

February Board Brief



Committed to Excellence

Board Brief

The following information is intended to inform staff and community members of recent action taken by the Board. The information included in this brief is not intended to be complete and does not replace official Board minutes.

Highlights from the Kingsway Regional School District Board of Education work session held on February 18th and the regular meeting held on February 25th.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2016

High School	1,695
Middle School	882
TOTAL	2,577

PRESENTATIONS

- Middle School Program Spotlight, African American Experience - Mr. Tonelli, Mr. Yourison
- Referendum 2016

STAFF RECOGNITION

- Heather Connor, Colleen Fitzpatrick and Debbie Wesolek, Media Center Specialists – Spotlight Teacher

The February Board meeting served as a High School Recognition Program. We recognized Spotlight Students, Seniors of the Month,

Habitat for Humanity Club and Athletes of the Month.

Student Recognition

Spotlight Students and Seniors of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's and Athletes will receive a t-shirt displaying Athlete of the Month on the back. These awards are made courtesy of the Kingsway Education Foundation.

High School Spotlight Students		
	December	January
9 th	Shea Walton	Joseph Nelson
10 th	Kelly Sweeney	Michael Bispels
11 th	Biagio Pietrangeli	Courtney Lugovoy
12 th	Scott Berlin	Rebecca Kier

Seniors of the Month	
December	January
Arquel Miller	Gabriella Bruno
Lindsay Miller	Kyra Traino

January High School Athletes of the Month	
Girl's Basketball	Rebecca Brown 12 th
Boy's Basketball	Matthew Blaszczyk 12 th
Bowling	Benjamin Heino 10 th
Girl's Winter Track	Rachel Vick 11 th
Boy's Winter Track	Ryan Evernham 11 th
Girl's Swim	Alexis Gross 12 th
Boy's Swim	Marut Raval 12 th
Wrestling	Quinn Kinner 10 th
Cheerleading	Julia Davidson 11 th

Habitat for Humanity	
President	Gianna Emmett
Vice President	Simran Shinh
Treasurer	Emily Danilak
Education Chair	Mackenzie Nugent
Build Chair	Nathan Villanueva
Events Chair	Anna Kjellson

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Lavender updated the Board on a variety of topics related to the District, which included the following discussion item(s)...

- Referendum
- Mayor Archer Letter and BOE Response
- Strategic Planning

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2015-2016 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for January:

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Grade Level	Jan %	2015-2016 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	95.8	96.6	94.3
8	95.5	95.9	93.6
Total MS Average	95.7	96.2	93.9
9	94.5	95.4	93.3
10	93.8	94.6	92.0
11	91.2	93.7	92.4
12	91.0	92.9	91.1
Total HS Average	92.6	94.2	92.7
District Average	94.1	95.7	93.6

PERSONNEL**District Employment**

- Resignation: Veronica Tortella (Bus Driver)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence: Stefanie Fox-Manno (Instructional Supervisor, 04/08/16 to 07/05/16)

High School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Claudia Millar (General Worker-Cafeteria)

- Jodee Vallone (Desktop Publishing Teacher)
- Retirement: Tony Barchuk (Health/PE Teacher, Football Coach, Softball Coach)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Alise Terch (SPED Teacher, 04/29/16 to 08/31/16)
 - Joanne Neilio (Child Study Team Secretary, 02/17/16 to TBD)

Middle School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Gail Friel (LTS Math Teacher)
 - Caroll Craig (School Nurse)
- Certified Staff: Tia Drew (Middle School Math Teacher)
- Non-Certified Staff: Michele Tirado (Middle School Secretary)
- Schedule "B": Various positions were approved
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Amanda Hengel (Paraprofessional, 04/15/16 to 06/20/16)
 - Thomas Pili (Custodian, 01/26/16 to 03/15/16)
 - Susan Redfield (Paraprofessional, 01/04/16 to 04/01/16)

Fundraiser(s):

- **02/29/16 – 03/14/16 Class of 2018**. The class of 2018 will be selling school spirit products to raise money for class activities.
- **03/04/16 Video Game Club**. The video game club will be holding a video game tournament and will be selling food and concessions to raise funds to support the club.
- **03/07/16 – 4/8/16 Student Council**. The Student Council will be collecting items for

Family Promise of Gloucester County to support families that live locally and suffer from poverty.

