

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 December 18, 2025.

ENROLLMENT as of November 30, 2025	
High School	1977
Middle School	913
Out of District	53
TOTAL	2943

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Transition of School Business Administrator (SBA)

STAFF RECOGNITION

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

- Heather Haines (HS Teacher of English/Language Arts, Special Education)
- William Mitman (Bus Driver)



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	
December 2025	
K	Shea Wadleigh
I	Colin Barski
N	Brooklyn Bell
G	Savannah Robostello
S	Cole Sperduto
W	Michaiah Obiri-Yeboah
A	Charlotte McNeill Jennifer Hardy
Y	Thomas Sedon

High School Spotlight Students	
December 2025	
Grade 9	Liam Hedglin
Grade 10	Thomas Parcels
Grade 11	Kailah Ward
Grade 12	Isabella Archer

Seniors of the Month – December 2025	
Karsen Taylor	
Courtney Weatherby	

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- None

Resignations/Retirements:

- None

Leaves of Absence:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- None

Resignation:

- Kathleen Richards (General Cafeteria Worker)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Lana Lowry (Teacher of Health & PE)
- Kristin Pepe (Teacher of Art)

Practicum, Student Teachers, Visitation & Internships

- **01/20/2026-03/13/2026 and 10/26/2026 – 12/17/2026.** Thomas Short, Rowan University; Student Teaching: Health & Physical Education. Cooperating Mentor: Brent Dodulik, Grades 9-12.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- None

Retirement:

- Regina Foody (Teacher of English – 24 years of service)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Joseph Bittmann (Teacher of Social Studies)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **12/17/2025.** HS STEP Program students will participate in the Unified Walk and Christmas celebration at Salem Tech Special Services, Salem, NJ.
- **1/21/2026.** HS Mock Trial students will attend Round 1 Mock Trial Competition at the Gloucester County Criminal Justice Complex, Woodbury, NJ.
- **1/24/2026.** HS Computer Science Club students will attend the Robotics Competition at Howell High School, Farmingdale, NJ.
- **1/28/2026.** HS Mock Trial students will attend Round 5 Mock Trial Competition at the Gloucester County Criminal Justice Complex, Woodbury, NJ.

- **2/4/2026.** HS Mock Trial students will attend the Round Two Mock Trial Competition at the Gloucester County Criminal Justice Complex, Woodbury, NJ.
- **2/12/2026.** MS STEP Program students will participate in Community-Based Instruction at ShopRite of Center Square Plaza, Swedesboro, NJ.
- **2/20/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the Jazz Festival at Cherokee High School, Marlton, NJ.
- **2/21/2026.** HS Computer Science Club students will attend the Robotics Competition at North Burlington County Middle School, Columbus, NJ.
- **2/25/2026.** HS Business Leadership Academy freshmen will visit the Wawa Headquarters in Aston, PA.
- **2/26/2026.** MS STEP Program students will participate in Community-Based Instruction at ShopRite of Center Square Plaza, Swedesboro, NJ.
- **2/27/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the Jazz Festival at Overbrook High School, Pine Hill, NJ.
- **3/6/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the NJAJE Prelims Competition at Sterling High School, Somerdale, NJ.
- **4/10/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the Jazz Festival at Pennsville High School, Pennsville, NJ.
- **4/24/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the Jazz Festival at Pitman High School, Pitman, NJ.
- **4/25/2026.** HS Select Jazz Ensemble students will perform and compete in the NJAJE State Jazz Finals at JP Stevens High School, Edison, NJ.
- **5/6/2026.** MS STEP Program students will participate in Community-Based Instruction at ShopRite of Center Square Plaza, Swedesboro, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **1/3/2026.** HS Girls Basketball to host a clinic for youth basketball to raise funds for team banquet and senior gifts.
- **1/16/2026 – 1/30/2026.** HS Instrumental Music Department will sell items from the Cherrydale Winter/Spring Catalog to raise funds for band trips.
- **1/22/2026 – 2/5/2026.** HS Unified Club will sell Gertrude Hawk Chocolates to raise funds for Senior Night.
- **2/11/2026.** MS Musical will host a Dine & Donate the Juice Pod in Logan Township, NJ to raise funds for costumes, lav mics, and set pieces.

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
HS 11/18/2025	9:20 AM	9:24 AM	Hold Drill
HS 11/25/2025	1:12 PM	1:19 PM	Fire Drill
MS 11/17/2025	8:39 AM	8:45 AM	Hold Drill
MS 11/20/2025	1:16 PM	1:22 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.

Policy and/or Regulation Number	Policy and/or Regulation Named
R#5440	Honoring Student Achievement
P2530 and R2530	Resource Materials (Revised)
P2535 and R2535	Library Materials (M) (New)
P9130 and R9130	Public Complaints

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **12/19/2025.** Mike Schiff, Christine Minot, Tori Miller and Mairin Schramm will attend the GCPA, FERPA, and Confidentiality & Appropriate Info Sharing workshop in Sewell, NJ.
- **1/9/2026.** Shyn Enzman will attend Building Thinking Classrooms in Franklinville, NJ.
- **1/14/2026.** Morgan Moore and Amanda Ottinger will attend the Gloucester County Teacher Leader Summit in Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/27/2026.** Mike Schiff and Emily Virga will attend NJ Positive Behavior Support in Schools workshop in West Windsor, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- **1/15/2026.** Nicole Servais will facilitate a Building Interactions and Relationships session in the High School Student Center.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following research projects:

- **11/10/2025 – 5/1/2026.** Stephanie Pino will research a Master Thesis: Understanding & Addressing Chronic Absenteeism Factors, interventions & outcomes connecting chronically absent students with early and targeted interventions.

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:

- Parent Handbook for the 2026 CER Summer Camp Program

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

HIB SELF-ASSESSMENT

- The Board approved the 2024-2025 HIB Self-Assessments for the Kingsway Regional High School and Kingsway Regional Middle School

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 November 30, 2025.
- **Transportation Agreement with UCESC.** The Board approved an agreement with the Union County Educational Services Commission (UCESC) to provide transportation services.
- **Bergen County Cooperative Pricing Agreement.** The Board approved a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with the County of Bergen.
- **Monmouth-Ocean Cooperative Pricing Agreement.** The Board approved a Cooperative Pricing Agreement with Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission (MOESC).
- **Interlocal Services for IT Management Services with the Township of Harrison.** The Board approved an interlocal services agreement with the Township of Harrison for Information Technology Management Services beginning December 31, 2025 through January 1, 2031.

- **Receiving Tuition Agreements for Students.** The Board approved a tuition agreement with Pennsauken School District and a tuition agreement with the Lindenwold School District, including transportation costs.
- **Authorization for Submission of Other Capital Projects.** The Board authorized submission of Other Capital Projects to the NJDOE for review and approval.
- **Statement of Assurance for the Health and Safety Checklist.** The Board approved the Statement of Assurance for the Health and Safety Checklist for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- **FY2025 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).** The Board accepts the Audit and Corrective Action plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.
- **Transportation Jointure with Logan Township School District.** The Board approved a To-From Transportation Jointure with Logan Township School District beginning December 16, 2025 through June 30, 2026.

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, January 22, 2026, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m. <https://www.krsd.org/student-experience/back-to-school>

[Click here to view Holiday Video Greeting](#)

