

# BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Committed to Excellence



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★ **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 April 24, 2025.

### ENROLLMENT as of March 31, 2025

High School	1961
Middle School	936
Out of District	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2956</b>

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- SBA and Assistant Superintendent Annual Contracts
- Senior Trip to Disney
- Navy JROTC Military Ball
- Disenrollment
- Logan Tuition

### STAFF RECOGNITION

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

- **K** Ronald Finley, Bus Driver
- **K** Ben Hedenberg, MS Teacher of Social Studies  
Spotlight Teacher for the Month of April



### 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	
April 2025	
<b>K</b>	Sydney Westcott
<b>I</b>	Analeigh Albaugh
<b>N</b>	Kelly Szeg
<b>G</b>	Dylan Read
<b>S</b>	Emily Scarlett
<b>W</b>	Emma Franzosa
<b>A</b>	Chase Caltabiano Aubrey Miller
<b>Y</b>	Ethan Alexander

High School Spotlight Students	
April 2025	
<b>Grade 9</b>	Tyler Sedlock
<b>Grade 10</b>	Hope Jones
<b>Grade 11</b>	Mishi Chaturvedi
<b>Grade 12</b>	Cameron Stephenson

Seniors of the Month – April 2025	
Sophie Bell	
Derrick Cheng	

### PERSONNEL

#### DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

##### Appointments:

- Shania Delano (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Tori Drechsler (Network Technician)

##### Resignation:

- Aaron Hickman (Network Technician)

**Retirement:**

- Patricia Bowe (Bus Driver) – 16 years of service

**Schedule “B”:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Nicole Servais (Instructional Technology Coach)
- Paulette Slusarski (Bus Driver)

**HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- Fernando Garcia Irizarry (Custodian)
- Camille Maimone (Teacher of Special Education)
- Megan Murie (Teacher of Science)
- Marissa Ozer (LTS – Teacher of Spanish)
- Jackie Reilly (LDTC)
- James Sipio (Teacher of Special Education)
- Caylee Stead (Teacher of English)

**Resignation:**

- Sean Cousins (Custodian)
- Benjamin Perney (Custodian)
- Michele Arnone (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Natalie Lerro (Paraprofessional)

**Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule “B” and Additional Duty Stipends:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Evette Fearon (Paraprofessional)
- Jennifer Vincent (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Karen Schonewise (Teacher of English)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- Jaclyn Charbonneau (LTS – Teacher of Health & PE)
- Kerian Vannieuwenhove (Teacher of French)
- Ajani Wijerathne (LTS – Teacher of Science)

**Resignation:**

- Kenneth Coyle (Teacher of Language)

**Retirement:**

- Kristine Bilderback (Teacher of Mathematics) – 13 years of service

**Schedule “B” and Additional Duty Stipends:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Jay Allen (Custodian)

- Alexandra Long (Teacher of Health & PE)

**INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM**

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

- 8/7/2025-12/18/2025. Jaron Reeves, Rowan University Athletic Training Internship, Grades 9-12. Cooperating Mentor: Rob Baerman
- 6/23/2025-5/8/2026. Stephanie Pino, Rowan University School Counseling Internship, Grades 9-12. Cooperating Mentor: Mike Schiff and Vivian Cassidy.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

The Board approved the following Job Descriptions:

- Athletic Trainer
- School Traffic Aide
- Head Coach
- Non-Certified Athletic Volunteer
- School Nurse
- Director of School Counseling
- Data/SIS Administrator

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION****PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

- **6/16/2025, 6/17/2025 & 6/18/2025.** John Simmermon will attend the Virtual Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute.
- **6/23/2025-6/26/2025.** Jakob Mostoller will attend the Virtual Advanced Placement (AP) Summer Institute.
- **7/29/2025, 7/30/2025, 8/1/2025.** Rachael Anderson will attend the Virtual Centre for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition (CARLA).

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **5/7/2025.** Ed Dubbs (MS) and Meredith Alexander (HS) will facilitate the NJSLA Training (Optional) in the MS Media Center and HS Seminar Room 100.
- **5/29/2025.** New Educator Program Participants will facilitate a Celebration of Growth Showcase in the High School Student Center.

