

Auditor's Management Report

for the

*Freehold Regional High
School District*

in the

*County of Monmouth
New Jersey*

for the

*Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2022*

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE
FINDINGS-FINANCIAL AND COMPLIANCE**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Freehold Regional High School District
County of Monmouth
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We have audited, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Freehold Regional High School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report dated March 7, 2023.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended solely for the information of the Freehold Regional High School District, County of Monmouth, New Jersey, the New Jersey Department of Education and federal and state audit awarding agencies and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCOUNTANT NO. 2389

March 7, 2023

Independent Auditor's Management Report of Administrative Findings Financial and Compliance

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Freehold Regional High School District Board of Education, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed in the District's ACFR. (See Exhibit J-20)

Official Bonds

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT OF BOND</u>
Sean Boyce	Assistant Superintendent for Business Administration/Board Secretary	\$700,000.00
All Employees	Blanket Position Bond	\$500,000.00

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

P.L 2020, c 44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A.18A:16-13.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year on audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted included all health benefit plans offered by the district. The district's school project data certification was completed by the chief school administrator.

The district's project Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f) 3.

Examination of Claims

Our audit of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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Findings Financial and Compliance**

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Accounts

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Net Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premiums amounts withheld due to the general fund.

Position Control Roster

The Position Control Roster was reviewed and compared to payroll records, employee benefit records and charges made to the general ledger to ensure proper and consistent financial reporting and that employee benefits are only offered to current employees.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2022 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2 (g) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to selecting a test sample our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23 A-2.4 As a result of the procedures performed, no exceptions were noted.

Board Secretary's Records

The records maintained by the Board Secretary were in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the ACFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds, on a test basis, indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district/charter school/renaissance school project employees who are members of the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards for the school district to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement. No exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A.18A:18A-3 states "a. When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$32,000.00, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except that the board of education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) of section 9 of P.L. 1971 c. 198 (C.40A:11-9) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000.00. Such authorization may be granted for each contract for by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L. 1999 c. 440 takes effect, and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the board of education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000.00. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of every year in which it is made. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months."

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School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

N.J.S.A.18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the board of education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefor, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law.

The Board of Education may, by resolution, approve by the majority of the board of education and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the board of education finds that it has had negative prior experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2020, the bid threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a) and (c) is \$32,000.00. In accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:11-9 (b) the bid threshold for all purchases made by the District's qualified purchasing agent is \$44,000.00. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18:39-3 is currently \$20,200.00.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.18A:18A-4.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A.18A:18A-5.

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of purchases for which the School Board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal however, that the district made purchases through the use of state contracts.

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School Food Service Funds

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency, all Public, Charter and Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2021 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFAs) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to eligible students during the period of school closures. Governor Murphy's emergency declaration ended June 4, 2021; however, the United States Department of Agriculture's federal waiver continued through June 30, 2022. Food Service Agencies operated under this federal waiver.

As a result, School Food Authorities (SFAs) were required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option (SSO). SFAs could also choose to participate in the National School Lunch Program utilizing standard counting and claiming practices.

SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all students during the emergency.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the edit check worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were properly computed and timely filed. Meals claimed agreed with the meal count records tested.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced priced meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review. No exceptions were noted.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

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School Food Service Funds (Continued)

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34 and 19-1 through 19-4.1. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Service employees. No exceptions were noted.

USDA Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

The school district maintains the detailed revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the USDA mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G.

Student Body Activities

The records for the Student Body Activities were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2021-2022 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general or capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

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Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2021 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for onroll, private schools for the disabled, and low income. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The district has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Testing for Lead of Drinking Water In Educational Facilities

The school district submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g)

Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. There were no prior year findings.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

School Purchasing Program

None

School Food Service

None

Student Body Activities

None

Pupil Transportation

None

Facilities and Capital Assets

None

Application for State School Aid

None

Testing for Lead of Drinking Water In Educational Facilities

None

Prior Year Audit Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. There were no prior year findings.

**FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021**

	2022-23 Application for State School Aid (10/15/21 data)				Sample for Verification				Private School for Disabled					
	Reported as on Roll		Reported on Workpapers on Roll		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers on Roll		Errors per Registers on Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools		Sample for Sample Verification	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool 4 years old														
Half Day Kindergarten														
One														
Two														
Three														
Four														
Five														
Six														
Seven														
Eight														
Nine	2,182		2,182		-		71		71		-		-	
Ten	2,132		2,132		-		64		64		-		-	
Eleven	2,105	64	2,105	64	-		64	2	64	2	-		-	
Twelve	2,167	41	2,167	41	-		67	1	67	1	-		-	
Post-Graduate														
Adult H.S. (15+ CR.)														
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)														
Subtotal	8,586	105	8,586	105	0	0	266	3	266	3	0	0	0	0.0
Sp. Ed. - Elementary														
Sp. Ed. - Middle School														
Sp. Ed. - High School	1,616	125	1,616	125	-		50	4	50	4	-		-	-
Subtotal	1,616	125	1,616	125	0	0	50	4	50	4	0	0	96.0	38.0
Co. Voc. - Regular														
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.														
Totals	10,202	230	10,202	230	0	0	316	7	316	7	0	0	96.0	38.0
Percentage Error					0%						0%			0%

**FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021**

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool 4 years old												
Half Day Kindergarten												
One												
Two												
Three												
Four												
Five												
Six												
Seven												
Eight												
Nine	252.0	252.0		31.0	31.0		15.0	15.0		12.0	12.0	
Ten	246.0	246.0		30.0	30.0		23.0	23.0		19.0	19.0	
Eleven	278.0	278.0		35.0	35.0		31.0	31.0		24.0	24.0	
Twelve	222.0	222.0		25.0	25.0		21.0	21.0		16.0	16.0	
Post-Graduate												
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	998.0	998.0		121.0	121.0		90.0	90.0		71.0	71.0	0
Special Ed - Elementary												
Special Ed - Middle												
Special Ed - High	377.0	377.0		22.0	22.0		3.0	3.0		3.0	3.0	
Subtotal	377.0	377.0		22.0	22.0		3.0	3.0		3.0	3.0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	1,375.0	1,375.0		143.0	143.0		93.0	93.0		74.0	74.0	0
Percentage Error			0%						0%			0%

Transportation

	Reported on DRTS by DOE/county			Reported on DRTS by District			Tested			Verified			Errors		
	Reported on DRTS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Reported on DRTS by District	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Tested	Tested	Errors	Verified	Verified	Errors	Reported	Calculated	Re-
Reg. - Public Schools	6,358	6,358		220	220					220	220				
Reg -Sp Ed, col. 8, 9, 10	1,348	1,348		50	50					50	50				
Nonpublic Transported, col. 6	74	74		30	30					30	30				
Special Ed Spec, col. 1,2,3,6,7,8	454	454		36	36					36	36				
Totals	8,234	8,234		336	336					336	336				
Percentage Error			0%												

Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students
Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students
Avg. Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs

Reported 5.9
Calculated 5.9
Re-NR
Re-NR
Re-NR

NR No exceptions found, therefore, recalculation of mileage is not required

FREEHOLD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income		Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool 4 years old					
Half Day Kindergarten					
One					
Two					
Three					
Four					
Five					
Six					
Seven					
Eight					
Nine	6	6	5	5	
Ten	9	9	8	8	
Eleven	11	11	10	10	
Twelve	14	14	13	13	
Post-Graduate					
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)					
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)					
Subtotal	40	40	36	36	
Special Ed - Elementary					
Special Ed - Middle	2	2	2	2	
Special Ed - High	2	2	2	2	
Subtotal					
Co. Voc. - Regular					
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.					
Totals	42	42	38	38	
Percentage Error			0%	0%	0%

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

SECTION 1

General Fund Expenditures:		\$229,524,784
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022		
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund		229,524,784
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$42,357,152	
	1,972,274	
Capital Lease	1,653,744	45,983,170
Adjusted General Fund Expenditures		183,541,614.00
Excess Surplus Percentage		4.00%
Subtotal		7,341,664
Increased by:		
Extraordinary Aid (Unbudgeted)	\$638,702	
Non-Public Transportation Aid (Unbudgeted)	200,029	838,731
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		\$8,180,395

SECTION 2

Total General Fund Balance		\$48,129,233
Decreased by:		
Assigned:		
Year End Encumbrances	\$324,912	
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditure	\$5,575,000	
Legally Restricted:		
Excess Surplus -Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	13,303,766	
State Unemployment Insurance	1,072,680	
Maintenance Reserve	1,335,161	
Capital Reserve	7,776,402	
Emergency Reserve	8,303	29,396,224
Total Unassigned fund Balance		18,733,009
Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus		\$10,552,614

SECTION 3

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022		
Restricted Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures		\$13,303,766
Restricted Excess surplus		10,552,614
Total		\$23,856,380

