

# 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 April 23 and April 30, 2026.**

ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2026	
High School	1953
Middle School	908
Out of District	52
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2913</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):

- Land Donation
- MOU School of Deaf

## STAFF RECOGNITION

We had the pleasure of introducing our Spotlight Educator for the Month of April

- Denise Desiderio (HS Teacher of Art)



## 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 2026	
K	Bailee Small
I	Shrey Chaturvedi
N	Kayla McSorley
G	Isabella Rodriguez
S	Declan Kirk
W	Simone Henson
A	Caleb Liszewski Elisa Bradley
Y	Brayden Black

High School Spotlight Students	
April 2026	
Grade 9	Alexander Jacobs
Grade 10	Michael Beaver
Grade 11	Melanie Ortiz Vicente
Grade 12	Julia Ellers

Seniors of the Month – April 2026	
April Seniors of the Month will be recognized at the May 21, 2026 Meeting	
Hailey Blair Kamiah Schofield	

## PERSONNEL

### DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

#### Appointments:

- None

#### Resignation/Retirement/Leaves of Absence:

- None

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

- Daniel Fimiani (LTS – School Counselor)
- Grace Speer (LTS – Teacher of Mathematics)
- Wendy Young (LTS Teacher of Science)

**Resignation:**

- Rita Wesnofske (Substitute Secretary)
- Shania Delano (General Café Worker)

**Schedule “B”:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Gabriella Capozzoli (Guidance Counselor)
- Joan Carr (General Café Worker)
- Fallon Corcoran (Guidance Counselor)
- Karyn Henry (Teacher of Science)
- Marvin Howard (Custodian)
- Lynne Sanders-Horne (Teacher of World Language)

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

- Sara Ladik (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Arabella Stefanowicz (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Ajani Wijerathne (Teacher of Science)
- Rikki Lynn (Teacher of Science)

**Resignation:**

- None

**Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule “B”:**

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Nicole DiBonaventura (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Danielle MacIntosh (Teacher of Art)
- Jay Allen (Custodian)

**PRACTICUM, STUDENT TEACHERS, VISITATION & INTERNSHIPS**

- **8/7/2026 – 12/22/2026.** Ray Cardoza, Rowan University; Athletic Training Internship. Cooperating Mentor: Rob Baerman, Grades 9-12.
- **8/28/2026 – 12/16/2026.** Stephen Wilkins, Montclair State University. Speech-Language Pathology Externship. Cooperating Mentor: Morgan Moore, Grades 7-8.

- **9/1/2026-6/30/2027.** Juliana Mikulski, Philadelphia University. School Psychology Internship. Cooperating Mentor: Danielle Baney, Grades 7-8.
- **9/1/2026-12/9/2026 and 1/19/2027 – 5/7/2027.** Zachary Mikolajczak, Rowan University. Social Studies/History Student Teaching. Cooperating Mentor: Aaron Crispin, Grades 9-12.

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

The Board approved the following job descriptions:

- Finance Specialist

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **5/1/2026.** HS NJROTC All Naval Science Levels will visit the University of Maryland Baltimore County ROTC program in Baltimore, MD.
- **5/15/2026.** HS Business Leadership Academy (11th Grade) will attend business workshops at American Water Headquarters in Camden, NJ.
- **5/15/2026.** HS STEP Program will participate in community-based instruction at Rowan University job sites in Glassboro, NJ.
- **5/19/2026.** HS Business Leadership Academy (12th Grade) will take part in a non-profit business workshop at Funny Farm Animal Rescue in Mays Landing, NJ.
- **5/27/2026.** HS HOSA will attend the Executive Council Meeting at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- **5/27/2026.** HS Unified Track Team will participate in the Unified Track Meet at Collingswood High School in Collingswood, NJ.
- **5/30/2026.** HS SHADES Club will visit the Black History Museum in Washington, DC.
- **6/1/2026.** MS Student Council will attend the NJASC Spring Awards Ceremony at Six Flags Great Adventure in Jackson, NJ.
- **6/2/2026.** HS Boys & Girls Golf will have their end-of-season banquet at Adelphia’s in Deptford, NJ.
- **6/10/2026.** HS Boy’s Lacrosse will have their end-of-season banquet at Botto’s in Woolwich Twp, NJ.
- **6/10/2026.** HS Girls Lacrosse will have their end-of-season banquet at Adelphia’s in Deptford, NJ.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **5/4/2026 – 5/15/2026.** MS 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Student Council will collect canned food to donate to St. Peter’s Community Pantry.

