

MENDHAM BOROUGH 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 17, 2024

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Mendham Borough School District
County of Morris, NJ

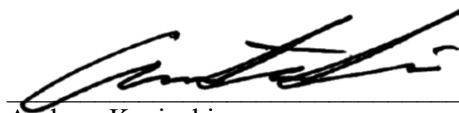
We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Board of Education of the Mendham Borough School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 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 17, 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 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 suggestions.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mendham Borough 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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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, 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>
Elizabeth Moreland	Business Administrator/Board Secretary (to 8/31/24)	\$ 200,000
Tina Trueba	Business Administrator/Board Secretary (9/1/23-12/1/23)	\$ 200,000
Dr. Rene Rovtar	Business Administrator/Board Secretary (12/1/23-6/30/24)	\$ 200,000
Vanessa Wolsky	Business Administrator/Board Secretary (from 7/1/24)	\$ 200,000
Judy Favino	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000

The District also has Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance coverage through the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group as detailed on Exhibit J-20 of the ACFR.

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 or charter school.

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 submitted timely.

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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent 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 withholding due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT 1) of compliance with all documentation prepared for income tax related purposes of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) complying with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations, was completed and submitted to the NJ Department of Treasury by due March 15.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, 2024 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-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, we reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2*. 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

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 except as noted herein.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement 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 upon these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)

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 II A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Consolidated Grant.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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

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

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"

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.

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or 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, amended.

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

The 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 records for Student Activities 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.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 16, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income and bilingual students. 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 on a test basis 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's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

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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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue and awarding contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved prior by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending. During the course of our testing, we have noted that the travel expenses and reimbursements for employees and board members were in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the State of New Jersey.

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).

Management Suggestions:

Federal Grant Receivables

It is suggested that federal grant requests for reimbursements are submitted on a regular basis to ensure timely collection, to lessen the impact on cash flows and to ensure full compliance with federal and state cash management requirements.

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.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year audit findings or recommendations.

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 16, 2023

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					
	Reported on ASSA		Reported on Workpapers		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers		Errors per Registers	
	On Roll		On Roll		Errors		Workpapers		On Roll		on Roll	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Preschool 3 Years	9		9				9		9			
Full Day Preschool 4 Years	12		12				12		12			
Full Day Kindergarten	42		42				42		42			
Grade One	52		52				52		52			
Grade Two	44		44				44		44			
Grade Three	48		48				48		48			
Grade Four	37		37				37		37			
Grade Five	44		44				44		44			
Grade Six	34		34				34		34			
Grade Seven	58		58				58		58			
Grade Eight	51		51				51		51			
Subtotal	431		431				431		431			
Special Ed - Elementary	32		32				3		3			
Special Ed - Middle School	25		25				3		3			
Subtotal	57		57				6		6			
Totals	488		488				437		437			
Percentage Error					0.00%						0.00%	0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
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	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 On-roll as Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register Errors
Grade One					2	2	1	1
Grade Two					3	3	1	1
Grade Four					2	2		
Grade Five					1	1		
Grade Six					4	4	1	1
Grade Seven					2	2	1	1
Subtotal					14	14	4	4
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	1					
Special Ed - Middle School					1	1		
Subtotal	1	1	1		1	1		
Totals	1	1	1		15	15	4	4
Percentage Error				0.00%			0.00%	0.00%

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	Resident LEP Low Income				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores, Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One	1	1	1	1	
Grade Two	2	2	1	1	
Grade Five	1	1			
Grade Six	1	1			
Totals	5	5	2	2	
Percentage Error			0.00%		0.00%

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	Resident LEP Not Low Income					
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Two	1	1				
Grade Five	1	1		1	1	
Grade Six	1	1				
Grade Seven	3	3		1	1	
Totals	7	7		3	3	
Percentage Error			0.00%	0.00%		

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 16, 2023

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	16	16		3	3	
Regular - Special Education	2	2		1	1	
AIL - Non Public	24	24		5	5	
Special Needs - Public	2	2		1	1	
Totals	44	44		10	10	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Re- calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.3	5.3
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.3	5.3
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	9.2	9.2

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

Section 1 - REGULAR DISTRICT

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus:

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	<u>\$ 14,392,731</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(B1b)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 2,705,742</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Financed Purchases and Leases	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(B2b)
Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(B2c)
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 11,686,989</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .02]	<u>\$ 233,740</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 250,000</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ 56,516</u>	(K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u>\$ 306,516</u> (M)

Section 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2024	<u>\$ 9,249,818</u>	(C)
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)		
Decreased by:		
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 122,455</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted:		
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u>	(C2)
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ 650,000</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$ 7,425,041</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance:		
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ 95,806</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		<u>\$ 956,516</u> (U1)

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Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0- \$ 650,000 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures \$ 650,000 (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ 650,000 (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)+(F)] \$ 1,300,000 (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ -0- (H)

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

Extraordinary Aid \$ 45,596 (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 10,920 (J2)

Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)] \$ 56,516 (K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions: \$ -0-

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal \$ -0-

Capital Outlay for a District with a Capital Outlay SGLA \$ -0-

Sale/Lease-Back Reserve \$ -0-

Capital Reserve \$ 6,079,764

Maintenance Reserve \$ 1,275,510

Waiver Offset Reserve \$ -0-

Tuition Reserve \$ -0-

Unemployment Compensation \$ 69,767

Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve \$ -0-

Other Reserved Fund Balance not Noted Above \$ -0-

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 7,425,041

MENDHAM BOROUGH 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

There were no prior year audit findings or recommendations.