

May 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 May 27, 2020.

ENROLLMENT as of April 30, 2021	
High School	1790
Middle School	1027
TOTAL	2817

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

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

- Vaccination Clinic
- End of Year Celebrations
- COVID Updates
- Recruit & Hire Update

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

April 2021

K	Raevyn Bryant
I	RJ Sciarrotta
N	Anya Patel
G	Jackson Whitworth
S	Mackenzie Layton
W	Samantha Tedrow
A	Jack Tanzola
Y	Braydon Leary
DRAGON	Tigris Gary

High School Spotlight Students

April 2021

9 th	Ava Volpe
10 th	Kathleen Lewin
11 th	Angelina Robostello
12 th	Rachel Robichaud

Seniors of the Month

April 2021

Megan Lail
Kelly Macias

Math Counts Video Challenge Finalists

Mason Corey
Luca Lentini
Haley Blair
Madelyn Benjaminson
Mr. Heil, Club Advisor

CONGRATULATIONS to our MathCounts students who had one of the Top 4 [MathCounts Videos](#) in the nation!! Each student will receive a \$750.00 scholarship!

PRESENTATIONS:

- Gloucester County Mock Trial Champions – Kingsway Regional High School. Award presented by Mark Kehoe and Lewis Fichera

PERSONNEL

District Employment

- Appointments:

- Susan Williams – Literacy Coach
- Ray Philipp – Wellness Counselor
- Ashley Hungerford – Instructional Technology Integration Coach
- Mary Neyer – Instructional Technology Integration Coach
- Nicole Miller (nka Cammarota) – Inclusion Coach
- Elizabeth Parambath – Inclusion Coach
- Thomas Sabetta – Maintenance/ Groundskeeper
- Alex Brooke – Maintenance/ Groundskeeper
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - Tracey Smith – Bus Driver
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Name

High School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Michael Orth – Teacher of Math
 - Michael DiFrancesco – Teacher of Business
 - Daniel Biehler, Teacher of Special Education
 - Dolly Guzman – Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant
 - Sharon Rosado – Paraprofessional Job Coach
 - Thomas Lawless – Teacher of Special Education
 - Asa-Magnus Sams, Teacher of English
 - Joseph Ivins – Building Substitute
- Resignation/Retirement:
 - Kelly Palumbo – Custodian
 - Kamal Benslama – Teacher of Physics
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Sarah Schugar – Teacher of English
- Practicum/Internships:

- Meredith Keller – CST Internship/Christina Bedisky, 07/06/2021 – 08/30/2021

Middle School Employment

- Appointments:
 - Michael DiFrancesco - LTS
- Retirement/Resignation:
 - Kaitlin Whitman – Teacher of World Language
- Schedule “B” and Change of Status:
 - Various positions were approved.
- Leaves of Absence:
 - Laura Terpak – Teacher of Special Education
- Practicum/Internships:
 - Kristina Bullock – School Counselling Internship/Antoinette Henry 08/30/2021 – 12/12/2021

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The Board approved the following staff training:

- None

FIELD/ TRIPS/ASSEMBLIES

- None

FUNDRAISERS

- None

EMERGENCY DRILLS/CALLS

School/ Date	Time	Drill
MS 04/12/2021	Start: 01:20 PM End: 01:24 PM	Shelter in Place Lockdown Drill
MS 04/13/2021	Start: 02:00 PM End: 02:05 PM	Fire Drill
MS 04/16/2021	Start: 01:18 PM End: 01:24 PM	Shelter in Place Lockdown Drill
MS 04/17/2021	Start: 02:00 PM End: 02:05 PM	Fire Drill
HS 04/20/2021	Start: 01:10 PM End: 01:12 PM	Fire Drill / Evacuation Phase 2
HS 04/29/2021	Start: 01:52 PM End: 01:53 PM	Shelter in Place

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:

- 6/10/2021 – Schoology & Gradebook Sync End of Year Work Session

PROGRAMS

The Board approved the following programs:

- None

AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

The Board approved the following [scholarships](#):

- None

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS

- None

OUT OF DISTRICT PLACEMENT

The Board approved the following out of district placements:

- 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 April 30, 2021.
- **Supplemental Compensation.** The Board authorized supplemental compensation for Patricia White for Temporary Assumption of Director of Student Transportation responsibilities.
- **Termination.** The Board approved paid administrative leave and termination of employment of employee #4973 effective May 28, 2021.
- **Tax Payment Schedule.** The Board approved the payment schedule for the 2021-22 school year.
- **Appointment of Representatives Requesting Federal and State Funds.** The Board designated the Superintendent and Business Administrator/Board Secretary as

agents for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

- **Appointment of Board Officials.** The Board appointed Board Officials for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Appointment of Professionals.** The Board appointed professionals for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Designation of Superintendent: Transfer Authority.** The Board appointed the Superintendent or designee designated to approve item transfers as necessary between Board of Education meetings.
- **Procurement of Goods and Services Through State Contract.** The Board authorized the district purchasing agent to make purchases of goods and services.
- **Designation of Official Website.** The Board adopted the official website of the district from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022: www.krsd.org.
- **Authorization to pay Claims Between meetings.** The Board authorized the School Business Administrator to pay claims between monthly meetings for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **District Travel Limitation for Regular Business Travel.** The Board established a maximum annual limitation of \$1,500 for regular business travel for the period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Establishment of Petty Cash Funds.** The Board granted establishment of petty cash accounts for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Adoption of Chart of Accounts.** The Board adopted the Uniform Minimum chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools for the 2021-2022 school year.
- **Tax Shelter Annuities and Disability Insurance providers.** The Board approved companies to be the authorized Tax Shelter Annuity/After Taxes Plans and Disability insurance providers.

- **Claims Auditor Pre-Payment Authority.** The Board approved the Business Administrator/Board Secretary to be designated as the claims auditor with authority.
- **Educational Data Services, Inc.** The Board authorized Educational Data Services as the New Jersey Cooperative Bidding Program for our school supplies.
- **Flexible Spending Account.** The Board approved the flexible spending account.
- **Medical Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the contract through SHIF to provide a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Prescription Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the contract through SHIF providing a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Dental Renewal Rates.** The Board approved a contract through SHIF with Delta Dental for a one-year renewal effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.
- **Property & Casualty Insurance Renewal Rates.** The Board approved the property and casualty insurance renewal rates.
- **Harrison Township Shared Services for IT.** The Board approved a shared services agreement with Harrison Township for IT Services beginning January 1, 2021 through January 1, 2026.
- **LEAP.** The Board accepted a Local Efficiency Achievement Program (LEAP) in the amount of \$75,000.00 for the 18-month period of April 22, 2021 through October 30, 2022.
- **Grant Application Submission.** The Board authorized submission of applications for the CRRSA ESSER II and American Relief Plan ESSER funds.

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, June 17, 2021 by Zoom Conference and begins at 7:00 p.m.