

School Board Meeting:

November 25, 2024

Subject:

2023-2024 Financial Audit

Presenter:

**Ryan L. Tangen, Director
Finance and Operations**

SUGGESTED SCHOOL BOARD ACTION:

Recommend Board Approval.

DESCRIPTION:

Attached are the Audited Financial Statements and Communications Letter for the year ended June 30, 2024. Jackie Knowles from BergankDV will attend the board meeting to deliver a formal presentation. The financial statement attachment is 121 pages long, so only the financial highlights will be covered during the presentation.

In preparation for the audit presentation, the following sections of the Audited Financial Statements are recommended for review:

1. Pages 3-25 starting with the Independent Auditor's Report and concluding with the Management's Discussion and Analysis
2. Pages 28-35 Government-wide Financial Statements
3. Pages 92-100 Fund Financial Statements.

Reviewing the Communications Letter is also recommended.

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 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 the auditors issues 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:

- 2024.0877.01.Buffalo.FinStm.District (Audited Financial Statements)
- 2024.0877.01.Buffalo.ComLtr.District (Communications Letter)
- BerganKDV – BHM Schools Audit Presentation