

# 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 May 14 2026 and May 21, 2026.**

### 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	
May 2026	
K	Jackson Lyons
I	Caitlyn O'Leary
N	Connor Foster
G	Ahmed Rasul
S	Kyrie Wilson
W	Ella Haas
A	Abby Castellano Landon Harmon
Y	Elly Wiedmayer

#### ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2026

High School	1955
Middle School	909
Out of District	51
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2915</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):

- Healthcare Resolution
- Personnel
- Senior Trip
- Club Ice Hockey
- Year End Activities

### STAFF RECOGNITION

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

- Jason Behringer (HS Teacher of Social Studies)



High School Spotlight Students	
May 2026	
Grade 9	Rachel Tighe
Grade 10	Bianca Rieger
Grade 11	Reese Marsteller
Grade 12	Hannah Gradel

Seniors of the Month – April 2026	
Hailey Blair Kamiah Schofield	
Seniors of the Month – May 2026	
Rita Sheets Aiden McCourt	
Seniors of the Month – June 2026	
Kevin Weisser Reese Whitzell	

**PERSONNEL**

**DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT**

Appointments:

- None

Retirement:

- Lorraine Baker (Accounts Payable Specialist) – 25 Years of Service

Resignations:

- None

Leaves of Absence:

- Charles Drew (Bus Driver)

**HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**

Appointments:

- None

Retirement:

- Eric Peterson (Paraprofessional)-15 Years of Service

Resignation:

- Destinie Corry (Paraprofessional)

Schedule “B” & Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Michael DiFrancesco (Teacher of Business)
- Jerry Siewert (Custodian)
- Kristen Pepe (Teacher of Art)

**MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT**

Appointments:

- Emily Fontelera (Teacher of Social Studies)

Resignation:

- None

Retirement:

- None

Schedule “B” & Additional Duty Stipends:

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Danielle Altersitz (Teacher of Science)
- Charlene Powell (Paraprofessional)

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

- None

**2026-2027 Reappointment of Staff:**

- Various positions were reappointed

**Adoption of Substitute Employment Rates**

The Board approved substitute employment rates for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.

**Abolishment of Positions**

The Board authorized the abolishment of the following positions:

- Teacher Coach – Technology (2.0 FTE)
- Teacher of English (1.0 FTE)
- School Counselor (1.0 FTE)
- School Psychologist (1.0 FTE)
- Chief Academic Office (1.0 FTE)

**JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

The Board approved the following job descriptions:

- Administrative Assistant for Business and Facilities Operations

**FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES**

- **5/18/2026.** The HS Dragon Singers will participate in the ACDA High School Choral Festival at Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.
- **6/2/2026.** The HS STEP Program will attend a Unified Picnic hosted by Collingswood HS Program at Knight Park, Collingswood, NJ.
- **6/16/2026-6/21/2026.** The HS HOSA Club will attend the International Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN.

**FUNDRAISERS**

- **8/14/2026 – 8/18/2026.** Girls Volleyball team will host a Youth Clinic to raise funds for camp shirts.

**OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT**

- Various placements were approved

**NJQSAC INTERIM PLACEMENT LETTER**

- The Board accepts the Kingsway Interim NJQSAC Placement

**EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS**

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
HS/MS 04/08/2026	7:30 AM	8:00 AM	Bus Evacuation
MS 04/27/2026	2:10 PM	2:14 PM	Lockdown Drill
MS 04/29/2026	8:21 AM	8:26 AM	Fire Drill
HS 04/14/2026	11:20 AM	11:26 AM	Fire Alarm
HS 04/30/2026	9:30 AM	9:33 AM	Secure Drill

**POLICY**

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

Policy and/or Regulation Number	Policy and/or Regulation Named
P7510 & R7510	Use of Facility

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

- None

**PRESENTATIONS:**

- National Honor Society – *Year At A Glance*

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

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

- **5/7/2026.** Shany Enzman will attend Building Thinking Classrooms (BTC) Committee Meeting in Franklinville, NJ.
- **5/28/2026.** Andrew Kidder will attend the virtual NJ HVAC License Class & Renewal session.
- **5/28/2026.** Nicole Cammarota will attend the Summer Inclusion Leadership Conference as a presenter in Union, 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:

- None

**AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Noel Soccer Foundation Scholarship
- TOPSports Volunteer Scholarship
- The Blackbird Foundation Wonderful Human Award

