

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 February 19 and February 26, 2026.

ENROLLMENT as of January 30, 2026	
High School	1968
Middle School	910
Out of District	51
TOTAL	2929

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- Budget
- Turf Project
- Land Donation Update

STAFF RECOGNITION

We had the pleasure of introducing our Spotlight Educator for the Month of February:

- Victoria Miller, School Counselor



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	
February 2026	
K	Harper Faust
I	Michael Reagan
N	Luz Elena Tapia-Cortes
G	Carly Hemple
S	Ila Tull Anthony Ambrosio
W	Aubrey Scheeper
A	Alanna Lukasiewicz
Y	Samantha Singer

High School Spotlight Students	
February 2026	
Grade 9	Cooper Allen
Grade 10	Ariel Cunha
Grade 11	Ryan Erikson
Grade 12	Dianely Flores

Seniors of the Month – February 2026	
Mishi Chaturvedi	
Sophia Paoletti	

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Christy Mertz (Substitute Secretary)

Resignations:

- Emily Virga (Chief Academic Officer)
- Vincent Doud (Teacher Coach-Technology)

Retirement:

- Donna Andersen (Bus Driver – 13 years)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Jonathan Rivera (Custodian)
- Hannah DiBella (LTS – Teacher of Science)
- Hope Ficara (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Melissa Hires (LTS Teacher of Social Studies)

Resignation:

- Diane Nelson (Advisor-Unified Club & Sports)
- Carrie Biegler (LTS – Teacher of Art)

Retirement:

- Patricia Shields (Secretary – 14 years)

Schedule “B”:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Nicholas Piccone (Paraprofessional)

Practicum, Student Teachers, Visitation & Internships

- **2/13/2026, 2/20/2026 2/27/2026, 3/6/2026, 3/13/2026, 3/27/2026, 4/3/2026.** Kayla Bowker, Rowan University; Clinical Experience (21 Hours). Cooperating Mentor: Kristin Pepe, Grades 9-12.

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**Appointments:**

- Patricia Knott (LTS – Teacher of Science)

Resignation:

- None

Retirement:

- Warren Adams (Custodian – 12 years)
- #4465 (Teacher of English – 34 years)
- Sharon Young (Paraprofessional – 16 years)

Schedule “B”:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Lisa Casterioto (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Nicole DiBonaventura (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Jennifer Skelly (Teacher of Special Education)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **2/20/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at the Amish Market and Dollar Tree in Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **2/20/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Chick-fil-A in Sewell, NJ.
- **2/20/2026.** HS HOSA students will participate in the State Officer Interview at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- **2/26/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Chick-fil-A and PetSmart in Mantua, NJ.
- **3/3/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at the Edelman Planetarium, Rowan University, in Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/4/2026.** HS STEM Academy (12th Grade) students will participate in a STEM activity and college experience at the UPenn GRASP Lab and Penn Museum, University of Pennsylvania, in Philadelphia, PA.
- **3/4/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at ShopRite in Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **3/7/2026.** HS NJROTC Drill Team students will participate in a drill competition at Passaic High School in Passaic, NJ.
- **3/10/2026.** HS AP Art History students will participate in a curriculum-based experience at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, NY
- **3/12/2026.** HS Cheerleading (Fall and Winter) students will attend the Team Banquet at Cecil Creek Farm in Mickleton, NJ.
- **3/13/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at ShopRite in Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **3/15/2026.** HS Computer Science Club students will participate in the Robotics State Competition at Hillsborough High School in Hillsborough Township, NJ.
- **3/16/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Edelman Fossil Park in Mantua, NJ.
- **3/19/2026–3/20/2026.** HS NJ Model Congress/Debate Club students will participate in NJ Model Congress at Rider University in Lawrenceville, NJ.
- **3/21/2026.** HS NJROTC Drill Team students will participate in a drill competition at Rancocas Valley Regional High School in NJ.
- **3/26/2026.** HS Business Leadership Academy (10th Grade) students will participate in a leadership experience at Subaru Park in Chester, Pennsylvania.

