

**BOROUGH OF MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH**

**JUNE 30, 2024**

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# **AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS**

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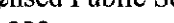
## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

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

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the comptroller General of the United States, the general-purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Manasquan School District in the County of Monmouth, for the year ended June 30, 2024 and have issued our report thereon dated January 10, 2025.

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 Manasquan 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.

  
 Licensed Public School Accountant  
 No. 322

**ROBERT A. HULSART AND COMPANY**

January 10, 2025

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

### **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**

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

#### **Officials Bond**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Dr. Peter Crawley	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 250,000
Patricia A. Christopher	Treasurer	250,000

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the difference 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 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/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

### **Employee Position Control Roster**

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found it to be current with the District records and no exceptions were noted.

### **Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g)* as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to 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-2.4*. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

### **Board Secretary's Records**

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary found everything in very good order and we have no exceptions to report.

### **Treasurer's Records**

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary and were independently done. All reconciliations were properly done.

### **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 ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, IIA and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no 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 special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

### **T.P.A.F. Reimbursement**

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with 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 district to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement 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 2023-24.

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 question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our examination, we 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 agreement for "Professional Services" per *N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5*.

### **School Food Service Fund**

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 SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

The food services for 2023-24 were awarded to Simplified Culinary Services on their proposal of a management fee of \$21,000 with a guaranteed minimum return of 7,000 to the district.

The operating results have been met. All vendor discounts, rebates and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

### **School Food Service Fund (Continued)**

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services Fund were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, milk count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Applications for free and reduced price milk were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price milks 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 milk policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

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

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education

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

U.S.D.A. commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

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

Finding: Net Cash Resources exceeded three months average expenditures.

Recommendation: That the District maintains Net Cash Resources below three months average expenditures.

### **Student Body Activities and Athletic Fund**

The records of the student activities and athletic fund were found to be in good order, no reportable conditions existed.

**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 without exception. 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 Years' Findings**

There were no prior year audit 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 staff.



**2% Calculation of Excess Surplus**

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 40,461,502
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(7,927,059)</u>
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 32,534,443</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 650,689
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>176,667</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 827,356</u>

**Section 2**

Total General Fund – Fund Balances @ 6-30-24	\$ 4,564,734
Decreased by:	
Other Reserves	(1,667,110)
Encumbrances	(3,957)
Unemployment	(211,306)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Excess Surplus	<u>(751,839)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,930,522</u>
Reserve Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 1,103,166</u>

**Section 3**

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 751,839
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus 2023-2024	<u>1,103,166</u>
	<u>\$ 1,855,005</u>

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Extraordinary Aid	<u>\$ 176,667</u>
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**Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Capital Reserve	\$ 1,067,110
Maintenance Reserve	200,000
Tuition Reserve	<u>400,000</u>
	<u>\$ 1,667,110</u>

**MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY**

**ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023**

Sheet 1 of 3

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid (10-15-17 Data)						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported On		Reported on		Errors		Sample Selected		Verified Per		Errors Per Registers		Reported On	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	A.S.S.A. on Roll		Workpapers on Roll				from Workpapers		Registers on Roll		on Roll					
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors
Half Day Pre K - 3yr	11		11				11		11							
Full Day Pre K - 4yr	33		33				33		33							
Full Day Kindergarten	44		44				44		44							
One	39		39				39		39							
Two	43		43				43		43							
Three	40		40				40		40							
Four	35		35				35		35							
Five	39		39				39		39							
Six	37		37				37		37							
Seven	48		48				48		48							
Eight	53		53				53		53							
Nine	190		190				190		190							
Ten	194		194				194		194							
Eleven	192	6	192	6			192	6	192	6						
Twelve	208	5	208	5			208	5	208	5						
Subtotal	1206	11	1206	11	0	0	1206	11	1206	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed. - Elementary	48		48				48		48				1	1	1	
Special Ed. - Middle School	32		32				32		32				2	2	2	
Special Ed. - High School	136	17	136	17			136	17	136	17			3	3	3	
Subtotal	216	17	216	17	0	0	216	17	216	17	0	0	6	6	6	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	1422	28	1422	28	0	0	1422	28	1422	28	0	0	6	6	6	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%				0%

**MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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**APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY**

**ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023**

	<b>Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>			<b>Resident LEP Not Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>		
	<b>Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income</b>	<b>Reported on Workpapers as Low Income</b>	<b>Errors</b>	<b>Sample Selected from Workpapers</b>	<b>Verified to Application and Register</b>	<b>Sample Errors</b>	<b>Reported on ASSA as LEP Not Low Income</b>	<b>Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income</b>	<b>Errors</b>	<b>Sample Selected from Workpapers</b>	<b>Verified to Test Score and Register</b>	<b>Sample Errors</b>
Full Day - Pre K	1	1		1	1							
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		2	2							
One	1	1		1	1							
Two	2	2		2	2		1	1		1	1	
Three	4	4		4	4							
Four	1	1		1	1							
Five	1	1		1	1							
Six	2	2		2	2							
Seven	3	3		2	2							
Eight	1	1		1	1							
Nine	26	26		18	18		1	1		1	1	
Ten	21	21		16	16							
Eleven	10.5	10.5		6	6		2	2		2	2	
Twelve	16	16		5	5							
Subtotal	92.5	92.5	0	62	62	0	4	4	0	4	4	0
Special Ed. - Elementary	12	12		10	10							
Special Ed. - Middle School	7	7		5	5							
Special Ed. - High School	20	20		13	13							
Subtotal	39	39	0	28	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	131.5	131.5	0	90	90	0	4	4	0	4	4	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%			0%			0%

	<b>Transportation</b>					
	<b>Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County</b>	<b>Reported on DRTRS by District</b>	<b>Errors</b>	<b>Tested</b>	<b>Verified</b>	<b>Errors</b>
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1						
Reg. Special Education, col. 4	1	1		1	1	
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3						
Special Education Spec., col. 6	7	7		7	7	
Totals	8	8	0	8	8	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	13.1	13.1
Avg. Mileage - Special Ed. With Special Needs	13.0	13.0

MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

Sheet 3 of 3

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	<u>Resident LEP - Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Test Score and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2		2	2	
One						
Two	1	1		1	1	
Three	2	2		2	2	
Four						
Five						
Six						
Seven						
Eight						
Nine	6	6		6	6	
Ten	1	1		1	1	
Eleven	1.5	1.5		1.5	1.5	
Twelve	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	<u>14.5</u>	<u>14.5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14.5</u>	<u>14.5</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed. - Elementary	5	5		5	5	
Special Ed. - Middle School						
Special Ed. - High School						
Subtotal	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>19.5</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>19.5</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

**SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY****MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT****FOOD SERVICE FUND****NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL****ENTERPRISE FUND****FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<u>Program</u>	<u>Meal Category</u>	<u>Meals Claimed</u>	<u>Meals Tested</u>	<u>Meals Verified</u>	<u>Difference</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>(Over)/ Under Claim</u>
National School Lunch (Regular Rate)	Paid	20,687	6,509	6,509	-	\$ 0.46 **	-
	Reduced	3,431	1,236	1,236	-	3.92 **	-
	Free	11,065	3,622	3,622		4.32 **	
National School Lunch (NJEIE)	NJEIE	<u>128</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>-</u>	3.85	<u>-</u>
Total Net Overclaim		<u>35,311</u>	<u>11,495</u>	<u>11,495</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>-</u>

\*\* - \$.08 for Federal HHFKA Lunch - Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act

**MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT****NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE****NET CASH RESOURCES DID NOT EXCEED 3 MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES****PROPRIETARY FUNDS - FOOD SERVICE****FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

<b><u>Net Cash Resources:</u></b>		<b>Food Service G - 1/2</b>
		<hr/>
<b>AFCR</b>	<b>Current Assets</b>	
G-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 345,118
G-1	Accounts Receivables	4,544
		<b>Current Liabilities</b>
G-1	Less Accounts Payable	<hr/> -
<b>Net Cash Resources</b>		<b><u>\$ 349,662 ( A )</u></b>
<b><u>Net Adjustment Total Operating Expense:</u></b>		
G-2	Total Operating Expenses	785,050
G-2	Less Depreciation	<hr/> (6,101)
<b>Adjusted Total Operating Expenses</b>		<b><u>778,949 ( B )</u></b>
<b><u>Average Monthly Operating Expense:</u></b>		
<b>B / 10</b>		<b><u>\$ 77,895 ( C )</u></b>
<b><u>Three Times Monthly Average</u></b>		
<b>3 X C</b>		<b><u>\$ 220,365 ( D )</u></b>
<b>Total in ( A )</b>		<b>\$ 349,662</b>
<b>Less Total in ( D )</b>		<b><u>(220,365)</u></b>
<b>Net</b>		<b><u>\$ 129,297</u></b>

**MANASQUAN SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

That the District maintains Net Cash Resources below three months average expenditures.

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 recommendations.