BOARD OF EDUCATION

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE COUNTY OF MONMOUTH) STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Monmouth County Vocational School District County of Monmouth, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Monmouth County Vocational School District, a component unit of the County of Monmouth, in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated April 26, 2024.

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 solely for the information of the Monmouth County Vocational School Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Gerard Stankiewicz

Certified Public Accountant

Licensed Public School Accountant #912

SAMUEL KLEIN AND COMPANY, LLP

Freehold, New Jersey April 26, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2023

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the activities of the Board of Education and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education. This report is filed in conjunction with the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the Statistical Section (J-20) of the District's <u>ACFR</u>.

Officials' Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dr. Charles Ford, Ed. D.	Superintendent of Schools	\$ 300,000.00
Kelly Brazelton	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$ 100,000.00

There is a Public Employees Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under audit was made as to affidavit or signed declaration, proper itemization and proper authorization by officials. The Board's voucher system is in accordance with R.S. 18:6-34, which requires a signed declaration by the vendor in place of an affidavit. In addition, all vouchers are signed by the Board Secretary. The actual signature for receipt of goods or services rendered is on the receiving copy of the purchase order set, which is attached to the purchase order and filed alphabetically. All claims approved for payment are listed by fund total in the Minutes.

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/School Business Administrator.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

Compensation records were tested, and for those individuals examined; it was determined that salaries paid were in accordance with the amounts authorized by the Board.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including required health benefits withholdings.

Tuition Charges

The Board made billings to the sending districts for the charge in per pupil costs and was consistently applied.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Reserve in the General Fund.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2023 for proper classification of orders as reserved for encumbrances and accounts payable. The reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable have been determined to be proper.

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 examined 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 classification to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.4. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction error rate was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

<u>Travel Reimbursement Policy</u>

The required travel and related reimbursement policy was in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23B-1.2(a).

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Student Body Activities Funds

Cash receipts and cash disbursements records were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Board Secretary/School Business Administrator's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator revealed that the records were properly maintained.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's report was included in the minutes.

Cash Records

The cash reports were found to be maintained properly.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the cash report was included in the minutes.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (ESEA) as Amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The ESEA financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the project under Titles I and II-A of the ESSA as amended.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on the Schedules of Federal and State Financial Assistance 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 bi-monthly 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

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 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement or state that no exceptions were noted.

The accounts within this fund have been properly administered.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-3 and 18A:39-3 are \$32,000.00 and \$20,200.00, respectively.

The board of education has elected to utilize the Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) higher bid threshold of \$44,000.00 since the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is qualified as such.

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 Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Inasmuch as the system of records is not designed to 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, expenditures, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials of supplies," 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.

It has been brought to our attention by the new Business Administrator that one item that related to garbage/recycling removal in multiple locations district-wide were not previously bid and possibly should have been. We have been advised that all expenditures will be reviewed by the new Business Administrator in order to ensure compliance.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE (CONTINUED) JUNE 30, 2023

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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

The minutes indicate that bids were advertised for the following:

Boiler Replacement
Cosmetology Kits
Custodial Service
Instruction Supplies, Nursing
Landscaping
Linen & Laundry Service

Perkins and Post-Secondary
Equipment
Perkins Equipment and Supplies
Safety Masks
Tech Supplies

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 revealed the following purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

Building Improvement Design
Chiller Replacement
Computer and Computer Related Products
Copy Machine Lease
Custodial Supplies
Dishwasher Supplies

HVAC Evaluation Maintenance Supplies Office Equipment and Supplies Restaurant Supplies Science Supplies

Purchases were made through various other cooperative and governmental agency purchasing arrangements as well.

School Food Service

The District did not participate the National School Lunch Program during the fiscal year 2022-2023.

Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the district workpapers. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. 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.

Capital Assets

Due to their nature and the area of the District the capital (fixed) assets should be monitored on an ongoing basis for accuracy.

RECOMMENDATIONS JUNE 30, 2023

None

FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

None

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The foregoing comments and recommendations are not of sufficient materiality whereby they would affect our ability to express an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole.

