

# January 2021 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 January 21, 2021 (work session) and January 28, 2021 (regular meeting).**

### **ENROLLMENT as of December 31, 2020**

High School	1799
Middle School	1023
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2822</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):

- Hybrid 2.0 Learning Program and Restart
- Status of Shared Services
- Blended Learning Pilot for 2021-22 School Year
- 2021-2022 Draft School Calendar

### **STAFF RECOGNITION**

- New Staff/Faculty Members were welcomed to Kingsway  
[www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs](http://www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs)

### **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

- Connie Erikson – High School
- Jaime Lloyd – Middle School

### **EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR**

- Fallon Corcoran

### **STUDENT RECOGNITION**

- [www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs](http://www.krsd.org/BOEPhotographs)

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**

**December 2020**

<b>K</b>	Kaden Mesmer
<b>I</b>	Luca Lentini
<b>N</b>	Sophia Mazzarella
<b>G</b>	Emely Ortiz Vicente
<b>S</b>	Marco Nagy
<b>W</b>	Georgia Riso
<b>A</b>	Olivia Sciulli
<b>Y</b>	Sophia Mazzeo
<b>Dragon</b>	Matthew Demore

### **High School Spotlight Students**

**December 2020**

9 <sup>th</sup>	Dlyna Efrem
10 <sup>th</sup>	DeShon Cooper
11 <sup>th</sup>	Annie Barnish
12 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Castillo

### **Seniors of the Month**

**December 2020**

Joseph Collins, III
Abby Zuccato

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

- None

### **PERSONNEL**

#### **District Employment**

- Appointments:
  - None

- Resignation/Retirement:

- None

- Leaves of Absence:

- None

### High School Employment

- Appointments:

- Elizabeth Porcellini (Teacher of Family & Consumer Science)
- John Gundaker (LTS – Special Education)

- Resignation/Retirement:

- John Bollar – (Paraprofessional)
- Laura Terpak (Asst. Girls Volleyball Coach)
- Christian Lynch (Head Winter Track Coach)

- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:

- Various positions were approved.

- Leaves of Absence:

- Jason Finalw (Special Education Teacher)
- Donna Carpenter (Teacehr of English)
- Patricia Shields (CST Secretary)
- Dana Gaetano (Special Education Teacher)
- Mary Hawk (Custodian)

- Practicum/Internships:

- None

### Middle School Employment

- Appointments:

- Erin Cunningham (Teacher of French)
- Michelle Neigut (LTS – ELA)
- Patricia Knott (LTS – STEM)
- Kathy Mercado (Substitute School Nurse)

- Retirement/Resignation:

- Ann Gillespie (Teacher of Handicapped RC)

- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:

- Various positions were approved.

- Leaves of Absence:

- Nicholas Magnotta (Teacher of Art)

### FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- 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 2464 – Gifted and Talented Pupils

### PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- Winter Sports Schedules

### AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following awards and scholarships:

- None

### FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- None

### OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

- 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 December 2020.
- **2021-2022 School Calendar.** The Board approved the [2021-2022 School Calendar](#).
- **Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant.** The Board authorized submission of the Addressing Student Learning Loss Grant.
- **Senior Privilege.** The Board approved a request for senior privilege for the 2020-2021 school year.
- **Technology for Education and Communications Consulting, Inc.** The Board approved an agreement for Speech Pathology Therapy and Consulting Services

with Technology for Education and Communication Consulting at an hourly rate of \$90.

- **Prior Year Check Voids.** The Board approved outstanding checks from the prior year be voided.
- **Federal Grant Amendments.** The Board authorized submission of grant application amendments for FY21 ESEA and CARES allocations.
- **School Security Grant.** The Board authorized submission of a School Security grant application to the NJ DOE for \$112,489.
- **Pool Lease with GCIT.** The Board approved the pool lease with the Gloucester County Institute of Technology for the swim season in the amount of \$3,732.50.
- **IACE Grant Submission.** The Board approved submission of the IACE Teachers' Salary Grant Application in the amount of \$8,000 and the IACE Grant for Educational Material Application in the amount of \$4,000.
- **Textbooks.** The Board approved the Kingsway Textbook Program List for the 2020-2021 School Year.
- **Program Planning Guide.** The Board approved the Program Planning Guide for the 2021-2022 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, February 25, 2021 by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.