

September Board Brief



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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 September 21, 2017.

ENROLLMENT as of June 23, 2017

High School 1763

Middle School 963

TOTAL 2726

New Staff Introductions

- Tara Pridy-LTS Special Education Teacher HS
- Robert Sittineri- LTS Business Teacher HS
- Karen Vargas-Chemistry Teacher HS
- Phillip Whitehurst-Math Teacher HS
- Laura Cain-LTS Art Teacher HS
- Kevin Costill-LTS English Teacher HS
- Jasmine Amberths-LTS Technology Teacher HS
- Vince Pagliaro-PT Music Teacher HS
- Julianne Rickard-English Teacher HS
- Christopher Tirri-English Teacher HS
- Kelsey Schipske-English Teacher HS
- Tara Cunningham-Math Teacher HS
- Jayne Tomforde-Math Teacher HS

- Elizabeth Ruiz-Special Education Teacher HS
- Jason Finlaw-Special Education Teacher HS
- Patricia Villarreal-Spanish Teacher HS
- Stephanie Vitelli-Guidance Counselor HS
- Aaron Crispin-History Teacher HS
- Eric Teesdale-History Teacher HS
- Maria Fotakis-Chemistry Teacher HS
- Kevin Miller-Health & PE Teacher HS
- David Dominik-LTS Science Teacher MS
- Jennifer Fiscaro-Special Education Teacher MS
- Nicole Di Niglio-Lauria-Special Education Teacher MS
- Sara DiBenedetto-Health & PE Teacher MS
- Jordan Edwards-Science Teacher MS
- Brittany Sims-Science Teacher MS
- Brooke Helmandollar-Social Studies Teacher MS
- Fallon Milligan-Student Assistance Coordinator (SAC) District

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- New Teacher Introductions
- School Opening Report
- New Jersey School Board Associations 2017 Workshop

PRESENTATIONS

- Principal's School Opening Update, Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Tonelli
- RAISE Presentation, Mr. Matt Miles

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Resignation:
 - Sharon Lail (Bus Aide)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Halie Andersen (Bus Aide)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.

- Substitute:
 - Bridget Collins (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - Rebecca Fillman (Per Diem Substitute Nurse)
 - Sharon Lail (Substitute Bus Aide)
 - Michael Reed (Per Diem Substitute Teacher)
 - Jamie Smith (Substitute General Worker - Cafeteria)

High School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Edward Hinnershitz (Custodian)
 - Wendy Lynch (Math Teacher)
- Certified Staff:
 - Jasmine Amberths (Technology Teacher)
 - Robert Sittineri (Business Teacher)
 - Karen Vargas (Chemistry Teacher)
 - Phillip Whitehurst (Chemistry Teacher)
- Non-Certified Staff:
 - Scott Newkirk (School Security Aide)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.

Middle School Employment

- Resignation:
 - Patricia Campbell (Paraprofessional)
- Certified Staff:
 - Eileen Highland (Paraprofessional)
- Schedule "B":
 - Various positions were approved.
- Substitute:
 - Elisabeth Spinner (LTS Discovering Stem Teacher)

FUNDRAISERS

- **10/30/2017 to 11/13/2017 Class of 2019.** The Class of 2019 will be selling candles and home décor items. The funds will support class activities.

FIELD TRIPS

- **10/10/2017** – The Student Council will be traveling to the 2017 NJASC Fall Conference.
- **10/12/2017** – The STEM Academy will be traveling to Exxon Mobil to inspire females to enter into the STEM professions.
- **10/18/2017** – The DECA Students will be traveling to Kean University for a leadership workshop.
- **Between 10/01/2017 and 06/30/2018** – The high school S.T.E.P. students will be traveling to the following places to become familiar with their community and be better prepared for life.
 - Woolwich Fire Company
 - East Greenwich Fire & Rescue
 - Harmony Fire Company
 - Mullica Hill Police Department
 - Mantua Square Shopping Center
 - Rosie's Farm Market

RESEARCH PROJECT(S)

- None

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 #5330.04 – Administering and Opioid Antidote

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- 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 accepts as filed the Middle School, High School and Athletic financial reports for the period ending August 31, 2017.
- **Agreement with Inspira Health Network Group.** The Board approved an agreement with the Inspira Health Network Medical Group, P.C. for services as per the agreement on file beginning July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
- **Equipment Disposal.** The Board approved the disposal of equipment requested by Kingsway IT Department.
- **Title III Consortium.** The Board authorized the participation in a Title III consortium with the Harrison Township School District and the acceptance of \$1,747.00 in Title III funds for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Tuition Agreement with Penns Grove Carneys Point.** The Board approved the following tuition contract agreements on a receiving basis:

Sending District: Penns Grove Carneys Point
Duration: 9/20/2017 – 6/30/2018
Annual Tuition Rate: \$28,517.50
- **Donation.** The Board accepted a donation of vocational books from Mr. Gene Richardson. The books will be utilized in Kingsway's Media Centers.

- **Logan School District Tuition Contract.** The Board approved the tuition contracts with Logan Township School District for the 2017-2018 school year.
- **Cooperative Pricing Agreement with CCESC.** The Board authorized contracting units to establish a Cooperative Pricing System and to enter into a Cooperative Pricing Agreement for their administration.
- **Void Accounts Payable Checks.** The Board approved the outstanding checks listed to be voided.
- **Salem County Vo-Tech Tuition Cost Revision.** The Board approved a revised tuition cost for the 16 students attending Salem County Vo-Tech part time to \$2,514.00 for the 2017-2018 school year. It was previously approved at \$2,500.00.
- **Out of District and Twilight Placement.** The Board Approved the Out of District and/or Twilight Placement as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - Bankbridge Development Center - \$37,800.00 – Tuition - 9/1/2017 to 6/30/2018
 - Clearview-Behavioral Disabilities Program - \$30,000.00 – Tuition - 9/1/2017 to 6/30/2017
 - Salem County Special Services School District - \$8,438.00 – 1:1 Aide - 7/14/2017 to 6/30/2018
- **Food Service Employee Handbook.** The Board approved the Food Service Employee Handbook.
- **Firearms Authorization/SSS Response During Crisis.** The Board authorized the School Security Specialists to carry firearms while on duty.

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 19, 2017** in the Cafeteria East and begins at 7:00 p.m.