

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON  
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -  
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE  
JUNE 30, 2024**

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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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 basic financial statements of the Ridgefield Park Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2025.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

  
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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

**Official Bonds**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dr. Giovanni Cusmano (7/1/23-7/31/23)	Acting Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator	\$250,000
Scott Bisig (8/1/23-6/30/24)	Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator	-0-
Angelo DiSimone	Treasurer of School Monies	-0-

There is Public Employee Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage for all other employees in the amount of \$500,000.

**Finding 2024-1** – Our audit indicated that surety bond coverage was not obtained for the School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies.

**Recommendation** – Surety bond coverage be obtained for school officials in accordance with State guidelines.

**P.L. 2020, c44**

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 of 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 data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district 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 greater than estimated costs. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the increase in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

**Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicated that the required signatures and certifications were obtained on the respective purchase orders and/or vouchers.

**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 payroll taxes were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Salary withholdings tested were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholdings due to the General Fund.

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**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

**Payroll Account (Continued)**

The District completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

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

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

**Finding 2024-2** – With respect to the audit of payroll the following was noted:

- A payroll agency ledger by deduction was not currently maintained and in agreement with the monthly bank reconciliation.
- Employee health benefit contributions totaling \$1,253,827 were not transferred to the General Fund.
- Transfers made to the net payroll and payroll agency accounts did not always agree with the payroll reports.

**Recommendation** – Internal controls over payroll procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure a payroll agency ledger is maintained and in agreement with monthly bank reconciliation. Additionally, employee health benefit contributions be transferred to General Fund on a timely manner and payroll transfers be in agreement with the payroll registers.

**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.

**Travel**

The District has an approved Board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12. No exceptions were noted pertaining to travel expense payments tested.

**Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: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, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2.

**Finding 2024-3** – Our audit noted that certain special revenue grant purchase professional expenditures were charged to the salaries and wages budget account. Audit adjustments were made to reclassify these transactions.

**Recommendation** – The District utilize the Department of Education's Minimum Chart of Accounts for assistance with recording budgetary expenditures.

**Board Secretary's Records**

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

**Finding 2024-4** – Our audit revealed the General Fund and Special Revenue Fund original budget included in the District's revenue and appropriation reports were not in agreement with the adopted budget. Additionally, the General Fund modified budget was overstated as a result of prior year invalid purchase orders being rolled over to the 2023/24 budget. We also noted that the approved budget transfers were not accurately recorded.

**Recommendation** – The original budget included in the District's General Fund and Special Revenue Fund revenues and appropriation reports be in agreement with the adopted budget. Additionally, the General Fund modified budget in the appropriation report be reconciled to the adopted budget and prior year valid encumbrances.

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**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

**Board Secretary's Records (Continued)**

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

The Board Secretary's and the Treasurer's cash reports were not presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis and were not submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed by (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9)

**Finding 2024-5 (ACFR 2024-001)** – Our audit indicated the monthly Board Secretary and Treasurer's reports and the certification of availability of funds/line items deficits were not submitted to the Board for their approval in a timely manner.

**Recommendation** – The District's Board Secretary and Treasurer's reports be completed and submitted with the monthly certification of funds for approval by the Board in a timely manner.

**Finding 2024-6 (ACFR 2024-002)** – Our audit indicated that the District's general ledger balances in the Governmental and Enterprise Funds were not reconciled with the various subsidiary ledgers and reports. Additionally, bank reconciliations were not completed in a timely manner. Audit adjustments were made to reconcile the various cash balances, to realize current year state and federal aid revenues and tuition income.

**Recommendation** – The District's balance sheet accounts be reviewed and reconciled with the various subsidiary ledgers and reports. Additionally, bank reconciliations be completed in a timely manner.

**Treasurer's Records**

The Treasurer subsequent to the date hired, did perform cash reconciliations for all District bank accounts.

The Treasurer's bank reconciliations were not in agreement with the records of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Treasurer's cash balances were not in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

Acknowledgement of the Boards' receipt of the Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

**Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

The E.S.E.A./ESSA 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 Titles I, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Our examination 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.

**Other Special Federal and/or State Projects**

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

**Finding 2024-7** – Requests for reimbursements from the State of New Jersey for grant expenditures incurred by the District were not submitted in a timely manner.

**Recommendation** – The District request grant expenditure reimbursements in a timely manner.

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**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

**T.P.A.F. Reimbursements**

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for District employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Reports 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 not made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Offices of Grants Management.

**Finding 2024-8** – Our audit revealed that the reimbursement due to the State of New Jersey for pension and social security contributions for federally funded program salaries was not prepared or remitted within the 90 day liquidation period.

**Recommendation** – The reimbursement due to the State for TPAF pension and social security contributions for federally funded program salaries be prepared and remitted in a timely manner.

