

BOONTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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September 27, 2024

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Boonton Township School District
County of Morris, 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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Boonton Township School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated September 27, 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 letter does not affect our report dated September 27, 2024, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations or suggestions, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Boonton Township School District's 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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BOONTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
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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 Board of Education, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's ACFR.

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Norman M. Eckstein	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 185,000
John T. Murray II	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	185,000

There is a New Jersey Schools Insurance Group Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$50,000.

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 did include all health benefit plans offered by the school district.

The school district or charter school data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district or charter school Chapter 44 data was not submitted timely as the State's data portal was not open in a timely manner.

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:23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster (Cont'd)

All payrolls were approved by the Chief School Administrator and certified by the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies including health benefits withholdings due to the general fund.

The required certification (E-Cert1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15th due date.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

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

Classification of Expenditures – General and Administrative

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(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 as a test sample, we also reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted below.

Finding 2024-001:

As per review of the June 30th net payroll and payroll agency bank reconciliations, there are older reconciling items outstanding at year end. Also, as per review of the payroll agency analysis of balance at year end, we noted certain older individual balances. As the amounts are not material, a formal recommendation is not deemed necessary. However, it is suggested that older reconciling items and older agency balances are reviewed for cancellation.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) 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 District's ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title IA, Title II and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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 bi-weekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2024. The reimbursement form was reviewed and 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 \$17,500, 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 therefore, 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. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or 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. 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 the year in which it is made"

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

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 therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law"

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 2023-2024.

As per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), the Board passed a resolution authorizing the Business Administrator as a qualified purchasing agent and increasing the bid threshold to \$44,000.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract 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 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. General compliance was noted.

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.

School Food Service

District does not participate in the Child Nutrition Program.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Student Activities records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

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Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual education 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 with no exceptions.

The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2023/2024 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. The District did not purchase buses; therefore, the review of bid specifications for the purchase of buses for compliance with applicable statutes did not apply to the District for the current fiscal year. There were no exceptions noted.

Facilities and Capital Assets

During 2023/2024, there were no current SDA projects in progress.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal travel policy and procedure pertaining to travel expenses and reimbursements for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account for these expenses within a separate account in the budget to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved by the Board prior to the event and that the approval list the event, total event cost and the individuals attending. Employees and board members attending an event are then required to complete a post event report to be submitted to a designated person within the District.

As a result of our testing of the District's travel expenditures, it was noted that the District is in compliance with the current travel regulations except as noted below.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The District did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

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Management Suggestions

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is likely that the District will undergo some review of its COVID-19 federal funding if only at a desk review level by state and/or federal agencies. We strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are accounted for in the state account numbers designated by the NJ Department of Education and that any applicable Board policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, is effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. This statement requires that the liability for compensated absences to be calculated for (1) leave that has not been used and (2) leave that has been used but not yet paid. The liability should be recognized for leave that has not been used if (a) the leave is attributable to services already rendered, (b) the leave accumulates and (c) the leave is more likely than not to be used for time off or otherwise paid. In estimating the leave that is more likely than not to be used or otherwise paid or settled, a government should consider relevant factors such as employment policies related to compensated absences and historical information about the use or payment of compensated absences. Leave that is more likely than not to be settled through conversion to defined benefit postemployment benefits should not be included in the liability for compensated absences. The Statement directs that for leave that has not been used the calculation should generally use an employee's pay rate as of the date of the financial statements.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

BOONTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification							
	Reported on ASSA On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers on Roll	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	2		2				2		2			
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	5		5				5		5			
Full Day Kindergarten	43		43				43		43			
Grade One	45		45				45		45			
Grade Two	35		35				35		35			
Grade Three	43		43				43		43			
Grade Four	22		22				22		22			
Grade Five	38		38				38		38			
Grade Six	37		37				37		37			
Grade Seven	31		31				31		31			
Grade Eight	56		56				56		56			
Subtotal	357		357				357		357			
Special Education:												
Elementary School	29		29				5		5			
Middle School	18		18				3		3			
Subtotal	47		47				8		8			
Totals	404	-0-	404	-0-	-0-	-0-	365	-0-	365	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

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 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	Private Schools for Disabled				Resident Low Income				
	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten									
Grade One					1	1			
Grade Two					2	2	1	1	
Grade Three					1	1			
Grade Four					2	2	1	1	
Grade Five					1	1			
Grade Six									
Grade Seven									
Grade Eight					4	4			
Grade Nine					1	1			
Grade Ten									
Grade Eleven									
Grade Twelve									
Subtotal					12	12	4	4	
Special Education:									
Elementary	2	1	1		1	1			
Middle School	4	1	1						
High School	3	1	1		1	1			
Subtotal	9	3	3		2	2			
Totals	9	3	3	-0-	14	14	4	4	-0-
Percentage Error				0.00%					0.00%

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	202	202		17	17	
Regular - Special Education	45	45		3	3	
AIL - Non Public	49	49		4	4	
Special Needs - Private	7	7		1	1	
Totals	303	303	-0-	25	25	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Re- calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	3.9	3.9
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	3.9	3.9
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	8.1	8.1

BOONTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on Exhibit C-1	<u>\$ 17,135,677</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 776,910</u>	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 110,588</u>	(B1b)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 2,211,000</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Leases and Finance Purchases	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 15,812,175</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	<u>\$ 316,244</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 316,244</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	<u>\$ 206,081</u>	(K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u>\$ 522,325</u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/24 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	<u>\$ 3,870,190</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 69,566</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(C2)
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ 563,859</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,434,440</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		<u>\$ 802,325</u> (U1)

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION YEAR
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SECTION 3 - All Districts

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0- \$ 280,000 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures \$ 563,859 (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ 280,000 (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)] \$ 843,859 (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ -0- (H)

Sale and Lease Back \$ -0- (I)

Extraordinary Aid \$ 183,786 (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 22,295 (J2)

Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized \$ -0- (J3)

Family Crisis Transportation Aid \$ -0- (J4)

Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)] \$ 206,081 (K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances

Statutory Restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal \$ -0-

Sale/lease-back reserve \$ -0-

Emergency reserve \$ -0-

Capital reserve \$ 2,025,152

Maintenance reserve \$ 350,750

Tuition reserve \$ -0-

Unemployment compensation \$ 58,538

School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year \$ -0-

School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year \$ -0-

Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003) \$ -0-

Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008) \$ -0-

Other state/governmental mandated reserve \$ -0-

Total Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance \$ 2,434,440 (C4)

BOONTON TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures
None
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
None
3. School Purchasing Program
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. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
None