

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

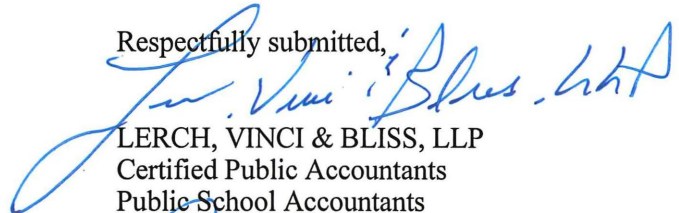
Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
River Vale Board of Education
River Vale, New Jersey

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 River Vale Board of Education as of and for the fiscal 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 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 Education, 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.

Respectfully submitted,


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January 10, 2025

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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 reported on Exhibit J-20 as contained in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kelly Ippolito	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$150,000
Gennaro Rotella	Treasurer of School Monies	\$300,000

There is Employees' Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

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

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District was not required to make any adjustments for the prior year.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District was not required to make any adjustments for the prior year.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

The net salaries of all employees tested of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions tested and employer's share of fringe benefits tested were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits contribution amounts to the general fund.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

The District filed the required Certification (ECERT1) of Compliance with requirements for income tax compensation of certain administration with the NJ Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (position control) system

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

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-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no material exceptions were noted, therefore, no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Travel Policy

The District had an approved Board policy as required by NJAC 6A:23A 6.13 and NJSA 18A:11-12. No exceptions were noted pertaining to travel expense reimbursement payments tested.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis and were submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed by (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36).

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all District accounts.

The Treasurer's bank reconciliations were in agreement with the records of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Treasurer's cash balances were in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund in accordance with GASB 84.

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 II 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

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.

The financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Fund section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were no TPAF employees' salaries paid from federal funds during the current fiscal year. Therefore, no TPAF reimbursement amounts were due to the State at June 30, 2024.

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 is a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$22,400 effective 2023-24.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal 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 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:18-4.

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. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Food Service Fund

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

Expenditures were separately recorded as milk and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

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.

The District does participate in the Child Nutrition Program.

Student Activity Funds

The Board has a policy, which clearly establishes the regulation of Student Activity Funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records for the various schools were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual education. 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 exceptions noted. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exceptions noted. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of 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 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.

Miscellaneous

Not Applicable.

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Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

The District had no active SDA general funded projects during the current year.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

Follow-up Prior Year Findings

Not Applicable.

Suggestions to Management

- There are two completed projects in the Capital Projects Fund with debt authorized but not issued that should be cancelled by board resolution.

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF MILK COUNTY ACTIVITY
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE FUND
NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOT APPLICABLE

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2024-2025 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on		Reported on		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per		Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers				Selected from		Register		Registers			A.S.S.A. as	Sample	Sample
	On Roll	On Roll	On Roll	On Roll			On Roll	On Roll	Private	for	Verified	Errors				
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools			
Half Day Preschool - 3 yrs	6	-	6		-						-					
Half Day Preschool - 4 yrs	4	-	4		-						-					
Full Day Kindergarten	88	-	88		-		33		33		-					
Grade 1	94	-	94		-		49		49		-					
Grade 2	87	-	87		-		48		48		-					
Grade 3	92	-	92		-		46		46		-					
Grade 4	102	-	102		-		46		46		-					
Grade 5	90	-	90		-		42		42		-					
Grade 6	96	-	96		-		96		96		-					
Grade 7	115	-	115		-		115		115		-					
Grade 8	87	-	87		-		87		87		-					
Grade 9	-		-		-		-		-		-					
Grade 10	-		-		-		-		-		-					
Grade 11	-		-		-		-		-		-					
Grade 12	-		-		-		-		-		-					
Subtotal	861	-	861	-	-		562	-	562	-	-					
Spec Ed - Elementary	77	-	77	-	-		40		40		-		1	-	-	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	51	-	51	-	-		51		51		-		1	1	1	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-					-	-				
Subtotal	128	-	128	-	-		91	-	91	-	-		2	1	1	-
Totals	989	-	989	-	-	-	653	-	653	-	-	-	2.0	1.0	1.0	-
Percentage Error	0.00%						0.00%						0.00%			

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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
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	Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP 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 ASSA	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected	Sample Verified	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-			-			-
GRADE 1			-			-			-			-
GRADE 2			-			-			-			-
GRADE 3			-			-			-			-
GRADE 4	1	1	-	1	1	-			-			-
GRADE 5			-			-			-			-
GRADE 6			-			-			-			-
GRADE 7	1	1	-	1	1	-			-			-
GRADE 8	1	1	-	1	1	-			-			-
GRADE 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	1	1.0	-			-			-			-
Spec Ed- Middle School			-			-			-			-
	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	4.0	4.0	-	3.0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular- Public Schools	96	96	-	29	29	-
Regular - Sped.	11	11	-	6	6	-
Transported- Non- Public	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Needs- Public	22	22	-	3	3	-
Totals	129.0	129.0	-	38.0	38.0	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
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	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Preschool - 3 years			-			-
Full Day Preschool - 4 years			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1	-	1	1	-
Grade 1	3	3	-	3	3	-
Grade 2	2	2	-	2	2	-
Grade 3	1	1	-	1	1	-
Grade 4			-			-
Grade 5	1	1	-	1	1	-
Grade 6			-			-
Grade 7	1	1	-	1	1	-
Grade 8			-			-
Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 11	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	9	9	-	9	9	-
Spec Ed - Elementary			-			-
Spec Ed- Middle School			-			-
	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	9	9	-	9	9	-
Percentage Error		0.00%			0.00%	

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

2023-24 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$ 30,973,272
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(6,048,820)</u>
Adjusted 23-24 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 24,924,452</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-24 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 498,489
Allowable Adjustment - Extraordinary Aid	224,070
Allowable Adjustment - Additional Transportation Aid	<u>20,020</u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 742,579</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 9,629,721
Decreased by:	
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$ (242,719)
Reserved for Arbitrage Rebate	(200,000)
Other Reserved Fund Balances - Capital Reserve	(5,500,760)
Other Reserved Fund Balances - Maintenance Reserve	(759,616)
Other Reserved Fund Balances - Emergency Reserve	(181,412)
Other Reserved Fund Balances - Unemployment Compensation Reserve	(802,635)
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>(600,000)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,342,579</u>

SECTION 3

Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 600,000</u>
<u>Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024</u>	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 600,000
Reserved Excess Surplus	<u>600,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,200,000</u>

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. **Administration Practices and Procedures**

There are none.

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

There are none.

III. **School Purchasing Program**

There are none.

IV. **Food Service Fund**

There are none.

V. **Park Academy Fund**

There are none.

VI. **Student Body Activities**

There are none.

VII. **Application for State School Aid**

There are none.

VIII. **Pupil Transportation**

There are none.

IX. **Miscellaneous**

There are none.

X. **Facilities and Capital Assets**

There are none.

XI. **Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations**

Not applicable.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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