DEAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
DEAL, NJ

Public Minutes – September 15, 2025

The Regular Public Meeting was called to order by Board President Kathleen Jannarone at 5:02 p.m. Ms. Jannarone 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 - Present Mr. Joseph Rishty - Present

Mr. Michael Sorrentino – Present Mr. Giovanni Astorino- Present

Mr. Joseph Nachmani – Present

MINUTES

Approve the Public Minutes of August 18, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Astorino
VOTE: 5-0

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Superintendent Recommends the approval of the following:

Approve HIB REPORT P.L. 2010. c. 122 (A-3466) There were (0) HIB reported, investigated and (0) confirmed incidents from August 18, 2025 to September 15, 2025.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Astorino
VOTE: 5-0

BUILDING & GROUNDS

1. Approve Candice Bidner to have her Girl Scout Meetings here from 3:15 PM-4:15 PM Thursdays and Fridays beginning October 4, 2025 through May 29, 2026. Appropriate Insurance and Signed Addendum is on file.

MOTION: Mr. Rishty SECOND: Mr. Sorrentino
VOTE: 5-0

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CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

The Superintendent Recommends the approval of the following:

1. Approve Lindsay Pietrocola to attend NJ AGC ShareFest on Oct 14, 2025 at Kean University. Cost is $30.00 plus mileage of 87.40 miles round trip * .47 cents = $ 41.08.
2. Approve Claire Lucarelli to attend MCVTS School Counselor Breakfast on Thursday 9/25/2025 from 8:30 to 10:30 At the Marine Academy of Science and Technology in the Highlands.
3. Approve Michele Russo to attend the Annual Art Educator Conference in Princeton on October 27-28, 2025. Cost of registration is $290.00 plus round trip mileage for 77.4 miles * .47 cents = $72.76.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 5-0

PERSONNEL

The Superintendent Recommends the approval of the following:

1. Approve the Merit Goal for Pia Lordi for the 2025-2026 School Year:Goal 1 - Quantitative - State of NJ Certification for School Transportation Directors - $ 4,563.30School Transportation New Jersey Certification serves as a structured framework to equip transportation professionals with the knowledge and skills required to manage school transportation responsibly and effectively. As school buses transport thousands of students daily, there is a heightened responsibility to maintain the highest standards of safety, regulatory compliance, and logistical coordination. The certification program provides comprehensive education on New Jersey's transportation laws, student behavior management, vehicle maintenance, and driver supervision. It also prepares supervisors and contractors to handle emergencies, reduce operational errors, and implement cost-effective practices. By completing this certification, it aligns directly with my daily responsibilities and long-term professional goals. On a day-to-day basis, I oversee the coordination of bus routes, ensure compliance with safety regulations, communicate with parents and drivers, and handle any logistical or operational challenges that arise. The certification program not only reinforces the skills required to perform these tasks effectively but also introduces best practices and emerging trends that can be applied to improve efficiency and safety across the board.
2. Approve the Merit Goal for Donato Saponaro for the 2025-2026 School Year:

   Goal 1 - Leading GenAI Adoptions and Policy - Quantitative - $4,740.00. For the 2025-2026 school year, I propose a merit goal that focuses on the adoption of Generative AI (GenAI) tools and the creation of accompanying policies and classroom practices that ensure safe, responsible, and mission-aligned implementation in the Deal School District.

   I will participate in a six-week professional learning course through AI for Education that will provide targeted guidance and resources. Through this course and subsequent district work, I will: Develop mission-aligned GenAI policies and guidelines that address:

- Safety and student well-being
- Data privacy and security
- Academic integrity and responsible use

Create a comprehensive AI literacy plan tailored to the Deal School's unique context, with a focus on:

- Educating staff, students, and families on AI capabilities and limitations
- Building understanding of ethical and responsible AI use

At the conclusion of this initiative, the district will have:
A set of comprehensive GenAI guidelines to govern safe and responsible AI use.
A strategic AI literacy plan that supports the education of staff, students, and families.

