

**WEST LONG BRANCH
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

WEST LONG BRANCH BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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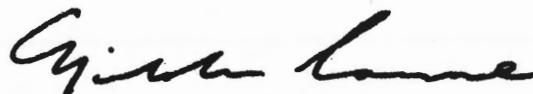
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
West Long Branch Board of Education
135 Locust Avenue
West Long Branch, NJ 07764
County of Monmouth

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the West Long Branch Board of Education 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 West Long Branch 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corey J. Lowell, SFO	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$190,000
George E. Stone, CPA	Treasurer	\$190,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty with Faithful Performance Agreement with NJSBA Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$25,000, subject to a \$500 per occurrence.

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, except for the following:

Finding 2022-001: The District did not remit to the State of New Jersey the correct amount associated with TPAF/PERS deductions for some selected employees tested.

Recommendation: The District should improve its internal controls so that the correct amount of employee deductions associated with TPAF/PERS benefits are submitted and remitted to the State of New Jersey.

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.

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, 2020, 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 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.

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 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 Net Fund 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 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 2021-2022 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 complied 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
WEST LONG BRANCH 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			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. on Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		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 Veri- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Preschool	28	0	28	0	0	0	28	0	28	0	0	0				
Full Day Preschool																
Half Day Kindegarten																
Full Day Kindegarten	57	0	57	0	0	0	57	0	57	0	0	0				
One	52	0	52	0	0	0	52	0	52	0	0	0				
Two	52	0	52	0	0	0	52	0	52	0	0	0				
Three	45	0	45	0	0	0	45	0	45	0	0	0				
Four	52	0	52	0	0	0	52	0	52	0	0	0				
Five	34	0	34	0	0	0	34	0	34	0	0	0				
Six	52	0	52	0	0	0	52	0	52	0	0	0				
Seven	38	0	38	0	0	0	38	0	38	0	0	0				
Eight	49	0	49	0	0	0	49	0	49	0	0	0				
Nine																
Ten																
Eleven																
Twelve																
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>459</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:																
Elementary School	66	0	66	0	0	0	66	0	66	0	0	0	3	3	3	0
Middle School	32	0	32	0	0	0	32	0	32	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
High School																
Subtotal	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4.0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>										<u>0.00%</u>

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
WEST LONG BRANCH 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			LEP 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 Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	4	4	0	4	4	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
One	5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Two	6	6	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Three	6	6	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Four	8	8	0	8	8	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Five	7	7	0	7	7	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Six	4	4	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Seven	6	6	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eight	11	11	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nine												
Ten												
Eleven												
Twelve												
Post-Graduate												
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:												
Elementary School	12	12	0	12	12	0	1	1	0	1	1	0
Middle School	5	5	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
High School												
Subtotal	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	<u>74</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>74</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

Transportation

	Reported on DRTS by DOE	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK student	Reported	Re-Calculated
	AIL - Non-Public	61.0	61.0	0.0	61.0	61.0		0.0	
Regular - Public Schools	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK student	3.1	3.1
Regular - Special Education	68.0	68.0	0.0	68.0	68.0	0.0	Average Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs	3.2	3.2
Transported - Non-Public	125.0	125.0	0.0	125.0	125.0	0.0			
Special Ed Spec	13.0	13.0	0.0	13.0	13.0	0.0			
Totals	<u>267.0</u>	<u>267.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>267.0</u>	<u>267.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>			

Percentage Error

0.00%

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

	LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool						
Full Day Preschool						
Half Day Kindegarten						
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2	0	2	2	0
One	1	1	0	1	1	0
Two	3	3	0	3	3	0
Three	0	0	0	0	0	0
Four	1	1	0	1	1	0
Five	1	1	0	1	1	0
Six	2	2	0	2	2	0
Seven	4	4	0	4	4	0
Eight	1	1	0	1	1	0
Nine						
Ten						
Eleven						
Twelve						
Post-Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						
Subtotal	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Education:						
Elementary School	1	1	0	1	1	0
Middle School	0	0	0	0	0	0
High School						
Subtotal	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**WEST LONG BRANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
As of June 30, 2022**

Section 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$	14,274,034
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$	2,450,240
Assets Acquired under Capital Leases		-
Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701		<u> </u>
Adjusted 21-22 General Fund Expenditures	\$	11,823,794
Higher of 4% of Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$	472,952
Increased by Allowable Adjustment		<u>155,123</u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>628,075</u></u>

Section 2

Total General Fund Balances @ 06/30/22	\$	2,632,195
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$	152,866
Capital Reserve		891,841
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		362,668
Other Restricted Fund Balances		186,033
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Capital Reserve		337,500
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		<u>32,183</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	669,104
Increased by:		
Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701	\$	<u> </u>
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation	\$	<u><u>669,104</u></u>

Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	<u>41,029</u>
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022

Reserved Excess Surplus -- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	362,668
Reserved Excess Surplus		<u>41,029</u>
Total	\$	403,697

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$	
Sale and Lease-back		
Extraordinary Aid		128,960
Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid		26,163
Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding		
Higher Expectations for Learning and Proficiency Aid		<u> </u>
Total Adjustments	\$	155,123

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory 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		32,661
Emergency Reserve		105,019
Tuition Reserve		
Other State/Government Mandated Reserve		<u>48,353</u>
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]		
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	<u><u>186,033</u></u>

WEST LONG BRANCH 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

Finding 2022-001: The District should improve its internal controls so that the correct amount of employee deductions associated with TPAF/PERS benefits are submitted and remitted to the State of New Jersey.

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

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

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings.