

KENILWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

COUNTY OF UNION

JUNE 30, 2024

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AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

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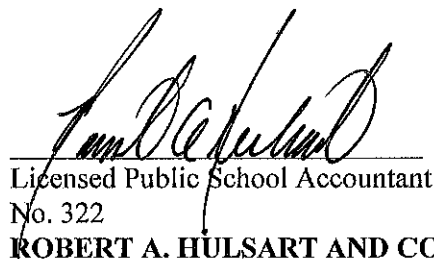
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Kenilworth School District
County of Union, 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 Kenilworth School District in the County of Union 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 Kenilworth 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Vincent A. Gonnella	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 80,000.00
Kyle C. Arlington	Treasurer	250,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond under the blanket policy covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.00.

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 increase/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 during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certifications, 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.

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% overall 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 disclosed no reportable conditions. The records were in good order.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary. 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, Title IIA, and Title IV of the E.S.E.A.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated the following 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 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(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 fund 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 Maschio's Inc. on their proposal of a management fee of \$13,920 with a guaranteed break even for the district. The food service provider was in compliance with all statutes and regulations. The operating results provision has 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 were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed, and meals claimed agreed with meal count records.

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. The free and reduced price meal 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.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District deposited and expended 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. Net cash resources did exceed three months average expenditures.

Finding: Net Cash Resources exceeded three months average expenditures.

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

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.

The 2023-24 operations produced a net gain of \$80,494.

GAAP Accounting Implementation

The school district's double entry system of accounting records were maintained in accordance with the Department of Education's prescribed GAAP Technical Systems Manual, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18:A4-14 and N.J.A.C. 6:20-2A.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income, and bilingual. 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. 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 written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2023-24 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Follow-Up on Prior Year 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 team.

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 38,993,353
Decreased by:	
On Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>(8,278,742)</u>
Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 30,714,611</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 614,292
Increased by Allowable Adjustments	<u>217,991</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 832,283</u>

Section 2

Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-24	\$ 8,389,311
Decreased by:	
Reserved for Encumbrances	(1,897,157)
Other Reserves	(834,714)
Unemployment	(552,776)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Excess Surplus	(1,133,140)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Capital Reserve	(1,210,000)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Capital Reserve (Debt Service)	(474,803)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures - BOE	<u>(628,126)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,658,595</u>
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Excess Surplus	\$ 1,133,140
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>826,312</u>
	<u>\$ 1,959,452</u>

Section 3**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Extraordinary Aid	<u>\$ 217,991</u>
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Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance

Capital Reserve	\$ 234,711
Maintenance Reserve	350,003
Emergency Reserve	<u>250,000</u>
	<u>\$ 834,714</u>

KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

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	2024-25 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Handicapped				
	Reported On		Reported on		Errors		Sample Selected		Verified Per		Errors Per Registers		Reported On		Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	A.S.S.A. on Roll		Workpapers on Roll				from Workpapers		Registers on Roll		on Roll		A.S.S.A. as				
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools		
Half Day Preschool - 4yrs	28		28				28		28								
Full Day Kindergarten	57		57				57		57								
One	74		74				74		74								
Two	88		88				88		88								
Three	74		74				74		74								
Four	89		89				89		89								
Five	79		79				79		79								
Six	86		86				86		86								
Seven	96		96				96		96								
Eight	114		114				114		114								
Nine	111		111				111		111								
Ten	124	4	124	4			124	4	124	4							
Eleven	117	4	117	4			117	4	117	4							
Twelve	116	10	116	10			116	10	116	10							
Subtotal	1253	18	1253	18	0	0	1253	18	1253	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed. - Elementary	63		63				63		63				3	3	3		
Special Ed. - Middle School	36		36				36		36								
Special Ed. - High School	64	6	64	6			64	6	64	6			10	10	10		
Subtotal	163	6	163	6	0	0	163	6	163	6	0	0	13	13	13	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																	
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																	
Totals	1416	24	1416	24	0	0	1416	24	1416	24	0	0	13	13	13	0	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%					0%

KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

	Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Not 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	Reported on Workpapers as LEP	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Test Score & Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool 4yrs	2	2		1	1							
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		3	3		3	3		3	3	
One	10	10		8	8		3	3		3	3	
Two	9	9		6	6		2	2		2	2	
Three	9	9		5	5		5	5		5	5	
Four	9	9		8	8		5	5		5	5	
Five	12	12		6	6		1	1		1	1	
Six	17	17		10	10		1	1		1	1	
Seven	18	18		7	7		2	2		2	2	
Eight	20	20		13	13		4	4		4	4	
Nine	18	18		7	7		2	2		2	2	
Ten	20.5	20.5		10	10		2	2		2	2	
Eleven	9	9		5	5		1	1		1	1	
Twelve	16	16		10	10		1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	172.5	172.5	0	99	99	0	32	32	0	32	32	0
Special Ed. - Elementary	14	14		12	12		1	1		1	1	
Special Ed. - Middle School	7	7		4	4		1	1		1	1	
Special Ed. - High School	14.5	14.5		5	5							
Subtotal	35.5	35.5	0	21	21	0	2	2	0	2	2	0
Totals	208	208	0	120	120	0	34	34	0	34	34	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%			0%			0%

TRANSPORTATION

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		Reported	Recalculated
Reg. - Public Schools	10	10		10	10		Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	15.4	15.4
Transported - Non-Public							Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	15.4	15.4
Special Ed. - Regular	12	12		12	12		Avg. Milcage - Special Ed. With Special Needs	9.8	9.8
Special Needs -Public & Private	16	16		16	16				
Totals	38	38	0	38	38	0			
Percentage Error						0%			

KENIL WORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2023

Sheet 3 of 3

	<u>Resident LEP - Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as LEP</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected From Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Test Score & Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool						
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2		2	2	
One	6	6		6	6	
Two	4	4		4	4	
Three	4	4		4	4	
Four	2	2		2	2	
Five	3	3		3	3	
Six	1	1		1	1	
Seven	4	4		4	4	
Eight	2	2		2	2	
Nine	2	2		2	2	
Ten	8	8		8	8	
Eleven	1	1		1	1	
Twelve	2	2		2	2	
Subtotal	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed. - Elementary	1	1		1	1	
Special Ed. - Middle School	2	2		2	2	
Special Ed. - High School	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
Subtotal	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>
			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY**KENILWORTH SCHOOL DISTRICT****FOOD SERVICE FUND****NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM****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	48,530	14,211	14,211		\$ 0.46	-
	Reduced	12,141	3,413	3,413		3.92	-
	Free	25,809	7,273	7,273		4.32	-
National School Lunch (NJEIE)	NJEIE	<u>328</u>	<u>209</u>	<u>209</u>		3.85	-
Total Net Overclaim		<u>86,808</u>	<u>25,106</u>	<u>25,106</u>	-		-
School Breakfast Program (Regular Rate)	Paid	761	198	198		\$ 0.38	-
	Reduced	220	70	70		1.98	-
	Free	<u>317</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>110</u>		2.28	-
Total Net Overclaim		<u>1,298</u>	<u>378</u>	<u>378</u>	-		-
School Breakfast Program (Severe Needs)	Paid	1,406	446	446		\$ 0.38	-
	Reduced	779	281	281		2.43	-
	Free	<u>2,382</u>	<u>698</u>	<u>698</u>		2.73	-
School Breakfast Program (NJEIE)	NJEIE	<u>83</u>	<u>67</u>	<u>67</u>		2.35	-
Total Net Overclaim		<u>4,650</u>	<u>1,492</u>	<u>1,492</u>	-		-

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

KENILWORTH 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**

<u>Net Cash Resources:</u>		Food Service G - 1/2
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ACFR	Current Assets	
G-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 313,150
G-1	Accounts Receivables	9,177
	Current Liabilities	
G-1	Less Deferred Revenue & Payables	<hr/> (1,018)
	Net Cash Resources	<hr/> \$ 321,309 (A) <hr/>
 <u>Net Adjustment Total Operating Expense:</u>		
G-2	Total Operating Expenses	554,643
G-2	Less Depreciation	<hr/> -
	Adjusted Total Operating Expenses	<hr/> 554,643 (B) <hr/>
 <u>Average Monthly Operating Expense:</u>		
	B / 10	<hr/> \$ 55,464 (C) <hr/>
 <u>Three Times Monthly Average</u>		
	3 X C	<hr/> \$ 166,393 (D) <hr/>
Total in (A)		\$ 321,309
Less Total in (D)		<hr/> (166,393)
Net		<hr/> \$ 154,916 <hr/>

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

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.