

BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Committed to Excellence



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TEAMWORK



STUDENT-CENTERED



PERSEVERANCE

★ **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 August 27, 2026.

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
- Personnel
- Summer Activities
- Turf Field Update
- Status of Buildings
- Woolwich Police Department Locker
- Simbli Notification for Changes

PERSONNEL

DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Andrew Ammazaorsi (Bus Driver)
- Jenny O'Malley (Accounts Payable Specialist)
- Courtney Slusarski (Substitute Secretary)

Resignations/Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- None

HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Kerimcan Baba (Teacher of Computer Science)
- Charlize Bjanis (LTS – Teacher of Art)
- Justin Brown (Building Permanent Substitute)
- Jessica Heritage (Teacher of Art)
- Michael Primavera (Custodian)
- Rebecca Roman (General Cafeteria Worker)
- Nicole Still (Secretary)
- John Traini (Paraprofessional)
- Jada Whitt (Paraprofessional)
- Donna Carpenter (LTS Teacher of English)
- David Michalski (Teacher of English)

Resignations:

- Regan Healey (Paraprofessional)
- Laurie Clarke Knipp (Paraprofessional)
- James Barnshaw (Teacher of Team Scholastics)

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Stephanie Atene (School Counselor)
- Sean Bell (Teacher of English)
- Patricia DiBartolo (Secretary)
- Lana Lowry (Teacher of Health & PE)
- Wendi-Anne O'Connor (Paraprofessional)

MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

Appointments:

- Lori Brown (Teacher of Special Education)
- Colleen Parcells (Secretary)

Resignations:

- None

Retirement:

- None

Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

Leaves of Absence:

- Brittany Stone (Teacher of Science)
- Nichole Tolley (Teacher of Special Education)
- Alexis McCann (Teacher of Special Education)

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board approved the following job description:

- None

PRACTICUM, STUDENT TEACHERS, VISITATION & INTERNSHIPS

- **9/2/2026 – 12/21/2026.** Melissa Lack, 60 Hour Practicum, Wilmington University. Grades 9-12. Cooperating Mentor: Megan Balinge.
- **9/2/2026 – 12/21/2026.** Makeya Petrini, 60 Hour Practicum, Wilmington University. Grades 7-8. Cooperating Mentor: Lori Gendaszek.

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **8/27/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in an away football game at Rowan University, Glassboro, NJ.
- **9/4/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in an away football game at Winslow High School, Atco, NJ.
- **9/11/2026.** The HS NJROTC Color Guard will participate in a Community 9/11 Ceremony in Woolwich Township, NJ.
- **9/11/2026.** The HS NJROTC Color Guard will participate in a Community 9/11 Ceremony in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **9/12/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a USBands Competition at Hempfield High School, Landisville, PA.
- **9/19/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a USBands Competition at Lenape High School, Medford, NJ.
- **9/19/2026–9/22/2026.** The HS HOSA will participate in the HOSA Leadership Conference in Washington, DC.
- **9/25/2026.** The MS Renaissance Program will participate in an event at Launch in Deptford, NJ.
- **9/26/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in the Dragon Run in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **10/2/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in an away football game at Williamstown High School, Williamstown, NJ.
- **10/2/2026.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **10/3/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a USBands Competition in East Rutherford, NJ.
- **10/9/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in an away football game at Camden High School, Camden, NJ.
- **10/10/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a USBands Competition at MetLife Stadium, Lansdale, PA.
- **10/23/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in an away football game at Atlantic City High School, Atlantic City, NJ.
- **10/28/2026.** The HS HOSA will participate in the Fall Leadership Conference at Kean University, Union, NJ.
- **10/31/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a USBands Competition at South Brunswick High School, Monmouth Junction, NJ.
- **11/7/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in the US Bands Championships Competition at MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ.
- **11/13/2026.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **11/20/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in a promotion for the Thanksgiving Day Parade at 6ABC Studios, Philadelphia, PA.
- **11/25/2026–11/26/2026.** The HS Marching Band/NJROTC will participate in the 6ABC/Dunkin' Thanksgiving Day Parade in Philadelphia, PA.
- **11/28/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in the Swedesboro Christmas Parade in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **12/4/2026.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **12/6/2026.** The HS Marching Band will participate in the Logan Township Christmas Parade in Logan Township, NJ.
- **12/11/2026.** The HS NJ Model Congress/Debate Club will participate in NJ Model Congress – Party Day at the State House Annex, Trenton, NJ.
- **1/8/2027.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.

