

PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey
County of Ocean

**Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings -
Financial, Compliance and Performance
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Pinelands Regional School District
County of Ocean
Little Egg Harbor, NJ

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Pinelands Regional School District in the County of Ocean for the year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated January 11, 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 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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Lakewood, New Jersey
January 11, 2025

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, the activities of the Board of Education, and 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 School District's ACFR.

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Amanda Miller	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 250,000.00
Jodi Lennon	Treasurer	250,000.00

Chapter 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 school district.

The school district data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district's Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The School District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil cost in accordance with *N.J.A.C.6A:23A-17.1(f)3*.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

A sample examination of claims paid during the period under the review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employee's payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Employee Position Control Roster

A sample inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample 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 A-16.29(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of a sample of 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-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% percent 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 were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer of School Monies were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act

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 the projects under Titles I and VI 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 sample test of the biweekly reimbursements forms 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 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 and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and school contracts in general is available on the NJ Local Agency Procurement Laws webpage: <https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>.

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature (<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>) website.

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 \$22,400 for 2023-2024.

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 tests on sample basis, 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 agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

School Food Service

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

The School District has net cash resources in excess of three months average expenses. The District should develop a plan to utilize the excess funds.

Student Body Activities

Our review of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated they were in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

Our audit procedures included a sample test of information reported in the October 13, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped and low-income, and bilingual. We also performed a review on a sample basis of the School District's procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the School 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 School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of their equivalent.

The School District written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a sample 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 sample of transportation contracts and purchases. Based on our sample, the School 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 sampling of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our review of the financial and accounting records for capital assets indicated they were in satisfactory condition.

Miscellaneous

Finding 2024-001* (ACFR Finding 2024-001):

The School District did not recognize the required percentage of SEMI revenues. The School District recognized \$8,340.96 in SEMI revenues, or 25.9% of budgeted revenues.

Recommendation:

The the School District review procedures and implement controls to ensure maximum participation in the SEMI program.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and audit requirements prescribed by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey, our procedures included a review of all prior year findings reported in the prior year's Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings – Financial, Compliance and Performance. Findings marked with an asterisk (*) indicate repeat findings..

Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) Findings

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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.

Respectfully Submitted,

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January 11, 2025

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023

2024-2025 Application for State School Aid										Private Schools for Disabled									
Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll	Reported on Workpapers On Roll			Errors			Sample Selected from Workpapers			Verified per Registers On Roll			Errors per Registers On Roll			Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools			Sample Errors
	Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		
Seven	-	-	188	-	-	-	32	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	205	-	-	-	35	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	222	-	-	-	38	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	205	-	-	-	35	-	-	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	23	-	193	23	-	-	33	4	-	33	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	28	-	162	28	-	-	28	5	-	28	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	51	-	1,175	51	-	-	201	9	-	201	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	-	-	110	-	-	-	20	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	2	-
Special Ed - High School	41	-	200	41	-	-	36	8	-	36	8	-	-	-	-	5	4	4	-
Subtotal	41	-	310	41	-	-	56	8	-	56	8	-	-	-	-	7	6	6	-
Totals	92	-	1,485	92	-	-	257	17	-	257	17	-	-	-	-	7	6	6	-
Percentage Error										0%			0%			0%			0%

PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.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.A as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	82	82	-	26	26	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Eight	88	88	-	28	28	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Nine	94	94	-	30	30	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Ten	97	97	-	31	31	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Eleven	85	85	-	27	27	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Twelve	68	68	-	22	22	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Subtotal	514	514	-	164	164	-	10	10	-	10	10	-
Special Ed - Middle School	76	76	-	25	25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	128.5	128.5	-	41	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	204.5	204.5	-	66	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	718.5	718.5	-	230	230	-	10	10	-	10	10	-
Percentage Error	0%			0%			0%			0%		

Transportation

	Reported on DTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	788.0	788.0	-	174	174	-
Reg - Sp Ed, col. 4	251.5	251.5	-	55	55	-
AIL - Non Public	33	33	-	7	7	-
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	80.5	80.5	-	18	18	-
Totals	1,153.0	1,153.0	-	254	254	-
Percentage Error	0%			0%		

PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023

	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	1	1	-	1	1	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	2	2	-	2	2	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	3	3	-	3	3	-
Special Ed - Middle School	1	1	-	1	1	-
Special Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1	1	-	1	1	-
Totals	4	4	-	4	4	-
Percentage Error			0%			0%

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$	<u>44,074,080.53</u>	(B)
Increased by:			
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1d)
Decrease by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$	<u>6,921,267.12</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$	<u>650,000.00</u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$	<u><u>36,502,813.41</u></u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$	<u>730,056.27</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$	<u>730,056.27</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$	<u>22,067.00</u>	(K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]			\$ <u><u>752,123.27</u></u> (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2024 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$	<u>7,134,069.61</u>	(C)
Decreased by:			
Year-End Encumbrances	\$	<u>624,853.02</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	<u>-</u>	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$	<u>1,860,951.00</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$	<u>2,590,569.40</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	<u>-</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]			\$ <u><u>2,057,696.19</u></u> (U1)

REGULAR DISTRICT (continued):

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-] \$ 1,305,572.92 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** \$ 1,860,951.00 (C3)

Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)] \$ 1,305,572.92 (E)

Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)] \$ 3,166,523.92 (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, 2022 the 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.

(J5) Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ - (H)

Sale & Lease-back \$ - (I)

Extraordinary Aid \$ 7,052.00 (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 15,015.00 (J2)

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

Family Crisis Transportation Aid \$ - (J4)

Supplemental Stabilization Aid & Maintenance of Equity Aid \$ - (J5)

Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)+(J5)] \$ 22,067.00 (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2024 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2024 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 another 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.

REGULAR DISTRICT (continued):

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions:

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$ -
Capital Reserve	\$ 1,535,909.82
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 1,028,612.34
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 Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ -
Other State/Government Mandated Reserve	\$ -
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$ 26,047.24
[Other Restricted Fund Balance Not Noted Above] ****	\$ -
 Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	 \$ 2,590,569.40 (C4)

**PINELANDS REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
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

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

Finding 2024-001* (ACFR Finding 2024-001):

That the School District review procedures and implement controls to ensure maximum participation in the SEMI program.

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings except those marked with an asterisk above.