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the School District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerard Stankiewicz
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant #912

For The Firm SAMUEL KLEIN AND COMPANY, LLP

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

		2023 - 2024 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled								
			A.S.S.A.		Work	rted on cpapers Roll	Еп	ors	Select	mple ed from spapers	Reg	fied per gisters a Roll	Reg	rs per isters Roll	Reported on A.S.S.A as Private	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors		
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle School Special Ed - High School Subtotal	15 15	604 604			-		-	6		<u> </u>		-		_				
Co. Voc - Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	1,520	444					8											
Totals	1,535	1,048					8	6						-	-	-		
Percentage Error				-	0.00%	0.00%				-	0.00%	0.00%				#DIV/0!		

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

	Resident Low Income			Samp	ole for Verification	n	Resident 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
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal	314.0 314.0	314.0 314.0	0 0	0	0		0	99	0	0	0	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	314.0	314.0	0	0	0		0	99	99	0	0	0
Percentage Error			0.00%			#DIV/0!			#DIV/0!			#DIV/0!

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MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY **ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022**

	Resider	nt LEP NOT Low I	ncome	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Еггогѕ	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal		0	0	0	0	0	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	6	0	0	0	0	0	
Percentage Error			0.00%			#DIV/0!	

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 6% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$52,882,770.17_(B)	
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PerK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PerK-Inclusion Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ (B1a) \$ (B1b) \$ (B1c) \$ (B1d) \$ 11,017,428.63 (B2a) \$ 754,295.48 (B2b)	
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$41,111,046.06 (B3)	
6% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment* Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$2,466,662.76 (B4) \$2,466,662.76 (B5) \$(K)	\$ <u>2,466,662.76</u> (M)
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2023 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule-C1) Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures** Other Restricted Fund Balances ***** Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$4,450,001.60 (C) \$281,429.47 (C1) \$(C2) \$(C3) \$(C4) \$1,750,000.00 (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]		\$ <u>1,418,572.13</u> (U1)

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus***[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$=	0 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023		
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Reserved Excess Surplus***[(E)]	\$_ \$_	(C3 0 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	\$_	(D)

Footnotes:

- * Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:
- (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L. 2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, effective for the year ending June 30, 2016 the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
- (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
- (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
- (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
- (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
- (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ (H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ (K)

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2023 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.
- *** Amount must agree to the June 30, 2023 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.
- **** Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.
- ***** Increase in Assigned Fund Balance Unreserved Designated for Subsequent Year's expenditures July 1, 2019 to August 1, 2019 resulting from decrease in state aid after adoption of 2019-20 district budget. Refer to Commissioner's Broadcast and to page I-4.2 of this Audit Program.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions: Approved unspent separate proposal Sale/lease-back reserve Capital reserve Maintenance reserve Unemployment reserve Emergency reserve Tuition reserve School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003) Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008) Other state/government mandated reserve [Other Reserved Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,000,000.00_(C4)
GERARD STANKIEWICZ, CPA, PSA #912	Date: April 26, 2024

MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Net Cash Resources Did Not Exceed Three Months of Expenditures Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2023

Net Cash Resources:		Fo	ood Service B - 4/5	
ACFR * B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investment	\$	31,915.00	
B-4 B-4 B-4 B-4	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Deferred Revenue	g	2,839	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	29,076.00	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating E	xpense:			
B-5 B-5	Total Operating Expense Less Depreciation		135,907.00	
	Adj. Total Operating Expense		135,907.00	(B)
Average Monthly Operatin	g Expense:			
	B / 10		13,590.70	(C)
Three Times Monthly Aver	age:			
	3 X C		40,772.10	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	\$ 29,076.00 40,772.10 \$ (11,696.10)			

From above:

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

A is greater than D, cash exceeds 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

^{*} Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MONMOUTH COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Recommendations:

None

None.

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

3. School Purchasing Programs

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

	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
	There were no prior year audit findings/recommendations.