

# 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 May 22, 2025.

<b>ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2025</b>	
High School	1953
Middle School	934
Out of District	59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2946</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):

- Employment Contracts
- May Personnel Agenda
- Student Update
- Year-End Updates
- HS Code of Conduct
- MS Code of Conduct

### STAFF RECOGNITION

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

- K** John Lloyd, Instructional Supervisor
- K** Fernando Garcia, Custodian
- K** Susan Massara, HS Teacher of Health & PE  
Spotlight Teacher for the Month of May

### 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](#).

<b>Middle School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>May 2025</b>	
<b>K</b>	Cole Jaworski
<b>I</b>	Ethan Hall
<b>N</b>	Sophie Strockbine Arthur Santiago
<b>G</b>	Anna Riordan
<b>S</b>	Briana Tull
<b>W</b>	Annabelle Ridgeway
<b>A</b>	Brooklyn Miller
<b>Y</b>	Aubrey Horton

<b>High School Spotlight Students</b>	
<b>May 2025</b>	
<b>Grade 9</b>	Ashlyn Raio
<b>Grade 10</b>	Tyler Sharpe
<b>Grade 11</b>	Angel Rivera IV
<b>Grade 12</b>	Molly Baldino

<b>Seniors of the Month – May 2025</b>	
Kyle Nordone	
Madison Sims	
<b>Seniors of the Month – June 2025</b>	
Brielle Bucs	
Evan Frederick	

<b>Select Jazz Ensemble</b>	
Atlantic Coast Champions Directed by Joseph Henderson	

**PERSONNEL****DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT****Appointments:**

- Suzanne Clark, Substitute Custodian
- Cynthia Gardner, Substitute Custodian
- Jessica Jones, Bus Driver
- Alexis Mosley, Bus Driver
- Latonya Mitchell, Bus Driver
- Jakeya Williams, Bus Driver

**Resignation/Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule “B”:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- April Burger, School Registrar

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

- Gina Caruso, Teacher of Science
- Albert Fulginiti, Custodian
- Jeannette Kelly, Paraprofessional
- Nicole Rival, Teacher of Science
- Tyler Schulz, Interim LTS English
- Collin Wickramaratna, LTS Teacher of Special Education
- Destinie Corry, Paraprofessional
- Gabriella Capozzoli, School Counselor
- James Redrow, Custodian

**Resignation:**

- Kathryn Berman Layman, Teacher of Science
- Dolly Guzman, Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
- Sabrina Grossi, Teacher of Mathematics
- Stephanie Pino, Teacher of English
- Christina Ludlam-Santiago, School Nurse

**Retirement:**

- None

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

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Fallon Corcoran, Student Assistance Coordinator
- Sharon Freeman, Custodian
- Sarah Schugar, Teacher of English
- Karen Schonewise, Teacher of English
- Karen Vargas, Teacher of Science

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

- Mary Beth Koneiecki, Teacher of Mathematics
- Cheryl Adels, Teacher of Special Education

**Resignation:**

- Amanda Leto, Teacher of World Language
- Anna Marie Newsome, Teacher of Special Education

**Retirement:**

- Christine Fisher, General Café Worker – 25 Years of Service

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

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Alexandra Long, Teacher of Health & PE
- Allison Oplinger, Teacher of Science

**INTERNSHIPS/PRACTICUM**

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

- None

**2024-2025 Reappointment of Staff:**

- Various positions were reappointed

**Adoption of Substitute Employment Rates**

The Board approved substitute employment rates for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Reduction in Force**

The Board authorized the elimination of the following position:

- Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA)

**Abolishment of Positions**

The Board authorized the abolishment of the following positions:

- Teacher of English – HS
- Wellness Counselor – District
- Secretary – HS
- Teacher of Special Education – MS
- Teacher of Mathematics – MS
- Paraprofessional – MS
- Nurse - MS

**SBA 2025-2026 Contract**

The Board approved the Employment Contract between Jason Schimpf, School Board Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Kingsway Regional Board of Education for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**Assistant Superintendent 2025-2026 Contract**

The Board approved the Employment Contract between Patricia Calandro, Assistant Superintendent, and the Kingsway Regional Board of Education for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

**CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION**

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

- **5/16/2025 – 6/20/2025.** Michael Rucker will attend the virtual College Board APSI Training – US II History workshop.
- **6/25/2025 – 6/26/2025.** John Lloyd will attend the virtual AVID Summer Ignite Site Administrators Level 1: Secondary Community of Practice workshop.
- **6/25/2025 – 6/26/2025.** Jason Behringer will attend the virtual AVID Ignite: History/Social Science workshop.
- **7/15/2025 – 7/16/2025.** James Barnshaw will attend the virtual AVID Ignite: Creating Engaging and Rigorous Classrooms workshop.
- **8/5/2025 – 8/6/2025.** Annie Agriesti will attend the virtual AVID Ignite: Level 1 – Implementing the Fundamentals of Instruction workshop.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES**

