

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 meetings held on January 2, 2025 (Reorganization Meeting); January 16, 2025 and January 23, 2025.

High School	1960
Middle School	936
Out of District	57
TOTAL	2953

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Zero Eyes
- Athletics
- Field Hockey

STAFF RECOGNITION

• We had the pleasure of introducing our new staff and Spotlight Teacher of the Month to the Board of Education.

K New Staff Members

Sarah Huff (Custodian – MS)

K Spotlight Teacher for Month of February

Mairin Schramm, School Counseling - HS



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 2025	
K	Ryan Phillips Rajay Pryce
I	Sierra Lane
N	Edward Voll
G	Byron Ramsay
S	Jackson Meli
W	Luke Gilliland
A	Max Kadelski
Y	Madeline Hnosko

High School Spotlight Students	
January 2025	
Grade 9	Marc-Eli Magnet
Grade 10	Autumn Herring
Grade 11	Thelma Reed
Grade 12	Laney Thorp

Seniors of the Month – January 2025	
Sophia Counsellor	
Teddy Oberg	

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Rita Wesnofske (Substitute Secretary)

Resignation/Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence/Resignations:

- June Cioffi (Athletic Director)

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Madelyn Kline (LTS Teacher of Special Education)
- Wanda Sirko (Interim Business LTS)
- William Stutzenburg (Custodian)
- Heather Boehm (Paraprofessional)

Resignation:

- Joseph Resto (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Michael Primavera (Custodian)

Retirement:

- Sharon Freeman (Custodian)
- Kim Dormann (Secretary)

Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Danielle Madiraca (Teacher of Special Education)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- None

Resignation:

- Laura Terpak (Teacher of Special Education)

Schedule "B" and Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Ronald Johnson (Custodian)
- Michael Mazzeo (Custodian)

INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM

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

- **1/13/2025 – 1/13/2026.** Brandyn Miller-McGrail, Administration Practicum and Internship; Wilmington University. Cooperating Mentor: Meredith Alexander (Grade 10).
- **1/21/2025 – 5/9/2025.** Julieann Wattley, Field Experience/Middle School History; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Zachary Van Der Wall (8th Grade).
- **1/21/2025 – 5/9/2025.** Angelina Witting, Field Experience, Middle School History; Rowan

University. Cooperating Mentor: Zachary Van Der Wall (8th Grade).

- **1/21/2025 – 5/9/2025.** Annette Villalba-Torres, Field Experience/Middle School Spanish; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Evelyn Torres (8th Grade).
- **1/21/2025 – 5/9/2025.** Destani Mondragon, Field Experience/Middle School Spanish; Rowan University. Cooperating Mentor: Evelyn Torres (8th Grade).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **1/21/2025.** Meredith Alexander will attend Spring 2025 New Jersey Testing Coordinator Training in Mt. Laurel, NJ.
- **1/23/2025.** Dolly Guzman will attend Shifting Our Mindset: Embracing the Potential in Student Behavior in Glassboro, NJ.
- **1/31/2025.** Meghan Mattson will attend the 16th Annual Sports medicine Symposium in Philadelphia, PA.
- **2/21/2025 – 2/22/2025.** Joe Henderson will attend the NJMEA State Music Educator's Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **2/21/2025.** Keith Bianchini will attend the NJMEA State Music Educator's Conference in Atlantic City, NJ
- **6/24/2025 – 6/27/2025.** Susan Vance will attend Finalsite University in Orlando, FL.
- **7/20/2025 – 7/23/2025.** Susan Vance will attend the National School Public Relations Association (NSPRA) National Conference in Washington, DC.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **2/5/2025.** Nicole Servais & Emily Virga will facilitate G.R.E.A.T. Instruction Part III: Small Group Instruction Roundtable in the MS Media Center.
- **2/6/2025.** Vince Doud will facilitate Formative Assessment in the HS Student Center.
- **2/13/2025.** Vince Doud & Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Blended Learning Structures in the HS Student Center.
- **2/20/2025.** Nicole Cammarota-Verasco will facilitate Progress Monitoring in the HS Student Center.