**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 school business administrator has been designated as the qualified purchasing agent and the Board has approved by resolution the bid threshold at \$44,000. This law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under NJSA 18A:39-3 is currently \$22,400.

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 Board 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 goods or service, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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 threshold 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. 18-A: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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

**Finding 2023-9** – Our audit revealed that contracts over the bid threshold awarded through a cooperative purchasing program were not approved in the official minutes.

**Recommendation** – All contracts exceeding the bid threshold awarded through a cooperative purchasing program be approved by the Board and included in the District's official minutes.

**School Food Service**

School Food Authority (SFA's) were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

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**School Food Service (Continued)**

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced-price meal eligible students during the emergency.

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 School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. Exceptions were not noted.

We inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations. We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan and whether the funds were used to pay for costs applicable to the Food Service Programs. We also inquired if the PPP loan was subsequently forgiven and the FSMC refunded or credited the applicable amounts to the SFA.

The financial transactions and records of the school food service fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records were reviewed on a test-check basis. Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34 and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC Cost Reimbursable Fixed Price or non-Competitive Emergency Procurement contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision with no guarantee. All vendor discounts, rebates, and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were traced and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. 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-month average expenditures. Management has developed a financial plan to eliminate the excess net resources. The plan will take more than one year to be fully implemented.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in the Fund Net Assets (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section of the ACFR.

**Student Body Activities**

The Board has a policy which clearly establishes the regulation of student activity funds.

All cash receipts were not promptly deposited.

**Finding 2024-10** – Our audit of High School student activities account indicated receipts collected were not always deposited in a timely manner.

**Recommendation** – All receipts collected in the High School activities account be deposited in a timely manner.

All cash disbursements had proper supporting documentation.



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**Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2023 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, related services, 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 with immaterial exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with immaterial exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The District did maintain 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.

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**

The District had SDA grant projects during the year.

The District maintained detailed capital assets financial records with a third-party provider.

**Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Education Facilities**

The school district adhered to all requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing of lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The school district submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

**Suggestions to Management**

- Prior year outstanding checks and reconciling items listed on all District bank reconciliations be reviewed and cleared of record.
- Interfund balances be liquidated prior to year-end.

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOOD SERVICE FUND  
SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY  
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND  
CALCULATION OF NET CASH RESOURCES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

**Current Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 239,055
Due from Other Governments	141,882
Accounts Receivable	<u>149,545</u>
	530,482

**Current Liabilities**

Less:	
Accounts Payable	(40,668)
Unearned Revenue	<u>(10,105)</u>

<b>Net Cash Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 479,709</u></b>
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**Adjusted Total Operating Expense:**

Total Operating Expenses	\$ 1,282,724
Less Depreciation	<u>(15,205)</u>
<b>Adjusted Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,267,519</u></b>

<b><u>Average Monthly Operating Expenses:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 126,752</u></b>
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<b><u>Three Times Monthly Average:</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 380,256</u></b>
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Total Net Cash Resources	\$ 479,709
Three Times Monthly Average	<u>380,256</u>

Amount Above Maximum Net Cash Resources	<u><u>\$ 99,453</u></u>
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**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023  
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2024-25 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						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 for Verifi-cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Full Day Preschool - 3yr																
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	8		8				8	-	8		-	-				
Half Day Kindergarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	105		105				38	-	39		(1)	-				
One	100		100				34	-	34		-	-				
Two	77		77				28	-	29		(1)	-				
Three	93		93				25	-	25		-	-				
Four	99		99				28	-	27		1	-				
Five	100		100				45	-	45		-	-				
Six	118		118				45	-	45		-	-				
Seven	105		105				105	-	105		-	-				
Eight	107		107				107	-	106		1	-				
Nine	186	3	186	3			186	3	178	3	8	-				
Ten	186	3	186	3			186	3	184	3	2	-				
Eleven	197		197				197	-	191		6	-				
Twelve	200		200				200		202		(2)	-				
Subtotal	<u>1,681</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,681</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,232</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,218</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary	147	-	147	-	-		25	-	25	-	-	-	5	2	2	
Special Ed - Middle School	80	-	80	-	-		13	-	13	-	-	-	4	1	1	
Special Ed - High School	129	1	129	3	-	(2)	22	-	22	-	-	-	11	3	3	
Subtotal	<u>356</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>356</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>2,037</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2)</u>	<u>1,292</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>	<u>-28.57%</u>					<u>1.08%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>				<u>0.00%</u>