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Monthly Student Representative Report

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **4/25/2025–4/30/2025.** The HS DECA team will attend the National Competition at Rosen Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando, FL.
- **4/27/2025.** The HS NJROTC Orienteering team will participate in an Orienteering Competition at Brandywine Creek State Park in Wilmington, DE.
- **4/29/2025.** The HS Naval Science I & II NJROTC students will attend a college visit at the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, NY.
- **4/29/2025.** HS Athletics students will attend a presentation at Rowan University titled *A Conversation About Athletes and Opioids* in Glassboro, NJ.
- **4/30/2025** (ratify). The HS Team Scholastics (10th Grade) will visit Widener University in Chester, PA.
- **5/1/2025.** The HS STEM Academy (11th Grade) students will visit the Mutter Museum–The College of Physicians of Philadelphia in Philadelphia, PA.
- **5/1/2025.** The HS Mock Trial students will attend the Gloucester County Bar Foundation Law Day Luncheon at Auletto’s Catering in Deptford, NJ.
- **5/3/2025.** The HS NJROTC Orienteering team will participate in an Orienteering Competition at French Creek State Park in Elverson, PA.
- **5/5/2025.** The HS Business Leadership Academy students will attend a campus tour at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ.
- **5/10/2025.** The HS Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) Club will visit the Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC.
- **5/14/2025.** The MS STEP Program students will participate in a community-based instruction trip to ShopRite in Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **5/17/2025.** The HS Shades Club students will attend a performance of *MJ: The Musical* at the Neil Simon Theatre in New York, NY.
- **5/17/2025.** The HS Physics Club/Science Olympiad students will participate in *Physics Day* at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
- **5/21/2025.** The HS Business Leadership Academy (9th Grade) students will attend an entrepreneurship workshop at Rowan University Rohrer School of Business in Glassboro, NJ.
- **5/22/2025.** The HS STEM Academy (9th Grade) students will visit Temple University College of Engineering in Philadelphia, PA.

- **5/28/2025.** The MS STEP Program students will attend a Gloucester County Office of Emergency Management trip in Clayton, NJ.
- **5/28/2025.** The HS Student Council students will attend the NJASC Awards Ceremony at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
- **5/28/2025.** The HS Business Leadership Academy (12th Grade) students will tour the FBI Headquarters in Philadelphia, PA.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **4/28/2025 – 5/11/2025.** The SADD Club will sell apparel (t-shirts and crew neck) to raise funds for Pre-Prom Crashed Vehicle/Drunk Driving Awareness.
- **5/12/2025 – 5/23/2025.** The Class of 2028 will sell candles, wax melts/warmers and room sprays to raise funds for their Senior trip.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 3/13/2025	8:30 AM	8:37 AM	Fire Drill
MS 3/27/2025	10:15 AM	10:25 AM	Hold
HS 3/6/2025	1:56 PM	2:03 PM	Fire Drill
HS 3/19/2025	2:06 PM	2:12 PM	Lockdown Drill
HS/MS 4/8/2025	7:20 AM	8:00 AM	School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- Various placements were approved

**POLICY**

The Board recommended the following for **FIRST** reading for revisions and/or adoption.

Policy/Regulation Number	Title
P5460	High School Graduation
P5512	HIB
P8500	Food Service
P9163	Spectator Code of Conduct for Interscholastic Events
P9320 & R9320	Cooperation with Law Enforcement Agencies

The Board recommended the following for **SECOND** reading for revisions and/or adoption.

- None

#### PROGRAMS

- The Board approved the following programs:
  - None

#### RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects:

- **5/1/2025-5/1/2026.** Emily Virga will conduct research for Strengthening Tier 2 Support at the Secondary Level: A Needs Analysis of Data-Driven Small-Group Instruction.

#### 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 March 31, 2025.
- **Bid Award Trash Services.** The Board awarded the bid for Trash and Recycle Removal Service to Green Guys Recycling Solutions.
- **Vehicle Maintenance Agreements.** The Board approved the interlocal agreement for School Bus Maintenance Services for the 2025-2026 academic year with the Clearview Regional School District and the Harrison Township School District.
- **Participation in Cooperative Transportation with GCSSSD.** The Board approved and authorized execution of a contract with Gloucester County Special Services School District for participation in Cooperative Transportation Services for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- **Commodity Resale Agreement for Gasoline.** The Board authorized execution of a commodity resale agreement with the Township of Woolwich for the purchase of gasoline.
- **ESS Addendum for 2025-2026.** The Board approved the addendum with ESS Northeast LLC for substitute services beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **2025 Safety Grant Application.** The Board authorized the Business Administrator to take action

necessary to apply for and receive a safety grant award through the NJSIG Safety Grant Program.

- **CRESS Agreement.** The Board approved the CRESS Contract with GCSSSD for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- **Remedial Services for Nonpublic IDEA Students Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with Gloucester County Special Services School District to provide Remedial Services for Nonpublic IDEA Students for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation from Living Hope Worship Center in the amount of \$100.00 to be given to the Kingsway Computer Science Club.

#### 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, May 22, 2025, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



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