

**School Board Workshop:**

**November 12, 2024**

**Subject:**

End-of-Year Financial Review  
2023-24

**Presenter:**

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**SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:**

For Board Review Only.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Attached is a preliminary review of the school district's financial results for the year ending June 30, 2024. Our auditors, BerganKDV, will present a detailed report at the November 12, 2024, School Board workshop.

The district's primary operating fund, the General Fund, showed revenues exceeding budgeted amount by \$685,757 or 0.85%, while expenditures were \$795,589 or 1.00% below budget. Overall, including all other sources and uses, the general fund balance increased by \$1,990,646. The unassigned/non-spendable fund balance rose by \$1,499,725 or 13.48%, ending the 2023-24 school year at \$12,624,921 or 15.98% of the General Fund's annual expenditures. Restricted, committed, and assigned fund balances collectively increased by a total of \$490,921. The End-of-Year Financial Report outlines the primary reasons for these changes.

1. Increased general education revenue due to higher than budgeted average daily membership (ADM)
2. Increased special education aid from estimated aid revisions and prior years' adjustments for tuition billing
3. Property tax increase resulting from changes in equalization aid, shifts in Long-Term Facilities Revenue Aid and prior year adjustments
4. Increased revenues from student activities
5. Increased interest revenue
6. Lower salaries due to position openings throughout the year
7. Benefit expenditures under budget, largely due to between-term unemployment expenditures
8. Lower expenditures for utilities, snow removal and repairs
9. Timing of Long-Term Facilities Maintenance and other capital projects
10. Instructional support purchases less than anticipated
11. Student activity expenditures lower than anticipated

The Business office has three Dashboard Indicators for our department and all are in the area of Fiscal Responsibility and Accountability:

1. The district aims for an unmodified opinion in its audit, and preliminary results indicate it will receive an unmodified opinion.
2. The district aims to allocate at least 75% of the General Fund expenditures to instructional costs. This target was met with 75.09% of costs allocated to instruction.
3. The district aims for final revenue and expenditures results to be within 2% of the General Fund budget. The combined budget variance for revenues and expenditures was 0.93%, well within the target range.

**Attachments:**

- End-of-Year Financial Review 2023-24
- End-of-Year Financial Review 2023-24 PowerPoint Presentation