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	<b>Resident Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>			<b>Resident LEP Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>		
	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 low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	49	49	-	3	3	-	15	15	-	4	4	-
One	47	47	-	3	3	-	11	11	-	3	3	-
Two	38	38	-	3	3	-	5	5	-	1	1	-
Three	48	48	-	3	2	1	7	7	-	2	2	-
Four	35	35	-	2	2	-	5	5	-	2	2	-
Five	47	47	-	3	2	1	4	4	-	1	1	-
Six	54	54	-	4	4	-	3	3	-	1	1	-
Seven	41	41	-	3	3	-	5	5	-	2	2	-
Eight	48	48	-	3	3	-	7	7	-	2	2	-
Nine	84	84	-	6	6	-	8	8	-	3	3	-
Ten	78	78	-	6	5	1	14	14	-	4	4	-
Eleven	91	91	-	7	7	-	12	12	-	4	4	-
Twelve	95	95	-	7	7	-	15	15	-	4	4	-
Subtotal	754	754	-	53	50	3	111	111	-	33	33	-
Special Ed - Elementary	78	79	(1)	6	6	-	5	3	2	1	1	-
Special Ed - Middle	50	51	(1)	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High	69	70	(1)	5	5	-	3	3	-	1	1	-
Subtotal	197	200	(3)	15	15	-	8	6	2	2	2	-
Totals	951	954	(3)	68	65	3	119	117	2	35	35	-
Percentage Error			-0.32%			4.41%			1.68%			0.00%

	<b>Transportation</b>					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	30	30	-	9	9	-
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	5	5	-	1	1	-
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	89	89	-	27	27	-
Totals	124	124	-	37	37	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Application and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Kindegarten						
Full Day Kindergarten	5	5	-	2	2	-
One	3	3	-	1	1	-
Two	3	3	-	1	1	-
Three	3	3	-	1	1	-
Four	1	1	-	-		-
Five	1	1	-	-		-
Six	3	3	-	1	1	-
Seven	1	1	-	-		-
Eight	2	2	-	1	1	-
Nine	8	8	-	2	2	-
Ten	4	4	-	1	1	-
Eleven	9	9	-	3	3	-
Twelve	9	9	-	3	3	-
Subtotal	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary						
Special Ed - Middle						
Special Ed - High						
Subtotal	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u>52</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures (Budgetary Basis)		\$ 57,883,238
Increased by:		
Transfer to Special Revenue Fund - Pre-K	\$ 74,065	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>4,159,937</u>	
		<u>4,234,002</u>
		62,117,240
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		<u>11,115,125</u>
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$ 51,002,115</u>
1.5% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures		\$ 765,032
Increased by:		
Allowable Adjustments		
Extraordinary Aid		<u>1,132,852</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$ 1,897,884</u>
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024		\$ 13,443,826
Decreased by:		
Restricted - Capital Reserve	\$ 9,498,810	
Restricted - Maintenance Reserve	1,394,922	
Restricted - Tuition Adjustments	250,000	
Assigned - Year End Encumbrances	<u>402,210</u>	
		<u>11,545,942</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$ 1,897,884</u>
Excess Surplus		<u>\$ -</u>

**RIDGEFIELD PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

**I. Administrative Practice and Procedures**

1. It is recommended that surety bond coverage be obtained for officials in accordance with State guidelines.

**II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

It is recommended that:

2. Internal controls over payroll procedures be reviewed and revised to ensure a payroll agency ledger is maintained and in agreement with monthly bank reconciliation. Additionally, employee health benefit contributions be transferred to General Fund on a timely manner and payroll transfers be in agreement with the payroll registers.
3. The District utilize the Department of Education's Minimum Chart of Accounts for assistance with recording budgetary expenditures.
- \* 4. The original budget included in the District's General Fund and Special Revenue Fund revenues and appropriation reports be in agreement with the adopted budget. Additionally, the General Fund modified budget in the appropriation report be reconciled to the adopted budget and prior year valid encumbrances.
5. The District's Board Secretary and Treasurer's reports be completed and submitted with the monthly certification of funds for approval by the Board in a timely manner.
6. The District's balance sheet accounts be reviewed and reconciled with the various subsidiary ledgers and reports. Additionally, bank reconciliations be completed in a timely manner.
7. The District request grant expenditure reimbursements in a timely manner.
8. The reimbursement due to the State for TPAF pension and social security contributions for federally funded program salaries be prepared and remitted in a timely manner.

**III. School Purchasing Program**

9. It is recommended that all contracts exceeding the bid threshold awarded through a cooperative purchasing program be approved by the Board and included in the District's official minutes.

**IV. School Food Service Program**

There are none.

**V. Student Body Activities**

- \* 10. It is recommended that all receipts collected in the High School activities account be deposited in a timely manner.

**VI. Application for State School**

There are none.

**VII. Pupil Transportation**

There are none.

**VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets**

There are none.

**IX. Miscellaneous**

There are none.

**X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations**

A review was performed on the prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all except those denoted with an asterisk (\*).

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.