

March 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 meeting held on March 23rd.

ENROLLMENT as of February 28, 2017	
High School	1766
Middle School	920
TOTAL	2686

STAFF RECOGNITION

Spotlight Teacher

- Dana Ott – Language Art & Literature – R Team Leader

New Staff Introductions

- Jayne Tomforde (Paraprofessional)
- Angelina Bertino (LTS HS English Teacher)
- Kirstyn Heller (LTS MS English Teacher)

The March Board meeting served as a Middle School and High School Recognition Program. We recognized Middle School Spotlight Students, High School Spotlight Students, High

School Athletes and Seniors of the Month. To view student pictures, [click here](#).

Student Recognition

Spotlight Students, Athletes and Seniors of the Month each received a \$25.00 gift certificate to Martell's. These awards are made courtesy of the Kingsway Education Foundation.

Middle School Spotlight Students	
D	Anabella Oriente
R	Kayla Sullivan
A	Sean Horner Ryan Ostrowski
G	Joshua Mathew
O	Jeffrey Heineman
N	Grace Vit

High School Spotlight Students	
9th	Kallasandra Poole
10th	Gabrielle Allen
11th	Olivia Rousseau
12th	Alyssa Miller

Seniors of the Month	
February 2017	
Dumar Burgess	
Rachel Vick	

Athlete of the Month	
February 2017	
Earnest Daniel	Boys winter track and field

ATHLETE/TEAM/COACH RECOGNITION

- Quinn Kinner- New Jersey State Wrestling Champion, Region 8 Champion, 100 career wins and District 29 Champion
- Rachel Vick- South Jersey Group IV Champion 1,600m and Eastern States Champion- 1 mile
- Kaitlyn Robb – South Jersey Times Bowler of the Year 2017
- Rachel Vick, Destiny Stanford, Katelyn Green

and Alexis Mullarkey - State Group IV Champions - Distance Medley Relay

- Felicia Jenkins – South Jersey Times Coach of the Year for Girls Basketball.
- Boy’s Basketball- Tri County Conference Champions
- Girl’s Basketball- Tri County Conference Champions
- Wrestling- Tri County Conference Champions and South Jersey Group IV Champions

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

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

- 2017-18 Budget
- School Funding
- Rice Notices Regarding Effected Employees
- Formal request for SRO

PRESENTATIONS

- Mr. Tonelli – Middle School Program Spotlight (Math Working Lunch)

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY

2016-2017 Monthly Average % of Students in Attendance for February:

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Grade Level	Feb %	2016-2017 YTD Avg %	Past 6 Year Avg %
7	95.1	95.8	95.3
8	95.1	95.3	94.7
Total MS Average	95.1	95.6	95.0
9	94.9	95.4	94.4
10	94.3	95.2	93.5
11	93.4	94.6	92.6
12	92.9	93.9	91.4
Total HS Average	93.9	94.8	93.0
District Average	94.5	95.2	94.0

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Retirement:
 - Lori Valentine (Cafeteria-General Worker)
 - Daniel Lang (Custodian)
- Resignation:
 - Denise Marshall (Cafeteria-General Worker)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Tina Garrett (General Worker – Cafeteria Staff)
 - Joseph Scordo (Bus Driver)
 - Jamie Smith (Bus Driver)
- Schedule “B”:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
 - Elizabeth DiPietro (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - John Austin (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Sharon Lail (Bus Aide)
- English Language Learner Training:
 - Donna Carpenter
 - Joe Kuppler
 - Jaime Lloyd
 - Mark Hendricks
 - Ann Gillespie
 - Susan Romano
 - Patricia Conn
 - Stacey Oehler
 - Evelyn Torres
 - Tabitha Williams

- Dave Duffin

High School Employment

- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.

Middle School Employment

- None

RESOLUTIONS

- **Resolution abolishing a Secretary position.** The Board concluded it was necessary to reduce a (0.5) FTE in Secretary at Kingsway Regional Middle School position for financial and programmatic reasons.
- **Resolution abolishing an Athletic Trainer position.** The Board concluded it was necessary to reduce one (1.0) FTE in the Athletic Trainer position for financial and programmatic reasons.
- **Resolution abolishing a Teacher of Music Position.** The Board concluded it was necessary to reduce a (0.5) FTE in Teacher of Music at Kingsway Regional High School position for financial and programmatic reasons.