- **3/27/2026.** HS School Counseling students will attend Union Trades Day at Williamstown High School in Williamstown, NJ.
 - **4/7/2026.** HS Girls Wrestling students will attend the Team Banquet at Cecil Creek Farm in Mickleton, NJ.
 - **4/8/2026.** HS Team Scholastics (10th Grade) students will participate in a college visit at Widener University in Chester, Pennsylvania.
 - **4/9/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Gloucester Outlets in Blackwood, NJ.
 - **4/11/2026–4/12/2026.** HS HOSA students will participate in the State Leadership Conference at Union County Vocational Technical School in Scotch Plains, NJ.
 - **4/14/2026.** HS STEM Academy (9th Grade) students will participate in a STEM experience at Rowan CREATES, Rowan University, in Glassboro, NJ.
 - **4/22/2026.** HS STEM Academy (10th Grade) students will participate in a STEM experience at the PSEG Nuclear Facility in Salem, NJ.
 - **4/24/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Union BBJ MMA Gym in Woodstown, NJ.
 - **4/24/2026–4/25/2026.** HS Varsity Boys Volleyball will participate in the Rhody Invitational in Providence, Rhode Island.
 - **4/28/2026.** HS STEM Academy (11th Grade) students will participate in a STEM experience at Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, NJ.
 - **5/2/2026.** HS Marching Band students will tour the Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
 - **5/5/2026.** HS Team Scholastics (9th Grade) students will participate in a college visit at the University of Delaware in Newark, Delaware.
 - **5/7/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction traveling from Ashland Train Station to Haddonfield, NJ.
 - **5/9/2026.** HS Kingsway Chorale, Treble Chorus, Dragon Singers, Musical, and Choral Club students will visit Carnegie Hall and attend the musical *The Buena Vista Social Club* in New York City, New York.
 - **5/18/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Munch N' Chew in Woolwich Township, NJ.
 - **5/21/2026.** MS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Cecil Creek Farm in Mickleton, NJ.
 - **6/1/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at ShopRite in Woolwich Township, NJ.
 - **6/5/2026.** HS STEP Program students will participate in community-based instruction at Ella Harris Park in Mullica Hill, NJ.
 - **7/2/2026–7/9/2026.** HS Italian III (Juniors and Seniors) students will participate in a cultural immersion trip to Rome, Florence, and Assisi, Italy.
 - **7/9/2026–7/17/2026.** HS French III and AP students will participate in a cultural immersion trip to Paris, France; Lucerne, Switzerland; and Munich, Germany.
- ### FUNDRAISERS
- **3/9/2026–3/20/2026.** HS World Wildlife Fund will conduct a collection of pet supplies to donate to a local shelter.
 - **3/9/2026–3/23/2026.** HS Girls Lacrosse will hold a sale of cookie dough to raise funds for the team banquet, senior gifts, and flowers.
 - **3/9/2026–End of Season.** HS Girls Lacrosse will offer concessions at games and accept donations to raise funds for team shirts.
 - **3/9/2026–3/23/2026.** HS Girls Softball will hold a sale of Joe Corbi's pizza to raise funds for the team banquet, senior gifts, and flowers.
 - **3/9/2026–End of Season.** HS Girls Softball will offer concessions at games and accept donations to raise funds for team shirts.
 - **3/16/2026–3/30/2026.** HS Boys Volleyball will hold a sale of gourmet popcorn to raise funds for the EOY Team Party, senior gifts, team gear, senior game flowers, and team shirts.
 - **3/16/2026–3/31/2026.** HS Boys Baseball will hold a sale of Player's Choice coupon cards to raise funds for the senior banquet, senior portraits, senior gifts, and team t-shirts.
 - **3/18/2026.** HS Computer Science Club will host a cornhole tournament and concessions to raise funds for a Robotics Starter Kit, practice field, and concession items.
 - **4/8/2026.** HS Golf Team will host the 4th Annual Marge Suiter JV Golf Tournament to raise funds for the team banquet, senior gifts, senior day, and tournament trophies.
- ### OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT
- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 1/6/2026	8:49 AM	8:51 AM	Hold
MS 1/9/2026	8:51 AM	8:55 AM	Lockdown Drill
MS 1/30/2026	2:50 PM	2:55 PM	Fire Drill
HS 1/9/2026	12:47 PM	12:54 PM	Lockdown Drill
HS 1/14/2026	9:20 AM	9:27 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 and/or Regulation Number	Policy and/or Regulation Named
P0142.1	Nepotism (M)
P1220	Employment of Chief School Administrator (M)
P1552 & R1552	Sexual Harassment - Staff (M) New
P3362	Sexual Harassment (M) Abolished
R3362	Sexual Harassment of Teaching Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)
P4352	Sexual Harassment (M) (Abolished)
R4362	Sexual Harassment of Support Staff Members Complaint Procedure (Abolished)

PRESENTATIONS:

- Monthly Student Representative Report
- Middle School Student Council

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **1/29/2026.** Dr. James Lavender will attend the NJ Association of School Administrators Executive Meeting & Workshops in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **2/5/2026, 3/12/2026, and 5/14/2026.** Lana Lowry will attend the NJ Inclusion Project Professional Learning Academics virtually (NJ).
- **2/25/2026.** Meredith Alexander will attend NJ Student Learning Assessments A/S Training in Princeton, NJ.

