Bus Aid Responsibility
P8860	Memorials
P9210	Parent Organizations
P9400	Media Relations
R1642	Earned Sick Leave Law
R5111	Eligibility of Resident-Nonresident Students
R5530	Substance Abuse
R5610	Suspension Procedures
R5611	Removal of Students for Firearms Offenses
R5612	Assaults on District BOE Members or Employees
R5613	Removal of Students for Assaults with Weapons Offenses
R6112	Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures
R7440	School District Security
R8220	School Closings
R8320	Personnel Records
R8600	Student Transportation
R8630	Emergency School Bus Procedures

The Board recommended the following for second reading **POLICY ABOLISHMENT:**

- P1649 Federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act

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:

- **11/15/2021; 1/21/2022; 3/14/2022.** Fallon Corcoran will attend ASAP NJ Association: Southern Region Meeting.
- **11/30/2021.** Tiffany Scurry will attend the Legal One HIB Law Update.
- **12/6/2021.** Kathleen Bially, Colleen Fitzpatrick and Heather Connor will attend the NJ Association of School Librarians (NJASL) Conference.

- **12/16/2021.** Sara DiBenedetto will attend BER Innovative, New Activities for Strengthening Your Physical Education Program (Grades K-8).
- **12/17/2021.** Vivian Cassidy and Mairin Schramm will attend School Counselor Appreciation Day at NJIT.
- **2/14/2022.** Apryl Palazzo will attend the University of Tampa High School Counselor Fly-In Event.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

- **11/11/2021** – Schoology Sync Work Session. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford & Mary Neyer.
- **11/30/2021** – Collaborative Co-Teaching. HS Room 217. Facilitators Nicole Cammarota & Elizabeth Parambath.
- **12/1/2021** – GoGuardian/Basics & Beyond. HS Room 217. Facilitators Danielle Altersitz.
- **12/9/2021** – The Flipped Classroom Model. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **12/16/2021** – Panopto. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **12/21/2021; 1/26/2022; 2/23/2022; 3/25/2022; 4/26/2022; 5/25/2022; 6/7/2022** – Understanding the English Language Learner Series. HS Room 217. Facilitator Elizabeth Parambath.
- **1/13/2022** – Differentiated Instruction. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **1/27/2022** – Schoology Grading Groups. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.
- **2/10/2022** – Putting It All Together. HS Room 217. Facilitators Ashley Hungerford and Mary Neyer.

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 October 31, 2021.
- **Employment Contracts.** The Board approved Employment Contracts between Patricia Calandro, Assistant Superintendent and Jason Schimpf, School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary.
- **Professional Services Contract Award.** The Board appointed the law firm of Porzio, Bromberg & Newman, P.C. as Special Counsel.
- **National Cooperative Contract Award.** The Board awarded a contract to Hanover Research Group under the 1 Government Procurement Alliance National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement from November 19, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement.** The Board awarded a contract to UKG/Kronos under the OMNIA Partners National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the provision of Payroll and Personnel software management services for the period retroactive August 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Amended Authority to Transfer Excess Surplus to Capital Reserve.** The Board authorized the School Business Administrator to make a transfer not to exceed \$3,000,000 to its capital reserve account.

- **Other Capital Projects.** The Board authorized Garrison Architects to prepare and submit NJDOE Other Capital Project applications for Student Wellness/HyFlex Learning Lab, Additional Administrative Offices, HVAC, and a HS Science Lab Addition.
- **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.** The Board authorized submission of the District's 2022-23 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).
- **Transportation Bid Award 22-007.** The Board awarded To-From Transportation Routes to BR Williams.
- **Transportation Jointure.** The Board approved transportation jointures with Logan Township School District for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- **Pool Lease.** The Board approved a lease agreement with Gloucester County Vocational-Technical School District for pool use for high school swimming and diving practices and meets for the 2021-2022 season at a cost of \$7,615.00.

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, December 16, 2021 In Person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

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