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- Various placements were approved

**2024-2025 HIB SELF-ASSESSMENT**

The Board approved the 2024-2025 HIB Self-Assessment and HIB Grade Report.

**STUDENT DATA SAFETY SYSTEM (SSDS) REPORT**

The Board accepts the SSDS Report.

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS 3/25/2026	11:04 AM	11:10 AM	Hold
MS 3/26/2026	11:29 AM	11:38 AM	Hold
MS 3/30/2026	1:14 PM	1:20 PM	Fire Drill
HS 3/5/2026	2:04 PM	2:11 PM	Fire Alarm
HS 3/9/2026	11:49 AM	11:59 AM	Hold
HS 3/10/2026	7:46 AM	8:12 AM	Hold
HS 3/12/2026	11:50 AM	11:57 AM	Hold

**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.

- None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- 2026-2027 Budget Public Hearing

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

- **4/17/2026.** Tiffany Zacharko and Jason Finlaw will attend the 2026 Statewide Virtual Autism Education Conference.
- **4/24/2026.** Vivian Cassidy will attend the RCSJ Professional Development Event for High School Counselors in Vineland, NJ.
- **5/8/2026.** Dave Stanton will attend the Philadelphia Union Foundation: Mental Fitness Forum in Chester, PA.
- **7/29/2026 & 7/30/2026.** Christina Smith, Lory Roberts, and Nancy Delano will attend Building Thinking Classrooms in Williamstown, NJ.
- **10/19/2026-10/22/2026.** ~15 Board Members and Administration will attend the 2026 NJSBA Workshop in Atlantic City, NJ.

**PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS**

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT.**

The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement Between Montclair State University and the Kingsway Regional School District.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**

The Board approved the following research projects:

- None

**PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS**

The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:

- 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 March 31, 2026.
- **To/From Transportation Bid Award 26-003.** The Board awarded a contract for Bid 26-003 to St. Mary Transportation.
- **Vehicle Maintenance Agreements.** The Board approved the interlocal agreement for School Bus Maintenance Services for the 2026-2027 academic year with the Clearview Regional School District and the Harrison Township School District.
- **Holcomb Transportation Route Renewals.** The Board approved transportation route renewals with Holcomb Bus Service, Inc. for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **BR Williams Transportation Route Renewals.** The Board approved route renewals with BR Williams for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **NJ Preferred LLC Transportation Route Renewals.** The Board approved transportation route renewals with NJ Preferred LLC for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **St. Mary Transportation Route Renewals.** The Board approved transportation route renewals with St. Mary Transportation for the 2026-2027 School Year.

- **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 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Brookfield Schools Home Instruction Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement between Kingsway Regional School District and Brookfield Schools for Homebound Instructions Services for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Approval of Memorandum of Understanding – School of Deaf.** The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program and ESY.
- **Transportation Jointures for FCA Trip.** The Board approved transportation jointures for School Related Trip on May 9, 2026.
- **Final Adoption of and Authorization to Submit the 2026-2027 Budget.** The Board adopted the final budget for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement 2026-2027.** The Board authorized travel and related expenses reimbursements in the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Tax Levy Certification Form A and B – 2026-2027 School Year.** The Board approved the amount required for school purposes for the 2026-2027 School Year required to be levied for school district purposes.
- **Tax Levy Payment Schedules – 2026-2027 School Year.** The Board approved the tax levy payment schedules for the 2026-2027 School Year and authorized the Business Administrator to submit schedules to the Municipal Clerks of each respective town.

#### 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 21, 2026, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.