- **3/9/2026–3/10/2026.** Kristian Ward will attend the Echoes and Reflections Teacher Leader Summit in New Orleans, LA.
- **3/10/2026.** Mike Schiff and Stephanie Atene will attend the College Fair at Williamson College of the Trades in Media, PA.
- **3/10/2026–3/13/2026.** June Cioffi and Dave Stanton will attend the 2026 Directors of Athletics Association of NJ Annual Conference | Athletic Directors Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **3/17/2026.** Andrea Witte will attend the 2026 Inclusion Institute: Beyond Barriers | Moving Inclusive Education Forward in Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/17/2026.** Amanda Hannigan, Alexis McCann and Tiffany Zacharko will attend the Inclusion Institute 2026 in Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/18/2026.** Ray Philipp Jr., Tori Miller, Fallon Corcoran, Mairin Schramm and Holly Fisher will attend the Gloucester County Reunification Team Exercise in Sewell, NJ.
- **4/10/2026.** Patricia Villarreal and Jessica Cheng will attend the Hispania American Show | Spanish Heritage Show in Philadelphia, PA.
- **4/17/2026.** Kimberly Hargraves will attend Catching Up English & Language Arts Students Who Have Fallen Behind (Grades 6–12): Strategies that Work virtually (NJ).
- **6/2/2026–6/4/2026.** Sharon Ormsbee will attend the NJ Association of School Business Officials Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **6/22/2026–6/25/2026.** Gabrielle Helm will attend Walton APSI Online | AP Research virtually (NJ).
- **6/29/2026–7/2/2026.** Brandyn Miller-McGrail will attend AP Summer Institute | AP English Literature & Composition virtually (NJ).

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following research projects:

- None

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:

- Spring Athletic Schedule

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Greg Beckett Class of 1995 Kingsway Scholarship

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 January 31, 2026.
- **Grant Submission Local Recreation Improvement Grant.** The Board authorized application to apply for a grant from the NJ Department of Community Affairs to carry out a project to install bleachers at the new turf field site.
- **Cooperative Purchasing Agreement with BuyBoard.** The Board authorized entering into a National Cooperative Purchasing Agreement for the purchase of goods and service with BuyBoard.
- **Non-Public Purchasing Contracts.** The Board approved contracts with Gloucester County Special Services School District for Nonpublic Technology Purchasing and Nonpublic Textbook Purchasing for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Regeneron STS Grant Acceptance.** The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$2,000.00 from Regeneron STS to be used for STEM activities.
- **Transfer of Community Education and Recreation Funds.** The Board authorized a transfer from the Community Education & Recreation Enterprise Fund to the General Fund for the specific purpose of funding the Turf Field Project.
- **Transfer of Capital Reserve Funds.** The Board authorized a transfer from the Capital Reserve account to the General Fund to support the Turf Field Project.
- **Lease Purchase Quote Award.** The Board awarded the Lease Purchase Financing for New Turf Field Lighting to Cogent Leasing and Financing, Inc.
- **Cooperative Award – Turf Field Lighting.** The Board awarded the lighting for the Turf Field to MUSCO Sports Lighting, LLC.
- **Cooperative Award – Turf Project.** The Board awarded the Turf Project to American Athletic Turf.
- **Cooperative Award – Copiers 2026-2027 School Year.** The Board awarded a co-operative purchasing contract utilizing OMNIA for copiers to Ricoh beginning 7/1/2026 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Cooperative Award - Chromebooks.** The Board approved financing through Dell Financial Services for Student Chromebooks.

- **Public Notice.** The Board of Education will publish or advertise legal notices on the official internet website of the Board of Education. <https://www.krsd.org/legal-notices>
- **Schools Health Insurance Fund.** The Board authorized membership to the Schools Health Insurance Fund (SHIF).

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, March 26, 2026, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.

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TABLE

Tickets
on Sale
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For the
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KINGSWAY REGIONAL
12TH ANNUAL
JAZZ BISTRO
FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026 @ 6PM
High School Café West
Catered by Kingsway Regional School District Cafeteria

LIVE
MUSIC

ALL YOU CAN EAT BUFFET

Swingin' Cavatappi Alfredo and Jazzy Bolognese Pasta
Garlic Breadsticks • Caesar Salad • Green Beans
Cookies • Sheet Cake • Lemonade, Iced Tea, Coffee, Tea and Water

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Adults
\$15
Children 12 & under \$10

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