- **2/21/2025 & 2/22/2025.** Vince Doud will facilitate NJTSS Cycle 2 Instructional Strategy: HS Math in the HS Student Center.
- **2/24/2025.** Nicole Servais will facilitate NJTSS Cycle 2 Instructional Strategies: MS & HS ELA in MS Room A12.
- **2/26/2025.** Vince Doud will facilitate AI: Classroom Applications Roundtable in the MS Media Center.

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board approved the following Job Descriptions:

- None

PROGRAMS

- The Board approved the Program of Studies & Student Planning Guide Summary of Changes for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- The Board approved the CER Dragons Summer Camp 2025 Parent Handbook.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PRESENTATIONS:

- Monthly Student Representative Report
- ZeroEyes Demonstration

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **1/9/2025:** The All South Jersey Chorus Students will attend a mandatory rehearsal at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.
- **1/22/2025, 1/29/2025, 2/1/2025, 2/5/2025, 2/10/2025, 2/12/2025, 2/19/2025, 2/24/2025:** The Computer Science Club will participate in a Robotics Scrimmage at Clearview Regional High School in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **2/1/2025:** The Color Guard will attend a qualifying competition at Penn High School in Lansdale, PA.
- **2/1/2025, 2/8/2025:** The Mock Trial Team will compete in the Gloucester County Mock Trial Championship at Clearview High School in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **2/8/2025:** Indoor Percussion will participate in a qualifying competition at Cinnaminson High School in Cinnaminson, NJ.
- **2/8/2025:** The Color Guard will participate in a qualifying competition at Cinnaminson High School in Cinnaminson, NJ.
- **2/8/2025:** The Drama & Debate Clubs will compete in the NJDFL Tournament at Eastern High School in Voorhees, NJ.
- **2/15/2025.** Indoor Percussion will participate in a qualifying competition at Perkiomen Valley High School in Collegeville, PA.
- **2/16/2025:** Boys Wrestling will take a campus tour and watch collegiate matches at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, NY.
- **2/22/2025:** The Computer Science Club will participate in a Robotics Tournament at North Burlington Middle School in Burlington, NJ.
- **2/22/2025:** Indoor Percussion will attend a qualifying competition at Millville High School in Millville, NJ.
- **2/22/2025:** The Drama & Debate Clubs will compete in the NJDFL Tournament at Mainland High School in Linwood, NJ.
- **2/22/2025:** The Color Guard will attend a qualifying competition at Millville High School in Millville, NJ.
- **2/26/2025:** The STEP Program will take part in a Community-Based Instruction trip at ShopRite in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **2/27/2025:** The STEP Program will take part in a Community-Based Instruction trip at Pond Lehighy in Philadelphia, PA.
- **2/28/2025:** The Renaissance Program will host their Semester 1 Celebration event at Deptford Mall in Deptford, NJ.
- **3/8/2025:** Indoor Percussion will attend a qualifying competition at Unionville High School in Kennett Square, PA.
- **3/8/2025:** The Color Guard will participate in a qualifying competition at Upper Moreland High School in Willow Grove, PA.
- **3/14/2025:** The 9th Grade STEM Academy will visit Rowan University's Maker Space in Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/15/2025:** Indoor Percussion will attend a qualifying competition at Unionville High School in Kennett Square, PA.
- **3/15/2025:** The Color Guard will attend a qualifying competition at Unionville High School in Kennett Square, PA.
- **3/27/2025:** Student Athletes will participate in the Positive Coaching Alliance Workshop at Washington Township High School in Sewell, NJ.
- **3/29/2025:** The Color Guard will attend a qualifying competition at Abington High School in Abington, PA.

