MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Monmouth Regional High School District One Norman J. Field Way Tinton Falls, New Jersey 07724 County of Monmouth

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Monmouth Regional High School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2022 and have issued our report thereon dated March 15, 2023.

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

This report is intended for the information of the Monmouth Regional High School District Board of Education management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record, and its distribution is not limited.

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March 15, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the 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 on the Insurance Schedule contained in the Statistical Section of the District's ACFR.

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

Official Bonds

Name	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Maria Anne Parry, CPA, PSA	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$300,000
Cindy Barr-Rague	Treasurer	\$300,000

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 did include all health benefit plans offered by school district.

The school district data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the 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 benefits withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payment.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

All encumbrances and accounts payable at June 30, 2022 were properly recorded and classified.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-16.2(f) 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 randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were found to be in order.

Treasurer's Records (optional position)

The Treasurer's Records were found to be in order.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the 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.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

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.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the school 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 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 for 2021-22.

Also, effective July 1, 2021, the maximum threshold for quotations for a board of education without a QPA is \$4,800; and for a board with a QPA the maximum threshold for quotations is \$6,600.

The district board of education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where questions arise 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.

Based on the results of my examination, I did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision 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.

School Food Service

Public Health Emergency

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) 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 school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. Exceptions were not noted. We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the District's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

We inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan and whether the funds were used to pay for costs applicable to the Food Service Programs. We also inquired if the PPP loan was subsequently forgiven and the FSMC refunded or credited the applicable amounts to the SFA.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. 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 district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will either break even, return a profit or incur a loss of not more than a specified amount. The operating results provision has been met.

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

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education. No exceptions were noted.

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 price meal is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price and reduced price meal is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

U.S.D.A. Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods.

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.

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

Student Body Activities

During our review of the Student Activity Funds, we did not note any areas of non-compliance.

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 on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, 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. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. Any errors or exceptions were rectified. 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2021-22 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report. No exceptions were noted.

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 compiled with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

	2022-2023 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled					
	Report A.S.S on F Full	ed on S.A.	Report Workp On I	ed on apers	Err Full		Select Work	nple ed from papers Shared	Verifi Reg	ed per isters Roll Shared	Erro Reg	rs per isters Roll Shared	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	166 174 164 161	7 12 	166 174 164 161	7 12 19	0 0 0 0	0 0	166 174 164 161	7 12 	166 174 164 161	7 12 	0 0 0	0 0	0	0	0	0
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School	193	35	193	35	0	0	193	35	193	35	0					
Subtotal Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	193	35	193	35	0	0	193	35	193	35	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
Totals Percentage Error	858	54	858	54	0.00%	0.00%	858	54	858	54	0.00%	0.00%	0.0	0.0	0	0.00%

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED) APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

	Low Income			Sample for Verification			LE	P Low Income		Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.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.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 Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven												
Eight												
Nine Ten Eleven Twelve	13 23 23 30	13 23 23 30	0 0 0	13 23 23 30	13 23 23 30	0 0 0	0 2 3 2	0 2 3 2	0 0 0	0 2 3 2	0 2 3 2	0 0 0
Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)								_				
Subtotal	89	89	0	89	89	0	7	7	0	7	7	0
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School Subtotal	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>0</u>	<u>46</u> 46	46	<u>0</u>	0	0	0	0 0	0 0	0
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	135	135	0	135	135	0	7	7	0	7	7	0
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
						Trans	portation					
	Reported on DRTRS by	Reported on DRTRS by					portation					Re-
	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					Reported	Calculated
AIL - Non-Public	41.0	41.0 517.0	0.0 0.0	41.0 517.0	41.0 517.0	0.0 0.0				Grade PK studer Grade PK stude		6.0 6.0
Regular - Public Schools Regular - Special Education	517.0 139.5	139.5	0.0	139.5	139.5	0.0		eage - Regular eage - Special I			9.3	9.3
Transported - Non-Public	153.0	153.0	0.0	153.0	153.0	0.0	A torage will	enge opeoidi i			0.0	0.0
Special Ed Spec	41.5	41.5	0.0	41.5	41.5	0.0						
Totals	892.0	892.0	0.0	892.0	892.0	0.0						
Percentage Error						0.00%						
					9							

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED) APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

	L	EP NOT Low Incom	e	Sa	Sample for Verification						
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Application and	Sample					
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors					
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven											
Eight											
Nine	8	8	0	8	8	0					
Ten	5 5	5 5	0	5 5	5 5	0 0					
Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	15	5 15	0	15	15	0					
Subtotal	33	33	0	33	33	0					
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School Subtotal	0	0	0	0	0	0					
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	33	33	0	33	33	0					
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%					

MONMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION As of June 30, 2022

Section 1

Section 1		
A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$	32,938,873
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired under Capital Leases Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701	\$	5,246,325 565,773 -
Adjusted 21-22 General Fund Expenditures	\$	27,126,775
2% of Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures	\$	542,536
Increased by Allowable Adjustment		553,638
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	1,096,174
Section 2		
Total General Fund Balances @ 06/30/22	\$	4,121,165
Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Capital Reserve Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	286,464 172,555 386,532 880,468
	0	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	2,395,146
Increased by: Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701	\$	
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation Section 3	\$	2,395,146
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	1,298,973
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022		
Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus	\$	386,532 1,298,973
Total	\$	1,685,505
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$	
Sale and Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding Higher Expectations for Learning and Proficiency Aid		516,962 36,676
Total Adjustments	\$	553,638
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance		
Statuatory Restrictions: Approved unspent separate proposal Capital Outlay for a district with a Capital Outlay cap waiver Sale/Lease-Back Reserve Impact Aid General Fund Reserve	\$	
Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve		37,225
Unemployment Compensation Other State/Government Mandated Reserve		376,099
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]		
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	413,324

Monmouth Regional High School District Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2022

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

Not Applicable