

February 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 February 25, 2020.

ENROLLMENT as of January 31, 2021

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| High School | 1789 |
| Middle School | 1025 |
| TOTAL | 2814 |

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Superintendent Goals for 2020-21

STAFF RECOGNITION

- None

STUDENT RECOGNITION

- 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

January 2021

| | |
|---------------|-----------------------|
| K | Jolie Abreu |
| I | Madelyn Benjaminson |
| N | Wil Finnan |
| G | Nolan Steurer |
| S | Mila Martinez-Morales |
| W | Mason Samra |
| A | Grace Hunter |
| Y | Kyle Nordone |
| N | Gavin Renner |
| Dragon | Jacob Reed |

High School Spotlight Students

January 2021

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|------------------|---------------------|
| 9 th | Hanna Ferris |
| 10 th | Alexandra Weatherby |
| 11 th | Lauren Keefer |
| 12 th | Juliana Amaradio |

Seniors of the Month

January 2021

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| Taylor Gary |
| Max Ma |

PRESENTATIONS:

- Student Council Report – Kingsway Regional Middle School Representatives:
Sophia Counsellor and Julianna Jones

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:
 - None
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - Patricia Bradbury – Bus Driver (7 Years of Service)
- Leaves of Absence:
 - None

High School Employment

- Appointments:

- Martin Quick (LTS Teacher of Spanish)
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - None
- Schedule "B" and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Olga Perez-Wilchacky (Teacher of Spanish)
 - Anthony Cataldi (Custodian)
 - Michael Mulligan (Teacher of English)
- Practicum/Internships:
 - None

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Shushana Rucker (LTS Teacher of Art)
- Retirement/Resignation:
 - None
- Schedule "B" and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Nick Magnotta (Teacher of Art)

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- None

FUNDRAISERS

- **3/8/2021 – 3/18/2021 Penny Wars.** The Middle School will host a Penny Wars competition and collection of coins to raise funds to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

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.

- None

PROFESSIONAL LEARNING WORKSHOPS:

- Kathryn Franks, Laura Campbell, Amanda Hannigan, Tina Bullock, Whitney Widger, Tiffany Scurry, Regina Foody, Heather Haines, Ryann Braverman, Melanie Springer

- Strengthening Your Co-Teaching Program: Practical Co-Teaching Strategies to Increase All Student Achievement

- Michael Shuster – Google Suite & Code Compliance
- Andrew Kidder – Environmental Code Compliance and Sustainability; Energy Management; Preventive Maintenance; and Financial Management and Purchasing

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

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 January 2021.
- **Amendment to Minimum Wage.** The Board approved an increase to the minimum hourly wage from \$11.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour for Substitute Bus Aides, Substitute Cafeteria Workers and Student Workers, effective 1/21/21 6/31/21.
- **Strategic Plan Adoption, Vision 2022.** The Board approved an extension of the District's [Strategic Plan, Vision 2022; Promising Excellence](#) through the FY2022.
- **2019-2020 HIB Self-Assessment & HIB Grade Report.** The Board approved the HIB Self-Assessment & HIB Grade Report for 2019-2020.
- **Use of Facility.** The Board approved a waiver of insurance requirement for the

Senior Parent activities in the parking lots the 21st of each month for SY 2020-2021.

- **2019-2020 CAFR.** The Board accepted the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
- **Synopsis and Summary of Annual Audit.** The Board accepted and approved the Audit Synopsis, summary of audit recommendations and corrective action plan for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.
- **Resolution Directing Employee Physical Examination.** The Board directs an employee to undergo physical examination to determine fitness for duty.
- **Reading Instructor Agreement.** The Board approved an agreement with Caroline Capasso, Reading Instructor to provide Orton Gillingham reading instruction beginning 2/1/21 – 6/30/21.

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, March 25, 2021 by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.