DEAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEAL, NJ

Public Minutes – February 24, 2025

The Regular Public Meeting was called to order by Vice - President Sorrentino at 5:02 p.m.

Mr. Sorrentino read the following statement: In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231, also known as the "Sunshine Law", a 48-hour notice of this meeting has been provided to the public as follows: Asbury Park Press as a press release, posted on the bulletin board at the Deal School, Posted with the clerk of the Boro of Deal and has been placed on the website.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Kathleen Jannarone - Absent Mr. Joseph Rishty - Present

Mr. Michael Sorrentino – Present

Mr. Giovanni Astorino - Present Mr. Joseph Nachmani – Absent

MINUTES.

1. Approve the Public Minutes of January 27, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Astorino
VOTE: 3-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following:

1. Approve HIB REPORT P.L. 2010. c. 122 (A-3466) There were (2) HIB reported, investigated and (0) confirmed Incident from January 27, 2025 to February 24, 2025.
2. Approve the 2025-2026 Deal Board of Education School Calendar. (See Attached)

   Board of Education Members were invited to Read across America Week in which they can participate in reading a Story to the students during the Morning Meeting Periods.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 3-0

BUILDING & GROUNDS - NONE

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following:

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b. Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Financial Report:

Resolved: That the Financial Report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary for the month ending January 31, 2025 is hereby approved, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is instructed to file same.

c. Treasurer's Financial Report:

Resolved: That the Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending January 31, 2025 is hereby approved, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary is instructed to file the same. The report is in agreement with the report of the Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

d. Monthly Certification:

Resolved: That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 I, Pia Lordi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, do hereby certify that as of January 31, 2025, after review of the Secretary's Monthly Financial Report (appropriations section) and, upon consultation with the appropriate district officials, that, to the best of our knowledge, no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4), that no line item appropriation is in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4, and that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

e. Waiver of SEMI for 2025-2026:

Resolved: Waiver of Requirements, Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program, Whereas, NJAC 6A:23A-5.3 provides that a school district may request a waiver of compliance with respect to the district's participation in the SEMI program for the 2025-2026 and,Whereas, the Deal Board of Education desires to apply for this waiver due to the fact that it projects fewer than Medicaid eligible classified students. Now, therefore BE IT RESOLVED, that the Deal Board of Education hereby authorizes the Business Administrator to submit the appropriate waiver requirements in the County of Monmouth an appropriate waiver of the requirements of NJAC 6A23A-5.3 for the 2025-2026 School year.

f. Shared Service Agreement for School Year 2025-2026:

Resolved: Approve the Shared Service Agreement between the Deal Board of Education and the Loch Arbour Board of Education to provide Business Office Services/Business Administrator and Board Secretary Services to the Loch Arbour Board of Education for the 2025-2026 School Year.

MOTION: Mr. Rishty SECOND: Mr. Sorrentino
VOTE: 3-0

Reminders and Notes:

1. Next Meeting is scheduled for March 10, 2025 - 5 PM - 2025-2026 Tentative Budget Adoption.
2. Mandated Training was sent out to those board members who will need to complete. The email came straight from the NJ School Board Association. Please complete that as soon as possible.

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3. 2025 Financial Disclosure Forms were sent to you via Email . This document is a fillable PDF. If you have not already done so; please complete them and hand them back in as soon as possible so I may upload them for you to the state. The fillable PDF has been provided as an attachment with the January 2025 and February 2025 Board Meeting agenda attachments and information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION -

Motion to move into Executive Session at 5:07 PM by Mr. Sorrentino and Second by Mr. Rishty. Carried by an unanimous Voice Roll Call Vote

In Attendance were the Superintendent, Mr. Saponaro, Business Administrator Pia Lordi, Board of Education Members, Mr. Sorrentino, Mr.Astorino and Mr. Rishty.

Whereas, the Board of Education pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, intends to exclude the public for a portion of this meeting, and

Whereas, pursuant to an exception contained in the Open Public Meetings Act of 1975, the Board of Education will now go into closed Session for the purpose of Legal Matters, and will be in session for approximately 15 minutes and,

Be It Further Resolved, that appropriate minutes shall be taken by the Board of Education during this closed session and at such time as the confidentiality of these minutes is no longer necessary , they will be released to the public, and

Be It Further resolved, that no formal action will be taken by the Board of Education during this closed session.

Motion to Reconvene the Public Meeting at 5:18 PM

Motion: Mr Sorrentino and Second Mr. Rishty

Vote : 3-0

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sorrentino Motioned and Mr. Astorino Second to adjourn the meeting at 5:19 PM.

Carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Submitted By,

Pia Lordi

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1. Approve Michele Russo and Lauren McNeace to attend a workshop regarding Highly Targeting Interventions for struggling readers on April 2, 2025. Cost is $ 295.00 each.
2. Approve Michele Russo to attend a workshop on April 21, 2025 for her Orton Gillingham certification cost is $ 300.00.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 3-0

PERSONNEL

The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following:

1. Rescind the January 27, 2025 approval for the stipend of the 2 Play Directors.
2. Approve that both Schedule B Stipends for Play Director be combined for a total of $ 6,355.00 and then divided by the three individuals, 2 who will be directing the play as well as 1 who will be choreographing this play, for a stipend of $2,118.33 each. The individuals are Natasha Bloomquist, Kristin Hayes as the play directors and Christina Ritter as the choreographer.
3. Approve Carleigh Langan and Christina Robbins up to 2.5 hours each a week not to exceed 5 hours a week of home instruction.

MOTION: Mr. Rishty SECOND: Mr Sorrentino
VOTE: 3-0

POLICY - NONE

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORTS

FINANCE AND INSURANCE

1. Approve the following Resolutions:

   Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Certifications:

   That pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 3, I Pia Lordi, Business Administrator/Board Secretary does hereby certify that as of December 31, 2024 no line item account has encumbrances and expenditures, which in total exceed the line items appropriations in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c) 4.

   Pia Lordi, Business Administrator Board Secretary

2. The Superintendent recommends the approval of the following:

   a. Disbursements:

   Approve the disbursements for February 2025 in the amount of $ 476,186.18.