October 2026

# Board Brief

## Kingsway Regional School District

*Committed to Excellence*

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★ **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.

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***Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education meeting held on October 15, 2026.***

| *ENROLLMENT as of September 30, 2026* | |
|---|---|
| High School | 1931 |
| Middle School | 919 |
| Out of District | 56 |
| ***TOTAL*** | **2906** |

**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
- Capital Projects

**STAFF RECOGNITION**

We had the pleasure of introducing our new staff to the Board of Education.

- Colleen Parcells (MS Secretary)
- Morgan Rambler (HS Paraprofessional



**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 – October 2026 | |
|---|---|
| **K** | Julian Edenzon |
| **I** | Aubrey Harrington |
| **N** | Finnegan Camlin |
| **G** | Avery Farrell |
| **S** | Jackson Scarlett |
| **W** | TyLar Trumbo |
| **A** | Jadira Green |
| **Y** | Madden Redkoles |
| **D** | Reese Dymond |

| High School Spotlight Students – October 2026 | |
|---|---|
| **Grade 9** | Amber Santucci |
| **Grade 10** | Zachary Ibbotson |
| **Grade 11** | Kierstyn Macauley |
| **Grade 12** | Benjamin White |

| Seniors of the Month – September 2026 |
|---|
| Methiri Umashanger |
| Nadia Esan |

| Seniors of the Month – October 2026 |
|---|
| Judy Palazzo |
| Julia Stec |

**PERSONNEL**

## DISTRICT EMPLOYMENT

**Appointments:**

- Maureen Stanley (Substitute Secretary)

**Retirements:**

- None

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Charles Drew (Bus Driver)

## HIGH SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

**Appointments:**

- Richard Krause (LTS Teacher of Social Studies)

**Resignation/Retirement:**

- None

**Schedule "B":**

- Various positions were approved.

**Leaves of Absence:**

- David Duffin (Teacher of Social Studies)
- Gabrielle Helm (Teacher of English)

## MIDDLE SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT

**Appointments:**

- Zachary Staulters (Building Permanent Substitute)
- Zachary Staulters (LTS Teacher of Social Studies)
- Elizabeth Schmidheiser (Teacher of Mathematics)

**Resignation:**

- Danielle Altersitz (Teacher of Science)

**Resignation:**

- Danielle MacIntosh (Teacher of Art)

**Schedule "B":**

- Various positions were approved.

**Leaves of Absence:**

- Brianna Cormaney (Teacher of Health & PE)
- Glenda Parker (General Cafeteria Worker)

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

- **01/19/2027 – 03/12/2027 and 10/25/2027 – 12/16/2027.** Hanna Shein, Clinical Practice I & II – Music Education; Rowan University. Grades 9-12. Cooperating Mentor: Patrick Carpenter.

## FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- **10/22/2026**. The STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Dalton Farms; Swedesboro, NJ.
- **10/23/2026**. The NJROTC will participate in a Learning Experience at USCG Training Center; Cape May, NJ.
- **11/7/2026**. The NJROTC Orienteering Team will compete in the Area 2 Championships at Green Lane Park, PA.
- **11/8/2026**. The Computer Science Club / Robotics Club will participate in a Robotics Competition at PAL of Atlantic County & Egg Harbor Township, NJ.
- **11/9/2026**. The STEM Academy - Grade 10 will visit The College of New Jersey; Ewing Twp, NJ.
- **11/13/2026**. The NJROTC will attend the Veterans Breakfast at KRMS; Woolwich Twp, NJ.
- **11/13/2026**. The STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Swedesboro Diner & ShopRite; Swedesboro, NJ.
- **11/16/2026**. The SHADES Club will attend an HBCU College Fair; Willingboro, NJ.
- **11/19/2026**. The Civil Engineering & Architecture will participate in a Learning Experience at Kings Meadow Construction Site; Swedesboro, NJ.
- **11/20/2026**. The STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Gloucester County Library and Amish Market; Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **11/21/2026**. The NJROTC Drill Team will compete in a Competition at Colts Neck High School; Colts Neck, NJ.
- **11/28/2026**. The NJROTC Color Guard will participate in a Community Parade; Swedesboro, NJ.
- **12/2/2026**. The Field Hockey Team will attend its end-of-season Banquet at Cecil Creek Farms; Mickleton, NJ.
- **12/5/2026**. The Computer Science Club / Robotics Club will compete in a Robotics Competition at Manalapan High School; Manalapan, NJ.
- **12/10/2026**. The STEP Program will participate in Community-Based Instruction at Deptford Mall; Deptford, NJ.
- **12/16/2026**. The Boys Soccer Team will attend its end-of-season Banquet at Adelphia's; Deptford, NJ.
- **1/10/2027**. The Computer Science Club / Robotics Club will compete in a Robotics Competition at Clearview Regional High School; Mullica Hill, NJ.
- **2/14/2027**. The Computer Science Club / Robotics Club will compete in a Robotics Competition at Williamstown Middle School; Williamstown, NJ.

- **6/25/2027 - 7/5/2027**. The French Students will attend Cultural Experience at Belgium, France, Switzerland.
- **7/5/2027 - 7/12/2027**. The Spanish Students will participate in a Cultural Experience at Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- **7/8/2028 - 7/17/2028**. The French Students will participate in a Cultural Experience at France.
- **July 2028 (TBD)**. The Italian Students will participate in a Cultural Experience at Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Italy.

