

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

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

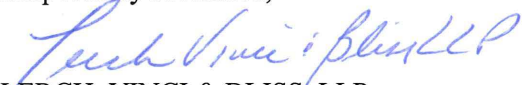
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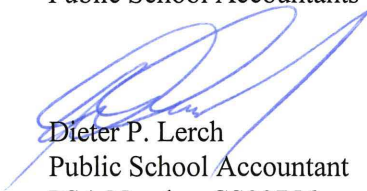
We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Saddle River Board of Education in the County of Bergen as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated October 30, 2024.

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.

Respectfully submitted,


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Public School Accountants


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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
October 30, 2024

**SADDLE RIVER 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 Moneys, 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 of the statistical section in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (CAFR).

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eulalia Gillis	Interim Business Administrator (July 1, 2023 – January 31, 2024)	\$250,000
Kaitlyn Lawler	Board Secretary Business Administrator (February 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)	250,000
Debe Besold	Treasurer of School Monies (July 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023)	250,000
Jennifer Pfohl	Treasurer of School Monies (January 1, 2024 – June 30, 2024)	250,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

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.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Payroll Account

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

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

Finding 2024-001 – The audit revealed that employee health benefit withholdings for January were not credited back to the budget.

Recommendation – Employee health benefit reimbursements be credited to the budget appropriation on a timely basis.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the year end encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for proprietary and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

Travel

The Board of Education has adopted a travel policy that complies with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

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. No exceptions were noted regarding the account classification of our expenditures. 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.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed. Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

Finding 2024-002 – The audit revealed certain deposits in transit as of June 30 did not clear of record.

Recommendation – Deposits in transit be reviewed and cleared of record.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer performed cash reconciliations in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurers cash balances were in agreement with the cash balances of the Board Secretary.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

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 Fiduciary Fund.

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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title II and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

Our examination 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 Exhibit K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our examination indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of 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. No exceptions were noted.

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

There were no TPAF employees' pensionable wages paid from federal funds during the current year. Therefore, there were no reimbursement amounts due to the state at June 30, 2024.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project Completion Reports were finalized and transmitted to the State by the due date.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED 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 law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contract under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 for 2023-24.

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 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.

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 purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

Food Service Fund

Food service is now provided by the Parents of the district. No longer ran by the District and a Food Service Management Company. Exhibits have been removed from the report.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Student Activity Accounts

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

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test information reported in the October 15, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with no exceptions noted. 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 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 exception noted. The information on the DRTRS was unable to be verified. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MILK SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF MILK COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NET CASH RESOURCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES

NOT APPLICABLE

SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.)
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2023

	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		for	
	On Roll		On Roll				Workpapers		On Roll		On Roll		Private		Verifi-	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Sample	Sample
															Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	1	-	1		-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-			
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	3	-	3		-	-	1	-	1		-	-	-			
Half Day Preschool - 4 years		-			-	-		-			-	-	-			
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	9	-	9		-	-	3	-	3		-	-	-			
Half Day Kindergarten		-			-	-		-			-	-	-			
Full Day Kindergarten	18	-	18		-	-	5	-	5		-	-	-			
1st Grade	12	-	12		-	-	4	-	4		-	-	-			
2nd Grade	16	-	16		-	-	5	-	5		-	-	-			
3rd Grade	17	-	17		-	-	5	-	5		-	-	-			
4th Grade	9	-	9		-	-	3	-	3		-	-	-			
5th Grade	17	-	17		-	-	5	-	5		-	-	-			
6th Grade																
7th Grade																
8th Grade																
9th Grade																
10th Grade																
11th Grade																
13th Grade																
Subtotal	102	-	102	-	-	-	31	-	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	13		13		-	-	4		4		-	-	2	1	1	-
Spec Ed - Middle School					-	-					-	-	3	1	1	-
Spec Ed - High School											-		1			-
Subtotal	13	-	13	-	-	-	4	-	4	-	-	-	6	2	2	-
Totals	115	-	115	-	-	-	35	-	35	-	-	-	6	2	2	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.)
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2023**

	Low Income			Sample for Verification			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 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
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)			-			-			-			-
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)			-			-			-			-
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-			-			-
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-			-			-
1st Grade			-			-			-			-
2nd Grade			-			-			-			-
3rd Grade			-			-			-			-
4th Grade			-			-			-			-
5th Grade			-			-			-			-
6th Grade			-			-			-			-
7th Grade	1	1	-			-			-			-
8th Grade			-			-			-			-
9th Grade			-			-			-			-
10th Grade	2	2	-			-			-			-
11th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-			-			-
12th Grade			-			-			-			-
Subtotal	4	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary			-			-			-			-
Spec Ed - Middle School			-			-			-			-
Spec Ed - High School	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Totals	5	5	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>#DIV/0!</u>

Transportation						
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	178	178	-	53	53	-
Transported - Non-Public	13	13	-	4	4	-
Regular - Spec.	4	4	-	1	1	-
Special Needs - Public	7	7	-	2	2	-
Totals	202	202	-	60	60	-
			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.)
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2023

	LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)						
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten						
1st Grade						
2nd Grade						
3rd Grade						
4th Grade						
5th Grade						
6th Grade						
7th Grade						
8th Grade						
9th Grade						
10th Grade						
11th Grade						
13th Grade						
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary						
Spec Ed - Middle School						
Spec Ed - High School						
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

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

SECTION 1A - Four Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess Surplus

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ 11,537,825
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>950,967</u>
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 10,586,858</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 211,737</u>
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$ 250,000
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	<u>297,146</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 547,146</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$ 5,460,343
Decreased by:	
Year End Encumbrances	\$ 376,717
Restricted-Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	426,818
Capital Reserve	2,957,687
Maintenance Reserve	143,520
Tuition Reserve	243,686
Unemployment Compensation	37,360
Assigned Fund Balance-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>277,409</u>
	<u>4,463,197</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 997,146</u>

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 450,000</u>
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Reserved Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 426,818
Reserved Excess Surplus	<u>450,000</u>
Total Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 876,818</u>

Allowable Adjustments

Unbudgeted Extraordinary Aid	\$ 263,931
Nonpublic Transportation Aid	<u>33,215</u>
	<u>\$ 297,146</u>

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

1. Employee health benefit reimbursements be credited to the budget appropriation on a timely basis.
2. Deposits in transit be reviewed and cleared of record.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

**SADDLE RIVER BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

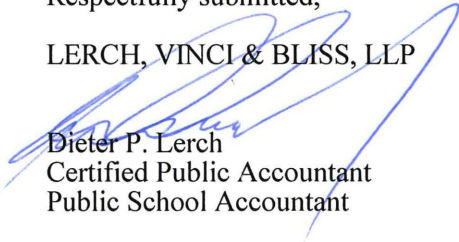
A review was performed on all prior year's recommendations. Corrective action was taken on the prior year recommendations.

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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