

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



★ **Vision for Excellence:** It is the vision of the Kingsway Regional School District to successfully prepare students for their unique path in life. **Mission:** The Kingsway Regional School District, guided by our core values, engages students within a diverse and nurturing community dedicated to our Vision for Excellence.



Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education meeting held on November 14, 2024 and November 21, 2024.

ENROLLMENT as of October 31, 2024	
High School	1959
Middle School	935
Out of District	57
TOTAL	2951

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT



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

- FY Budgetary Surplus Review
- Summer 2025 Potential Capital Projects

STAFF RECOGNITION

- We had the pleasure of introducing our [new staff](#) members and Spotlight Teacher of the Month to the Board of Education.

New Staff Members

-  Holly Bornstein, MS Paraprofessional
-  Chelsea Pfahl, MS Special Education Teacher



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 2024	
K	Zachary Duer
I	Mackenzie Booker
N	Ryan Leap Tommy Connell
G	Alyssa Cetkowski
S	Lauren Fitch
W	Lia Henson
A	Carlena Streitfeld
Y	Utah Watson

High School Spotlight Students	
November 2024	
Grade 9	Gabriel McLaughlin
Grade 10	Nadia Esan
Grade 11	Rita Sheets
Grade 12	Kaitlin Weil

Seniors of the Month – November 2024	
Ava DiBonaventura	
Nikhil Banga	

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- None

Resignation/Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence/Resignations:

- April Burger (Registrar)
- Michael Shuster (Supervisor of Buildings & Grounds)

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Regan Healey (Interim Art Long Term Substitute)
- Dana Gaetano (Assistant Principal)
- Sarah Huff (Custodian)
- Wanda Sirko (Interim Business Long Term Substitute)

Resignation:

- Jennifer Todd (Teacher of Special Education)

Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Dinari Jones (Custodian)
- Nicolas Piccone (Paraprofessional)
Patricia DiBartolo (Secretary)
- Denise Dickson (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Dolly Guzman (Learning Disabilities Teacher-Consultant)
- Kristin Pepe (Teacher of Art)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- None

Resignation/Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Karen Jennett (Teacher of Special Education)

INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM

The Board of Education approved the following Practicum, Student Teachers, Visitors and Internships:

- None

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved the following Professional Development Plans and Teacher Mentor Program:

- **11/14/2024.** Brian Tonelli will attend the Regional Brain and Behavioral Training in Arlington, VA.

- **11/17/2024 – 11/19/2024.** Tim Erikson will attend the BrainStorm Technology Conference in Pocono Manor, PA.
- **11/21/2024.** Mike Schiff will attend the Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training session (Virtual).
- **11/21/2024.** John Cappolina will attend the Fall 2024 HESAA School Counselor Training Institute in Camden, NJ.
- **11/21/2024.** Mairin Schramm will attend the Thomas Jefferson University - School Counselor & College Advisor Day in Philadelphia, PA.
- **12/5/2024.** Suzanne Miller and Magdalini Psihalinos will attend the 2024 USDA Foods Conference in Edison, NJ.
- **12/5/2024.** Alexandra Long will attend the Build Better Relationships & More Effectively Manage Student Behavior training (Virtual).
- **12/13/2024.** Leslie Miles will attend the New Jersey Association of School Psychologists Winter Conference 2024 in Union, NJ.
- **12/16/2024.** Shanyn Enzman, Ryan Stickel, Michelle Yourison, Sabrina Grossi, and Lory Roberts will attend the Building Thinking Classrooms workshop in Glassboro, NJ.
- **12/19/2024, 1/16/2025, and 2/20/2025.** Michele Orr will attend the DECA Southern Advisor Meeting in Sewell, NJ.
- **1/10/2025.** Sara DiBenedetto will attend the BER Reducing Recurring Behavior Problems training (Virtual).
- **3/27/2025.** Stephanie Atene and Holly Fisher will attend the Behavioral Threat Assessment & Management Training (Virtual).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **12/5/2024.** Nicole Servais will facilitate Leaning Into Learning Objectives in the High School Student Center.
- **12/12/2024.** Nicole Servais will facilitate Aceing Assessment & Data Driven Instruction in the High School Student Center.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Board approved the following agreements/plans:

- Rothman Student Internships Affiliation Agreement
- KRSD 2024-2027 LIEP 3 Year Plan
- District Improvement Plan (DIP)

HIB SELF-ASSESSMENT.