## FUNDRAISERS

- **10/19/2026 – 11/19/2026.** FCA Club will collect small gift items to fit in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child to donate gift boxes to Operation Christmas Child.
- **11/7/2026.** Science Olympiad will sell kids toy goodie bags to raise funds for Science Olympiad event registration fees and projects.
- **2/1/2027 – 2/12/2027.** National Honor Society will host a Handpainted Bowls and Soup Event to raise funds to donate to the Food Bank of South Jersey.
- **3/4/2027 – 3/16/2027.** FCA Club will host Volleyball Tournament ticket sales and concessions to raise funds for FCA Club Field Trip.
- **4/12/2027 – 4/23/2027.** National Honor Society will teach painting to adults to raise funds for NAHS t-shirts and End of Year Pizza Party.

### OUT-OF-DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- Various placements were approved

### EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

| School/ Date | Start Time | End Time | Drill |
|---|---|---|---|
| MS 9/1/2026 | 9:00 AM | | Standard Response Protocol/Drill Presentation for Staff |
| MS 9/15/2026 | 8:15 AM | 8:24 AM | Stage 1 Evacuation Drill |
| MS 9/29/2026 | 8:44 AM | 8:52 AM | Fire Drill |
| HS 9/15/2026 | 1:14 PM | 1:20 PM | Fire Drill |
| HS 9/17/2026 | 9:51 AM | 9:59 AM | Lockdown Drill |
| HS 9/28/2026 | 8:20 AM | 8:22 AM | Hold |

### School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill

The Board accepted the School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report dated October 13, 2026.

### 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 |
|---|---|
| P4216 | Dress and Grooming |
| P5337.1 | Therapy Dogo |
| P8660 | Transportation by private vehicle to and from school-related activities |
| P8662 | Transportation by private or district-owned vehicles to and from school |

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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

- **Monthly**. Mike Schiff will attend the GCPCA County Meetings in Sewell, NJ.
- **10/8/2026**. Holly Fisher and Mairin Schramm will attend the Gloucester County Reunification Response Team meeting in Sewell, NJ.
- **10/14/2026, 10/21/2026, 10/28/2026, 11/4/2026, 11/11/2026**. Jessica Rice and Nicole Verasco will attend the American Sign Language Series in Sewell, NJ.
- **10/15/2026**. April Burger will attend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education professional development session at RCSJ Gloucester Campus in Sewell, NJ.
- **11/3/2026**. MaryBeth Knoiecki and Alexa Croce will attend the virtual 'Catching Up Students Who Have Fallen Behind' session.
- **11/12/2026**. Mike Schiff will attend the 'Who Gets In and Why: A Year Inside College Admissions' conference in Newark, DE.
- **11/20/2026**. Michael Coller will attend the CCC Dual Credit Collaboration and Updates meeting at Camden County College in Blackwood, NJ.
- **11/23/2026**. Vivian Cassidy will attend the William Paterson School Counselor Reception in Wayne, NJ.

### PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following workshops:

- None

**DISTRICT PERFORMANCE REVIEW**.
The Board approved the District Performance Review (DPR) for the New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) for submission to the NJ Department of Education.

**RESEARCH PROJECTS**
The Board approved the following research projects:
- **None**

**PROGRAMS AND HANDBOOKS**
The Board approved the following Programs and Handbooks:
- Nursing Services Plan
- Winter Athletic Schedule

**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 September 30, 2026.
- **Cooperative Purchase of Supplies for the 2026-2027 School Year.** The Board approved the purchase of instructional supplies for the 2026-2027 school year through Education Data Services.
- **Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and Form M-1.** The Board authorized authorized the submission of the District's 2027-2028 Comprehensive Maintenance Plan (CMP) and Form M-1.
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation of $100 from Schweitzer Engineering Laboratories to help inspire students develop a lifelong love of learning in math and science.
- **2027-2028 Budget Calendar.** The Board adopted the Budget Calendar for the 2027-2028 school year budget.
- **Filitalia International Grant Award.** The Board accepted a grant award from Filitalia International of approximately $4,000 for the 2026-2027 school year.
- **Designation of Additional Depository and Closure of Bank Accounts.** The Board designated Ocean First as an official depository of District Funds. The Board authorized establishment of District bank accounts with Ocean First. The Board Secretary is authorized to close accounts maintained at Truist Bank.

**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, November 19, 2026, in person in the High School East Cafeteria; or by Zoom Conference and begins at 6:30 p.m.







🎄 **Shop Local at Kingsway's 24th Annual KEF Holiday Craft Show!** 🎁

Kick off the holiday season with us on **Saturday, November 7, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at **Kingsway Regional High School**!

Enjoy a festive day filled with **local shopping**, **great food**, **DJ and live band entertainment**, and a special visit from **Santa Skorch!** ❤️ 🐉

👉 **Check out the DIGITAL PROGRAM GUIDE** for event details.

**Pick up raffle tickets to buy or sell from:**
**Susan Vance in the District Office (vances@krsd.us)**
**Terri Walsh – Middle School**
**Marion Wigglesworth- High School**