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

**PRESENTATIONS**

- Monthly Student Representative Report
- National Honor Society – A Year in Review

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **5/28/2025.** Future RCSJ Students will attend the New Student Orientation at Rowan College of South Jersey, Sewell, NJ.
- **5/30/2025.** The HS STEP Program will have Community-Based Instruction at the Cohanzick Bridgeton Zoo and Terry’s Custard in Bridgeton, NJ.
- **6/6/2025.** The HS STEP Program will participate in Gator Games at Gateway Regional High School in Woodbury, NJ.
- **6/13/2025.** The HS STEP Program will have Community-Based Instruction at Ella Harris Park in Mullica Hill, NJ.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- None

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
HS 04/02/2025	1:00 PM	1:10 PM	Hold Drill
HS 04/29/2025	1:56 PM	2:04 PM	Fire Drill
MS 04/23/2025	8:45 AM	8:52 AM	Fire Drill
MS 04/29/2025	1:25 PM	1:34 PM	Stage 1 Evacuation Drill

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- Various placements were approved

**2023-2024 HIB Self-Assessment**

- The Board approved the [2023-2024 HIB Self-Assessment & HIB Grade Report](#).

**POLICY**

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

Policy/Regulation Number	Title
P & R 5533	Student Smoking
P 2365	Acceptable Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI)
P & R 5516	Use of Electronic Communication Devices
P5701	Academic Integrity
P5710	Student Grievance

The Board recommended the following for **SECOND** 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

**NJSIAA Membership**

- The Board enrolled as a member of the NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association (NJSIAA) and adopts as its own policy and agrees to be governed by the Constitution, Bylaws, Rules and Regulations of the NJSIAA.

**Appointment of Affirmative Action Officer(s)**

- The Board appointed the following as Affirmative Action Officers (AAO) for the 2025-2026 School Year:
  - Patricia Calandro, AAO for Staff
  - Michael Schiff, AAO for Students

**Affirmative Action Team Authorization**

- The Board authorizes the Affirmative Action Team to conduct a district-wide needs assessment and use findings to develop a Comprehensive Equity Plan (CEP).

**Authorization to Submit Comprehensive Equity Plan**

- The Board approves the submission of the proposed Comprehensive Equity Plan to the NJ Department of Education for the 2025-2028 planning cycle.

**PROGRAMS**

- The Board approved the following programs:
  - None

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The Board approved the following Research Projects:

- 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 April 30, 2025.
- **Tax payment Schedule of 2025-2026.** The Board approved the payment schedule for the 2025-26 School Year.
- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board appointed Board Officials for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Appointment of Professionals.** The Board appointed professionals for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Appointment of Representatives Requesting Federal and State Funds.** The Board designated agents to request state and federal funds for the period July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Authorization to Solicit Bids and Make Purchase Below Quote Threshold.** The Board authorized solicitation of bids for budgeted items required to be bid by NJ Statute.
- **Designation of Superintendent: Transfer Authority.** The Board authorizes the Superintendent or designee to approve line items transfers as are necessary between Board of Education meetings.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Contract.** The Board authorized the purchase of goods and services to meet the needs of the school district throughout the school year.
- **Designation of Official Website.** The Board adopted [www.krsd.org](http://www.krsd.org) as the official website of the district from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Authorization to Pay Claims Between Meetings.** The Board authorized the School Business Administrator to pay claims between monthly meetings and be ratified at its next regularly scheduled meeting.
- **District Travel Limitation for Regular Business Travel.** The Board established a maximum annual limitation for regular business travel in accordance with Policy 6471.
- **Establishment of Petty Cash Funds.** The Board authorized establishment of petty cash accounts in accordance with Policy 6620.
- **Adoption of Chart of Accounts.** The Board adopted the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.
- **Claims Auditor Pre-Payment Authority.** The Board approved the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to be designated as the Board of Education's Claims Auditor.
- **Tax Shelter Annuities and Disability Insurance Providers.** The Board approved companies as authorized Tax Shelter Annuity/After Tax Plans and Disability Insurance providers.
- **Educational Data Services, Inc.** The Board authorized Educational Data Services as a NJ Cooperative Bidding Program for our school supplies.
- **Flexible Spending Account.** The Board approved and adopted the Cafeteria Plan to be implemented.
- **Medical Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the contract with AmeriHealth through SHIF to provide a

one-year renewal effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

- **Prescription Renewal Rates.** The Board approved an amendment to the contract with SHIF to provide a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Dental Renewal Rates.** The Board approved a contract through SHIF with Delta Dental to provide a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Facility Usage Fees.** The Board adopted the facility usage fees in accordance with Board Policy 7510.
- **Joint Purchasing with Penns Grove-Carneys Point.** The Board approved the joint purchasing agreements with Penns Grove-Carneys Point School District for the acquisition of ice cream, milk, juice, dairy and baked goods for July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation from Main Street Baseball & Softball in the amount of \$750.00 for the KRSD Athletics Department.

#### 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, June 26, 2025, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.



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