The Board approved the 2023-2024 HIB Self-Assessment & HIB Grade Report.

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the Nursing Services Plan for 2024-2025.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PRESENTATIONS:

- Monthly Student Representative Report
- DECA: Distributive Education Clubs of America
- Mason Corey – Publication of research in the October 2024 issue of the International Journal of Innovative Science and Research Technology

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **11/20/2024.** The STEP Program will attend Community-Based Instruction at ShopRite, Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **11/27/2024.** The Choral Club: Dragon Scales will perform the National Anthem at Hollydell Ice Arena, Sewell, NJ.
- **12/4/2024.** The STEM Academy – 11th Grade will take a campus tour of Drexel University, Philadelphia, PA.
- **12/6/2024.** The Brass Ensemble will perform a Community Outreach Performance in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **12/6/2024.** The Unified Club will attend the Special Olympics NJ Youth Summit at Cinnaminson High School, Cinnaminson, NJ.
- **12/9/2024.** The STEM Academy – 12th Grade will take a campus tour of Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, Philadelphia, PA.
- **12/10/2024.** Girls Volleyball will hold their team banquet at Botto’s, Swedesboro, NJ.
- **12/12/2024.** Girls Field Hockey will hold their team banquet at Cecil Creek Farms, Mickleton, NJ.
- **12/17/2024.** Boys Soccer will hold their team banquet at Adelphia’s Restaurant, Deptford, NJ.
- **12/18/2024.** The STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Five Below and Friendly’s, Glassboro, NJ.
- **01/14/2025.** Science Olympiad will compete in the Regional Competition at Camden County College, Blackwood, NJ.

- **01/18/2025.** Science Olympiad will compete in the Regional Competition at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Baltimore, MD.
- **04/23/2025.** The Veterinary Science Class will attend Animal CPR Training at Kingsway Regional High School, Woolwich Township, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **12/7/2024.** The Girls Basketball team will host a girls’ basketball youth clinic to raise funds for team gear and a donation to Coaches vs. Cancer.
- **12/19/2024 – 2/28/2024.** The Girls Basketball team will have concession stand sales at games to raise funds for senior gifts and banquet.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 10/3/2024	9:02 AM	9:10 AM	Lockdown Drill
MS 10/3/2024	10:40 AM	10:53 AM	Hold
MS 10/25/2024	9:05 AM	9:12 AM	Fire Drill
MS/HS 10/15/2024	7:40 AM	8:00 AM	Bus Evacuation Drill
HS 10/10/2024	12:32 PM	12:59 PM	Lockdown Drill
HS 10/17/2024	8:09 AM	8:24 AM	Hold
HS 10/25/2024	12:34 PM	12:45 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

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

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, 2024.

- **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan.** The Board authorized submission of the District’s 2025-26 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP).
- **Petty Cash Funds.** The Board authorized the establishment of petty cash accounts for the period July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025.
- **FY25 ESEA Grant Amendment.** The Board authorized submission of an amendment to the FY2025 ESEA Federal Entitlement Grant.
- **Woolwich Residential, LLC c/o Ridgewood Real Estate Partners Agreement.** The Board approved the agreement for construction of the walking trail along with certain associated site improvements to the District Property.
- **To/From Transportation Bid 25-004 Award.** The Board awarded a contract for to/from school transportation services to Holcomb Transportation, LLC.
- **Tuition Agreements.** The Board approved tuition agreements with Deptford Township School District and with Washington Township School District for the 2024-2025 School Year.

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 19, 2024, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



GIVING TUESDAY



Accepting Donations

Your Tax Deductible Donation will provide support for Dragon families in need of a hand up throughout the year!



UNITED in PURPOSE



Support Kingsway's Students, Scholarships, and Programs!

Did you know your employer may participate in the **United Way Gloucester County Public Employees Contribution Campaign**? You can make a difference by designating your donation to the **Kingsway Education Foundation**.



Your contribution directly supports programs, scholarships, and initiatives that benefit Kingsway's students and community.

How to Give:

Ask your employer about the United Way campaign and specify the Kingsway Education Foundation as your charity of choice.

Together, we can make an impact!

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