FUNDRAISERS

- **4/1/2017 Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter.** The Habitat for Humanity Campus Chapter will be holding an Easter Craft Day and Easter Egg Hunt. The funds will be donated to the Gloucester County Habitat for Humanity.
- **5/16/2017 Dragons Helping Dragons Committee.** The Dragons Helping Dragons Committee will be collecting donations to sign a soccer ball in honor of John Kodluk. The balls will be lining the hallway in honor of his memory. The funds collected will be donated to TOP Sports in memory of John Kodluk.
- **3/31/2017 PAWS.** The PAWS group amended the selling of candy at the Battle of the Bands to have the funds collected

divided between the Gloucester County Animal Shelter and Canine Partners of Life.

- **4/22/2017 to 6/17/2017 Cheerleading.** The Cheerleaders will be doing a roadside clean up. The funds collected will support the cheer banquet and food.
- **4/22/2017 to 6/17/2017 Softball.** The softball program will be doing a roadside clean up. The funds collected will support building materials for the dugout, GoPro and a team building gathering.

FIELD TRIPS

- **3/28/2017** – The Academic Assistance Program will be traveling to South Harrison Elementary School to collaborate with small groups of elementary students to read books or play math games.
- **4/5/2017** – The Middle School Functional Multiple Disabilities class will be traveling to the Dollar Tree in Sewell, NJ to continue to use life skills learned in class.
- **4/11/2017** – The 7th and 8th Grade Choir will be traveling to Citizen's Bank Park to sing the national anthem.
- **5/3/2017** – The BLA Academy will be traveling to Wegmans Corporation to tour the corporate facility and engage in panel interviews of business executives.
- **5/17/2017** – The STEM Academy will be traveling to Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine to be exposed to a medical simulation lab and preform different procedures.
- **5/24/2017** – The Middle School Student Council will be traveling to Six Flags Great Adventure to attend the awards program.
- **6/1/2017** – The AP Art History, AP Euro, AP Studio Art, and Art II classes will be traveling to the Metropolitan Museum of Art and to St. John the Divine in New York City to view art objects pertaining to courses of study.

- **6/8/2017** – The Academic Assistance Program will be traveling to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, NJ to celebrate academic growth and completion of the program.

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- None

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
HS 02/10/2017	Start: 12:27 PM End: 12:47 PM	Precautionary Lockdown
HS 02/22/2017	Start: 12:00 PM End: 12:05 PM	Fire Drill
MS 02/08/2017	Start: 01:43 PM End: 01:50 PM	Fire Drill
MS 02/22/2017	Start: 10:35 AM End: 11:05 AM	Precautionary Lockdown

POLICY

The Board recommended the following for FIRST reading for revisions and/or adoption. To access our policy database, [click here.](#)

- Policy #5430 – Class Rank
- Policy #5410 – Promotion and Retention

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

- None

SCHOLARSHIP

The Board approved the following Scholarship(s)

- None

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- Kingsway 2016 - 2017 Spring Athletic Schedule.

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 accepts as filed the Middle School, High School and Athletic financial reports for the period ending February 28, 2017.

- **Assurance Statement for Special Education.** The Board approved the Assurance Statement for Special Education.
- **Memorandum of Agreement for Completecare Health Network.** The Board approved the Memorandum of Agreement for CompleteCare Health Network.
- **Job Description(s) – Approval /Revisions.** The Board approved Curricular, Instructional & Student Supervisor (CISS) job description.
- **Abolishment of Dean of Students Position.** The Board reviewed the duties and responsibilities of our administrative team and determined for management, financial and programmatic reasons it is desirable to abolish the position of Dean of Students, effective July 1, 2017.
- **ESEA Action Plan.** The Board approved the 12016 Participation ESEA Action Plan.
- **Federal Grant Acceptance and Application Authorization.** The Board authorized the submission of an application for and acceptance of the federal grant entitlement awards for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017.
- **Tuition – Sending.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreements on a sending basis.
 - Receiving District: Gloucester City Jr/Sr High School
Duration: 9/1/2016 to 6/30/2017
Annual Tuition Rate: \$12,674.00
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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, April 20, 2017**. The meeting will be held in the Board Conference Room and will begin at 7:00 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board is **Thursday, April 27, 2017** in the Eitel Theater East and begins at 7:00 p.m.