- **2/5/2027.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **2/12/2027.** The HS Select Jazz Ensemble will participate in a Festival & Clinics at Rowan University, Wilson Hall, Glassboro, NJ.
- **2/26/2027.** The HS NJ Model Congress/Debate Club will participate in NJ Model Congress – Leadership Day at Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ.
- **2/26/2027.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/17/2027.** The HS Symphonic Band & Percussion Ensemble will participate in a Festival & Clinics at Rowan University, Wilson Hall, Glassboro, NJ.
- **3/18/2027–3/19/2027.** The HS NJ Model Congress/Debate Club will participate in NJ Model Congress Convenes at Rider University, Lawrenceville, NJ.
- **4/16/2027.** HS representatives will participate in the Teen Summit at Rowan College of South Jersey, Glassboro, NJ.
- **6/10/2027.** The MS 7th Grade Students will participate in the 7th Grade Class Trip at Tall Pines Day Camp, Williamstown, NJ.

FUNDRAISERS

- **8/17/2026 – 11/6/2026.** HS Girls Volleyball concession sales to provide food at games.
- **9/7/2026 – 9/18/2026.** Class of 2027 will sell homecoming Class T-shirts to raise funds for Prom Venue costs.
- **9/16/2026 – 9/30/2026.** HS Field Hockey will collect donations and sales from the [Dream Crazy Online Merch Store](#) to raise funds for the [Dream Crazy Foundation](#).
- **10/6/2026 – 10/14/2026.** MS 8th Grade Student Council will host the annual Julie Riggi Walk-a-Thon to raise funds for the Julie Riggi Scholarship.
- **10/13/2026 – 10/13/2026.** HS Girls Volleyball will sell breast cancer nametags to raise funds for the [Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation](#).
- **2/25/2027 – 3/11/2027.** Middle School Administration will sell tickets to March Madness 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament to raise funds for gift cards (tournament winners), Snack Coupons (Student growth on math testing) and Food/Paper Products (Staff Appreciation Luncheon).

OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Start Time	End Time	Drill
MS/HS 7/15/2026	1:41 p.m.		Fire Alarm System Test
HS 7/23/2026	9:42 a.m.	9:57 a.m.	Fire Drill
MS/HS 7/30/2026	8:43 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Table Top Discussion

POLICY

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

Policy/Regulation No.	Title
P0162	Notice of Board Meetings
P0162.01	Legal Notices

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

Policy/Regulation No.	Title
P6620	Petty Cash

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **11/13/2026.** Joe Henderson will attend the NJAJE State Jazz Educator's Conference in Newark, NJ.

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

EVALUATION FRAMEWORKS

The Board approved the Marzano Causal Teacher Evaluation Framework and the New Jersey Principal Evaluation for Professional Learning (NJPEPL) Framework for the 2026-2027 School Year.

DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PDP PLANS

The Board approved the District Professional Development Plan and School Professional Development Plans for the 2026-2027 School Year, as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools.

TEACHER MENTOR PROGRAM

The Board approved the Teacher Mentor Program as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools for the 2026-2027 School Year.

ACCESS SCORE REPORT

The Board approved the Fall 2026 New Jersey ACCESS testing results.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects

- None

PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS

The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:

- 2026-2027 KRHS Student Handbook (revised)
- 2026-2027 KRMS Student Handbook (revised)
- 2026-2027 Middle School Activity Advisor's Handbook
- 2026-2027 High School Activity Advisor's Handbook

EXCHANGE STUDENT

The Board approved Victoria Machado Felipe, for enrollment as a J-1 Visa foreign exchange student (Grade 11) from Spain, for the 2026-2027 academic year, contingent upon successful issuance of her J-1 Visa.

NJSIAA MEMBERSHIP

The Board approved enrollment as a member of the NJ State Interscholastic Athletic Association and authorized participation in the approved athletic activities sponsored by the NJSIAA.

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- Thomas Fromm Municipal Government 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 July 31, 2026.
- **Class of 2026 Donation.** The Board accepted the donation from the Class of 2026 for the purchase of new, high-quality wall décor/wraps for the 400 wing of the high school and podiums for use during assemblies, graduations and award ceremonies.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation of a set of JayPro Goal cages from the Kingsway Youth Field Hockey Program.
- **Sale or Disposal of Assets.** The Board authorized the Business Administrator to offer surplus property for sale to other public entities without advertisement for bids.

- **Non-Public Nursing Agreement.** The Board approved the agreement with the Gloucester County Special Services School District to supply Chapter 226 Non-Public Nursing Services for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **To/From Transportation Bid Award.** The Board awarded a contract for bids 27-001 and 27-002 for to/from school transportation services for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Proposal of Substitute Athletic Training Services.** The Board approved the proposal of Athletic Training Services with Capstone Medical Services, LLC for substitute services for the 2026-2027 school year.

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, September 24, 2026**, in person in the District Office BOE Conference Room and begins at 6:30 p.m.



See our Webpage for Back-to-School Information:
<https://www.krds.org/student-experience/back-to-school>