- **03/07/16 – 04/15/16 Fashion Club.** Students will be selling tickets to a Fashion Show with students, staff and participants to support future events, trips and activities for the club.
- **03/07/16 – 03/11/16 Dragons Helping Dragons.** Students will be selling homemade chicken noodle soup to raise funds to benefit the Dragons Helping Dragons Committee.
- **03/07/16 – 03/11/16 Dragons Helping Dragons.** Students will be able to purchase candy grams during lunch and they will be delivered to their intended recipients on St Patrick's Day.
- **04/04/16 – 04/15/16 High School Self Contained Programs.** Students will be selling t-shirts to raise funds to support various military charities.
- **04/23/16 STEM Academy Senior Class.** Students will have an outreach camp to inspire students to inquire about STEM to raise funds for STEM Scholarship.
- **03/04/16 – 03/25/16 Track and Field.** The students will be selling Fan Cloths to raise funds for the end of the year banquet and awards for the season.
- **02/25/16 – 02/29/16 American Red Cross Council.** Students will be selling lollipops and pins to raise funds for American Red Cross Measles and Rubella Initiative
- **06/10/16 – Sports and Health Science & Phys. Ed.** Students will be raising money by having a school wide Speed Ball Tournament to replace and purchase new fitness equipment for the Sports and Health Science Classes and the Phys Ed. Classes.
- **02/26/16 – 03/16/16 SURE.** Students will be collecting funds for the Gloucester County Offices at Five Points for Homeless Veteran Programs.

Field Trips(s):

- **03/02/16** – The Middle School MD Class will be going to Olive Garden to learn life and money skills
- **03/08/16 and 03/16/16** – The High School seniors enrolled in Priority Registration will take placement tests at RCGC for a testing event.
- **06/01/16** – The High School AP Physics 1 & 2 classes will be going to Six Flags Great Adventure to explore real-world, large-scale physics.
- **03/14/16** – The High School STEM Academy will be going to Rowan College of Gloucester County STEM Department to inspire young women in the STEM field.
- **05/18/16** – The Middle School 7th and 8th grade science students will be going to Rowan University (Glassboro) to have a college life experience by attending several different classes based on Science, Math and Computer Science.
- **03/04/16 – 03/06/16** – The High School Wrestling Team will be going to Atlantic City, NJ for the State wrestling tournament.
- **03/07/16** – A Student Council student will be going to Holy Cross High School for NJASC meeting.
- **03/19/16** – A Student Council student will be going to Holy Cross High School for NJASC meeting.

Research Project(s):

- **02/29/16** – The High School Winter Track Team will share the importance of activity demonstration to the East Greenwich Cub Scout Tigers.

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 01/08/2016	Start: 12:20 PM End: 12:31 PM	Fire Drill
HS 01/11/2016	Start: 09:00 AM End: 09:20 AM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 01/12/2016	Start: 12:57 PM End: 01:01 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 01/15/2016	Start: 10:45 AM End: 11:06 AM	Fire Evacuation
MS 01/15/2016	Start: 09:17 AM End: 09:24 AM	Full Lockdown Drill
MS 01/29/2016	Start: 09:15 AM End: 09:22 AM	Precautionary Lockdown

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS

The Board approved the following Professional Learning Workshops; please contact Stefanie Fox-Manno for more information:

- **Creating Digital Classroom Activities** - will be presented by Christina Smith and Jessica Sitzes on 03/09/2016
- **Disabilities Awareness**—will be presented by Colby Kuhn and Katie Nicotra on 03/14/2016

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- 2015 – 2016 Spring Athletic Schedule

BUSINESS, FACILITIES & FINANCE

- The Board approved the Board Secretary's Report and Bill List for January 2016
- **Receipt and Acceptance of Student Activity and Athletic Account Financial.** The Board accepted as filed the student activity and athletic account financial reports for the period ending 1/31/2016.

- **Parental Transportation Contract.** The Board approved a Parental Contract for Transportation with Jennifer Bialgow-Manasion to Yale-Camden College for 4 days a week from February 2, 2016 through June 30, 2016 at a cost of \$50.00 per day.
- **SEMI Action Plan.** The Board authorized the submission of a Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools as part of the District's proposed budget submission for the fiscal year of 2017.
- **Spring Athletic Trips.** The Board awarded contracts for the spring athletic trips pursuant to Holcomb Bus Services for a cost of \$46,034.00.
- **Appointment of Health Insurance Broker of Record.** The Board appointed Conner, Strong & Buckelew as the Health Insurance Brokerage of record for the period of March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A 4.1 at an annual fee of \$79,250.
- **Appointment of Insurance Broker of Record (Property & Casualty).** The Board appointed Conner, Strong & Buckelew as the Insurance Brokerage of Record (Property & Casualty) for the period of March 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017 Per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A 4.1. Their compensation is based upon commission percentages of the coverage premiums and range from 6% to 14%.

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 work session meeting is scheduled for **Thursday, March 17, 2016**. The meeting is scheduled in the Board Conference Room and will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled meeting for the Board is **Thursday, March 31, 2016** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.