**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, 2026.
- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board appointed Board Officials for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Appointment of Professionals.** The Board appointed professionals for the period of July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Appointment of Representatives Requesting Federal and State Funds.** The Board designated the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the Board's Agents for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Authorization to Solicit Bids and Make Purchases Below Quote Threshold.** The Board authorized the Business Administrator, as Qualified Purchasing Agent, to solicit bids for required items and make purchases below 15% of the bid threshold without competitive quotations.
- **Designation of Superintendent: Transfer Authority.** The Board authorized the Superintendent to approve necessary line-item transfers between meetings for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services through State Contract.** The Board authorized the District Purchasing Agent to make purchases through State of New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property contracts, to meet district needs for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Educational Data Services, Inc.** The Board authorized Educational Data Services as a NJ Cooperative Bidding Program for school supplies.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services through NJ Cooperative Pricing System.** The Board authorized the utilization of Educational Services Commission of New Jersey Cooperative Pricing System contracts to procure goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services through Sourcewell.** The Board authorized the utilization of Sourcewell Cooperative Pricing System contracts to procure goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year.

- **Procurement of Goods and Services through OMNIA.** The Board authorized the utilization of OMNIA Partners Cooperative Pricing System contracts to procure goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services through the Garden State Cooperative.** The Board authorized the utilization of Garden State Cooperative Pricing System contracts to procure goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services through the Interlocal Purchasing System (TIPS).** The Board authorized the utilization of The Interlocal Purchasing System Cooperative Pricing System contracts to procure goods and services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Designation of Official Website.** The Board adopted [www.krsd.org](http://www.krsd.org) as the official website from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Authorization to Pay Claims Between meetings.** The Board approved authorization be granted to the School Business Administrator to pay claims between monthly meetings for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **District Travel Limitation for Regular Business Travel.** The Board established a maximum annual limitation of \$1,500 for regular business travel for staff members and BOE members for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Establishment of Petty Cash Funds.** The Board authorized establishment of Petty Cash Accounts for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Adoption of Chart of Accounts.** The Board adopted the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for use from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Claims Auditor Pre-Payment Authority.** The Board approved the Business Administrator/Board Secretary be designated as the Board of Education's Claim Auditor.
- **Tax Shelter Annuities and Disability Insurance Providers.** The Board approved companies to be authorized Tax Shelter Annuity/After Tax Plans and Disability Insurance providers for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Flexible Spending Account.** The Board approved and adopted the Cafeteria Plan effective July 1, 2026.
- **Property and Casualty Insurance.** The Board approved property and casualty insurance premiums through Utica National for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Medical Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the contract with Amerihealth through SHIF for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Prescription Renewal Rates.** The Board approved an amendment to the contract with SHIF for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Dental Renewal Rates.** The Board approved a contract through SHIF with Delta Dental for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Indoor Air Quality Program.** The Board approved the Indoor Air Quality Program.
- **Facility Usage Fees.** The Board adopted facility usage fees for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Genesis Educational Systems Renewal.** The Board approved renewal of a contract with Genesis Educational Services for school software system for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **New Staff Appointments.** The Board authorized the Superintendent to appoint staff to unfilled positions to be ratified at a subsequent board meeting for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Use of District Vehicles.** The Board approved staff vehicles and the assignment of corresponding staff.
- **CRESS Agreement.** The Board approved the CRESS Contract with GCSSSD for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Salem County Vo-Tech School District Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with Salem County Vocational Technical School District for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Zeroeyes Contract Renewal.** The Board approved the renewal of a contract with Zeroeyes.
- **Frontline Education Renewal.** The Board approved renewal of a contract with Frontline Education for school software systems.
- **RFP 27-1002 Physical Therapist Services Award.** The Board awarded RFP 27-1002 for Physical Therapist Services to Elevate Health & Therapeutic Services.
- **Bid 26-004 award for Auditorium Lighting Upgrade.** The Board awarded Bid 26-004 Auditorium Lighting Upgrade to PureTek Group, Inc.

- **RFP 27-1003 School Physician Services Award.** The Board awarded RFP 27-1003 for School Physician Services to Inspira Health Network Medical Group, P.C.
- **Rising Healthcare Costs.** The Board approved a resolution urging the Governor and State Legislature to provide relief from escalating school district health-care costs and to pursue long-term reforms to the State Health Benefits Program (SEHBP).

#### 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 25, 2026, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by [Zoom Conference](#) and begins at 6:30 p.m.