- **3/30/2025:** The Color Guard will participate in the Invitational at St. Joseph High School in Metuchen, NJ.
- **4/1/2025:** The AP Art History Class will take part in a cultural experience at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City, NY.
- **4/6/2025:** Indoor Percussion will attend a qualifying competition at Williamstown High School in Williamstown, NJ.
- **4/6/2025:** The Color Guard will participate in a qualifying competition at Williamstown High School in Williamstown, NJ.
- **4/12/2025:** NJROTC will attend the Military Ball at Kingsway Regional High School in Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **4/12/2025:** The Color Guard will compete in championships at CURE Insurance Arena in Trenton, NJ.
- **4/27/2025:** Indoor Percussion will participate in a qualifying competition at Eastern High School in Voorhees, NJ.
- **4/27/2025:** The Color Guard will participate in Chapters at Eastern High School in Voorhees, NJ.
- **5/1/2025 - 5/4/2025:** Indoor Percussion will compete in the Finals Competition at Wildwood Convention Center in Wildwood, NJ.
- **6/6/2025:** The Instrumental Music Department will perform at Jackson Liberty High School, followed by Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
- **6/11/2025:** The 7th & 8th Choir, 8th Band, and Jazz Band will perform at Clementon Park in Clementon, NJ.
- **6/26/2025 - 7/16/2025:** The French 3 and French AP Classes will engage in a cultural experience in Paris, Strasbourg, Lyon, Dijon, Annecy, Avignon, Nice, and France.

FUNDRAISERS

- **2/3/2025 – 2/14/2025.** The HS AP Roundtable will sell AP Rocks T-Shirts to raise funds for student breakfast and AP swag.
- **2/3/2025 – 2/7/2025.** Habitat 4 Humanity will have a Penny Wars competition among teachers and departments to raise funds to support Habitat 4 Humanity.
- **2/10/2025 – 2/21/2025.** The HS Business Leadership Academy will collect children’s books to donate to a local charity.

- **2/24/2025 – 2/28/2025.** The MS Student Council will sale tickets to the 8th Grade Semi-Formal Dance to raise funds for the Student Council trip to Six Flags.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
HS 12/4/2024	1:05 PM	1:11 PM	Hold Drill
HS 12/12/2024	12:27 PM	12:31 PM	Secure
HS 12/9/2024	1:00 PM	1:07 PM	Fire Drill
MS 12/5/2024	1:16 PM	1:26 PM	Hold Drill
MS 12/12/2024	12:29 PM	12:33 PM	Secure
MS 12/23/2024	8:40 AM	8:48 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
Policy 4216	Dress and Grooming (Support Staff) (Revised)
Policy 5111	Eligibility of Resident/Nonresident Pupils (Revised)

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

REORGANIZATION MEETING

- Election Results were read:
 - Michele Blair – 4,857
 - Marilyn O’Rourke-Young – 4,937
 - Apryl Palazzo – 4,698
- Administration of Oaths of Office were administered for School Board members duly elected or appointed to the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education.
 - Michele Blair
 - Marilyn O’Rourke-Young
 - Apryl Palazzo
 - Kristen Lombardo

- Nominations for President and Vice President were held and officers elected:
 - 🔥 Jennifer Cavallaro-Fromm – President
 - 🔥 Lauren Boerlin – Vice President
- **School Board member Code of Ethics Training.** The Board adopted the NJSBA “Code of Ethics” and provided an annual training session.
- **Parliamentary Procedure.** The Board adopted parliamentary procedures as described by Robert’s Rules of Order.
- **Establishment of Board of Education Annual Meeting Dates, Time and Place.** The Board adopted [dates](#) to meet to discuss or act upon public business.
- **Adoption of Official Newspaper.** The Board designated The South Jersey Times as the official newspaper to receive notifications.
- **Adoption of Board Policies and Regulations.** The Board readopted all current written policies, bylaws, and regulations.
- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board appointed Jason Schimpf as Board Secretary.
- **Depositories and Signatories.** The Board approved official depositories and signors.
- **Amendment to Minimum Wage.** The Board approved an increase to the minimum hourly wage from \$15.13 per hour to \$15.49 per hour.

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, 2024.
- **Temporary Grading and Access Easement Agreement.** The Board approved an Agreement with Fair Share Housing Development Inc. to provide mutual promises in consideration of \$1.00.
- **FY2024 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).** The Board accepts the audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.
- **Interlocal Purchasing Agreement with TIPS.** The Board authorized Jason Schimpf to sign and deliver any and all necessary documents for participation in TIPS.
- **To/From Transportation Bid 25-005 Award.** The Board awarded a contract to NJ Preferred for the period February 1, 2025 through June 30, 2025.

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 20, 2025, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



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