

# BOARD BRIEF

KINGSWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Committed to Excellence



GROWTH



BELONGING



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 September 24, 2026.**

## ENROLLMENT as of September 3, 2026

|                 |             |
|-----------------|-------------|
| High School     | 1921        |
| Middle School   | 923         |
| Out of District | 56          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>    | <b>2900</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):

- Board Goals 2026-2027
- Woolwich PD Locker
- School Opening
- Back to School Nights
- Welcome New Staff
- Welcome Student Board Representatives
- Land Update

## STAFF RECOGNITION

We had the pleasure of introducing our [new staff](#) members to the Board of Education.



## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES.

- The Board administered the Oath of Office for the Student Representatives to the Board of Education for the 2026-2027 School Year: Nadia Esan and Ojasvi Gaekwad.



## PERSONNEL

### DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

#### Appointments:

- None

#### Resignations:

- Karen Porreca (Substitute General Café Worker)

#### Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Gary Clark (Mechanic)

### HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

#### Appointments:

- Morgan Rambler (Paraprofessional)

#### Resignations/Retirement:

- None

#### Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Jason Behringer (Teacher of Social Studies)
- Michelle Behringer (Teacher of English)
- Alexa Croce (Teacher of Mathematics)
- Evette Fearon (Paraprofessional)
- Heather Haines (Teacher of Special Education)

- Susan Romano (Teacher of Science)
- Jayne Tomforde (Teacher of Mathematics)

### MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

#### Appointments:

- Zachary Staulters (LTS Special Education)

#### Resignations:

- Kristina Bullock (Teacher of Mathematics)

#### Retirement:

- None

#### Schedule "B":

- [Various positions were approved.](#)

#### Leaves of Absence:

- Cristiana Barrett (Teacher of English)

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS

The Board approved the following job description:

- None

### PRACTICUM, STUDENT TEACHERS, VISITATION & INTERNSHIPS

- None

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **9/14/2026 - 11/23/2026.** Kerimcan Baba will attend the Cybersecurity - PLTW Training virtually.
- **9/21/2026, 11/20/2026, 1/25/2027.** Fallon Corcoran will attend the ASAP - NJ Southern Region Meetings in Sicklerville, NJ.
- **10/15/2026 - 10/16/2026.** Charae Whetstone will attend the NJSPA Fall Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **10/15/2026 - 10/16/2026.** Nicole Verasco will attend the NJSPA Fall Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **10/23/2026.** Nicole Verasco will attend the Autism New Jersey Annual Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **10/28/2026.** John Cappolina will attend the HESAA School Counselor Workshop in Blackwood, NJ.
- **11/15/2026 - 11/27/2026.** Robert Iocona will attend BrainStorm in Pocono Summit, PA.
- **11/17/2026 - 11/19/2026.** Christina Murphy will attend the New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, NJ.
- **2/2/2027 - 4/6/2027.** Kerimcan Baba will attend Computer Essentials virtually.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

### RESEARCH PROJECTS

The Board approved the following Research Projects:

- **October 2026 – December 2026.** Lauren Warner will facilitate a structured after-school mentoring program for middle school students, featuring high school mentors who complete required training prior to program launch to address chronic absenteeism through motivating and mentoring.

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION & READOPTION.** The Board approved the Textbook List for the 2026-2027 School Year.

**CURRICULUM ADOPTION & READOPTION.** The Board approved the adoption and re-adoption of the Kingsway Regional School District curricula for grades 7-12 for the 2026-2027 School Year.

**SSDS REPORTING.** The Board accepted the Student Safety Data System (SSDS) Report in accordance with the New Jersey Department of Education reporting requirements.

### FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **9/26/2026.** NJROTC Color Guard will perform at the Dragon Run in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **9/30/2026 – 6/2/2026 (Wednesdays).** The HS STEP Program will gain workplace skills at Classy Cow Food Joint in Logan Twp, NJ.
- **10/4/2026.** The NJROTC Orienteering Team will compete at Tyler State Park in Newtown, PA.
- **10/5/2026 (10/9/26 Backup Date).** The NJROTC Naval Science 1 will have a learning experience at USS New Jersey in Camden, NJ.
- **10/6/2026.** Student Council Executive Board will attend the NJASC Fall Conference at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ.
- **10/6/2026 – 6/2/2026 (Tuesdays & Thursdays).** The HS STEP Program will gain workplace skills at Fort Nassau Graphics in West Deptford, NJ.
- **10/7/2026.** The Business Leadership Academy – Grade 9 will have a learning experience at Total Turf in Sewell, NJ.
- **10/8/2026.** Team Scholastics – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade will attend a college visit at West Chester University, West Chester, PA.
- **10/8/2026.** The HS STEP Program will have Community-Based Instruction at Ella Harris Park and ShopRite of Mullica Hill, NJ.

- **10/8/2025.** The MS STEP Program will have Community-Based Instruction at Scotland Run Park and ShopRite of Centerton Square Plaza in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **10/9/2026.** The Business Leadership Academy – Grade 10 will attend a college visit at St. Joseph’s University in Philadelphia, PA.
- **10/13/2026.** Team Scholastics – Grade 11 will attend a college visit at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.
- **10/14/2026 (10/15/2026 Back Up Date).** NJROTC Naval Science 2 will have a learning experience in Gettysburg, PA.
- **10/14/2026.** The Dragon Singers, Freshman Chorus and Kingsway Chorale will attend the Tenor Bass Festival at Rowan University in Glassboro, NJ.
- **10/17/2026.** The NJROTC will participate in park clean up at Locke Avenue Park in Swedesboro, NJ.
- **10/19/2026 (10/22/2026 Back up Date).** The NJROTC will have a learning experience at the USCG Training Center in Cape May, NJ.
- **10/20/2026.** The STEM Academy - Grade 9 will attend a College Visit at Temple University School of Engineering in Philadelphia, PA.
- **10/21/2026.** The BLA - Grade 12 attend a College Visit at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, PA.
- **10/22/2026.** Team Scholastics - Grade 12 will attend a College Visit at Thomas Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA.
- **10/24/2026.** The NJROTC Orienteering Team will perform at the Orienteering Competition; Warinanco Park, Roselle, NJ.
- **10/26/2026.** DECA will have a learning experience at Kean University in Union, NJ.
- **10/27/2026.** Team Scholastics - Grade 10 will have a College Visit at Widener University in Chester, PA.
- **10/28/2026.** Team Scholastics - Grade 9 will have a College Visit at Stockton University in Galloway, NJ.
- **11/12/2026.** The MS STEP Program will have Community-Based Instruction at the Dollar Store and Chick-Fil-A in Sewell, NJ.
- **11/16/2026.** The STEM Academy - Grade 11 will perform at the College Visit; Thomas Jefferson.
- **11/17/2026.** The BLA - Grade 11 will have a College Visit at Jefferson University in Philadelphia, PA.
- **1/12/2027.** The Student Council Executive Board will attend the NJASC Winter Conference at The College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ.

- **6/2/2027.** The Student Council Executive Board will attend the NJASC Spring Awards; Six Flags, Jackson, NJ.
- **6/7/2027.** The 8th Grade Class will have their End-of-Year Celebration at Dorney Park/Wildwater Kingdom in Allentown, PA.

### FUNDRAISERS

- **10/19/2026 – 10/30/2026.** DECA will host an Online Clothing Store with BLA Apparel to raise funds for DECA Regionals, Conference and Registrations.
- **11/9/2026 – 11/20/2026.** DECA will sell Spikeball tournament tickets and concessions to raise funds for charitable donation via NJ DECA.
- **12/11/2026 (rain date 12/12/2026).** National Honor Society (NHS) will host a Trunk-or-Tree Event for the community and donate non-perishable food to St. Peter's Food Pantry.
- **1/19/2027.** 7th Grade Student Council will make PB&J Sandwiches and donate sandwiches to the Cathedral Kitchen.
- **2/22/2027 – 3/5/2027.** 7th Grade Student Council will host Collection of Cans and Non-Perishable Food Items to donate non-perishable food to St. Peter's Food Pantry.

### OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

### EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

| School/ Date     | Start Time | End Time | Drill              |
|------------------|------------|----------|--------------------|
| MS 08/15/2026    | 2:00 PM    | 3:00 PM  | Lockdown Drill     |
| MS 08/20/2026    | 1:36 PM    | 1:54 PM  | Fire Drill         |
| HS 08/24/2026    | 9:54 AM    |          | Fire Alarm Drill   |
| MS/HS 08/27/2026 | 9:00 AM    | 10:30 AM | Annual MOA Meeting |

### POLICY

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

| Policy/Regulation No. | Title              |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| P4216                 | Dress and Grooming |
| P5337.1               | Therapy Dog        |

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

| Policy/Regulation No. | Title                    |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| P0162                 | Notice of Board Meetings |

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| P0162.01 | Legal Notices                                                  |
| P1230    | Superintendent's Duties                                        |
| P1643    | Family Leave                                                   |
| P2200    | Curriculum                                                     |
| P2260    | Equity in School and Classroom Practices                       |
| P2363    | Pupil Use of Privately-Owned Technology - Abolish              |
| P2411    | Career Education and Academic Counseling                       |
| P3216    | Dress and Grooming                                             |
| P3420    | Benefits                                                       |
| P4420    | Benefits                                                       |
| P5460    | High School Graduation Requirements                            |
| P5461    | High School Diplomas                                           |
| P&R5516  | Student Use of Internet-Enabled Devices                        |
| P5561    | Use of Physical Restraint and Seclusion                        |
| P6112    | Reimbursement of Federal and Other Grant Expenditures          |
| P6115.02 | Federal Awards/Funds Internal Controls-Mandatory Disclosures   |
| P6311    | Contracts for Goods or Services Funded by Federal Grants       |
| P8561    | Procurement Procedures for School Nutrition Programs           |
| R2200    | Curriculum Content - Abolish                                   |
| R2411    | Guidance and Counseling - Abolish                              |
| R2460    | Additional Compensatory Special Education and Related Services |
| R6115.01 | Federal Awards Funds Internal Controls - Allowability of Costs |

### 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 August 31, 2026.
- **Depositories and Signatories.** The Board approved the banking institutions and signatories for the Kingsway Regional School District.
- **District Manuals.** The Board approved the revised 2026-2027 Standard Operating Procedures Manual and the Purchasing Manual for the Kingsway Regional School District.
- **Sales or Disposal of Assets.** The Board authorized the Business Administrator to offer surplus district property for sale to other public entities.
- **Special Olympics Grant Award.** The Board accepted a grant award from the Special Olympics of up to \$4,000 for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027.
- **Consortium Title III.** The Board approved a Memorandum of Agreement for the Gloucester County Title III Consortium for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Acceptance of School Lead Filters Program Grant.** The Board accepted a grant in the amount of \$4,292.30 from the NJ Department of Education to be used for point-of-use water fixtures.
- **Pet Therapy Services.** The Board approved an agreement with FURever As Friends, Inc. for pet therapy services for the 2026-2027 School Year.
- **Appointment of Psychiatrists.** The Board appointed District Psychiatrists effective September 24, 2026.
- **Pool Lease with Gloucester County Vo-Tech.** The Board approved a lease with Gloucester County Vo-Tech School District for the use of the pool for Boys and Girls Swim and Dive Teams to hold practices and meets for the 2026-2027 season.
- **Use of Facility Waiver.** The Board waived the facility use fees from the Borough of Swedesboro for all activities held on Kingsway Regional School District property for Swedesboro/Woolwich Day on September 26, 2026.
- **Transportation Jointures.** The Board approved the Transportation Jointure Contract 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, October 15, 2026**, in person in the East Café and begins at 6:30 p.m.



24th Annual

# **HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW**

## **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

### **9AM TO 3PM**

Kingsway Regional High School  
Route 322 & Kings Hwy, Woolwich

**Handmade Crafts & Kingsway Apparel**



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**WE NEED YOU!**

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*Be the Heart Behind Our Biggest Event of the Year!*

**CALLING ALL TEACHERS, STAFF, STUDENTS & COMMUNITY!**  
We need your help to make our events a success!

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**BIGGER IMPACT** together

**STRONGER COMMUNITY** always

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL VENDOR SPACES ARE FULL THIS YEAR!**

♥ THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR DRAGON FAMILY! ♥