3. Approve the additional 6 (six) summer hours of child study team services for Christine Priest.
4. Approve Nicole Romeu from Monmouth University to participate in 75 hours of classroom observation at the Deal School. She will be placed primarily in the kindergarten room and science classroom.
5. Approve Serena Passerini from Monmouth University to participate in 75 hours of classroom observation at the Deal School. She will be placed primarily in the kindergarten room and science classroom.
6. Approve Brianna DeLuca from Monmouth University to participate in 30 hours of classroom observation at the Deal School. She will complete these hours in our 3rd grade classroom.
7. Approve the following After School ELA and Math Program with Title 1 Funds:

   The Title I After School Program will be 2 Hours a week at $70.00 Per Hour, this after school programs will run for 30 Weeks beginning the week of October 6, 2025 ending week of May 25, 2026. The Following individuals will be paid with the Title 1 funds from account line # (20-230-100-100).

   a. Alexis Moskov - K-2 ELA
   b. Heather Campo - 3-5 Math
   c. Michele Russo - 3-5 ELA

8. Approve the unpaid Federal Family and Medical Leave of Absence for Ryan McMichael commencing Monday March 23, 2025 through the tentative end of the school year June 19, 2025.
9. Approve the following Substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year: Francie Illiano, Odette Cummings, Carmelina Koustiuk, Brianna Deluca, Christine Anderson, Anthony Mauro, Donna Weldon, Mary Zeaman, Rose Venezia, and Robert Kohler. Nurses: Teresa Careri, Joanne McMichael, Kyle Donfrio.
10. Approve the following individuals as substitutes for the 2025-2026 School Year starting Sept 16th, 2025 through the end of the school year.

    Danielle Speranza and Adam Lorentzen

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 5-0

POLICY

Approve the Second reading of the new, updated mandated policies and regulations:

0143 Board Member Election and Appointment – Bylaw
0173 Duties of Public-School Accountant – Bylaw
0174 Legal Services – Bylaw (M)
0177 Professional Services – Bylaw (M)
1570 Internal Controls – Policy & Regulation (M)
1620 Administrative Employment Contracts – Policy (M)
1636.01 Notification of Promotion, New Job, and Transfer Opportunities – Policy
1648.15 Recordkeeping for Healthcare Settings in School Buildings – COVID-19 – Policy (M) (ABOLISHED)
2422 Statutory Curricular Requirements – Policy (M)
5117 Interdistrict Public School Choice – Policy & Regulation
5339.01 Student Sun Protection – Policy (M)
6111 Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program – Policy & Regulation (M)
6220 Budget Preparation – Policy (M)
6220 Budget Preparation – Regulation

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 5-0

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 August 31, 2025 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:

Disbursements:

Approve the disbursements September 2025 in the amount of $ 512,321.43.

Business Administrator/Board Secretary's Financial Report:

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

Treasurer's Financial Report:

Resolved: That the Financial Report of the Treasurer of School Funds for the month ending August 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 August 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.

3. RECIND The approval from last month's Board meeting to Approve the Special Education Transportation Jointure between the Deal Board of Education and the Shore Regional Board of Education to transport Student # 6406695532 to the Allenwood School located in Wall Township NJ, cost of the route will be $ 21,682.50.

4 Approve the Special Education Transportation Jointure between the Deal Board of Education and the Shore Regional Board of Education to transport Student # 6406695532 to the Allenwood School located in Wall Township NJ, cost of the route will be $ 17,847.00 , however this will be pro rated from Sept 4 through Sept 15. MOESC will be taking over the run beginning Sept 15....Route cost from MOESC is TBD at this time.

5. Approve the Tuition contract between the Deal Board of Education and Monmouth County Vocational and Technical Schools for the 2025-2026 School year. Tuition rates are as follows : Full time $7,100.00 and Shared academies $3,568.00 and the Career Center at $ 6,388.00.

6. Approve the Budget Calendar for 2025-2026 for the 2026-2027 School Fiscal Year.

7. Approve the Comprehensive Maintenance Plan and M1 for 2025-2026.

MOTION: Mr. Sorrentino SECOND: Mr. Rishty
VOTE: 5-0

Reminders and Notes:

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Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 15, 2025 - 5 PM.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

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 Personnel Matters, and will be in session for approximately 20 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Sorrentino Motioned and Mr. Rishty Second to adjourn the meeting at 5:21 PM.

Carried by a unanimous voice vote.
Submitted By,

Pia Lordi