

Board of Education Worksession

Thursday, November 7, 2024 12:00 PM

Microsoft Teams, 744 Third Ave., Kotzebue, AK 99752

1. **12:00 P.M. - FY24 Audited Financial Statements** **Presenter:** Altman, Rogers & Co
2. **ACTION ITEM REVIEW**
3.
 - **NWABSD Memorandum 25-028 Approval of FY24 Audit Financial Statements**
4.
 - **NWABSD Memorandum 25-029 Adoption of Resolution 25-002; Approval for recommend to AASB on the State Board Appointment**
5. **NWABSD Memorandum 25-030 Approval of the letter to the Governor on the State Board Appointment**



Presentation of Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

Independent Auditor's Report - excerpt

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District (District), a component unit of the Northwest Arctic Borough, Alaska, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, (Government Auditing Standards). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions

Independent Auditor's Report – excerpt continued.

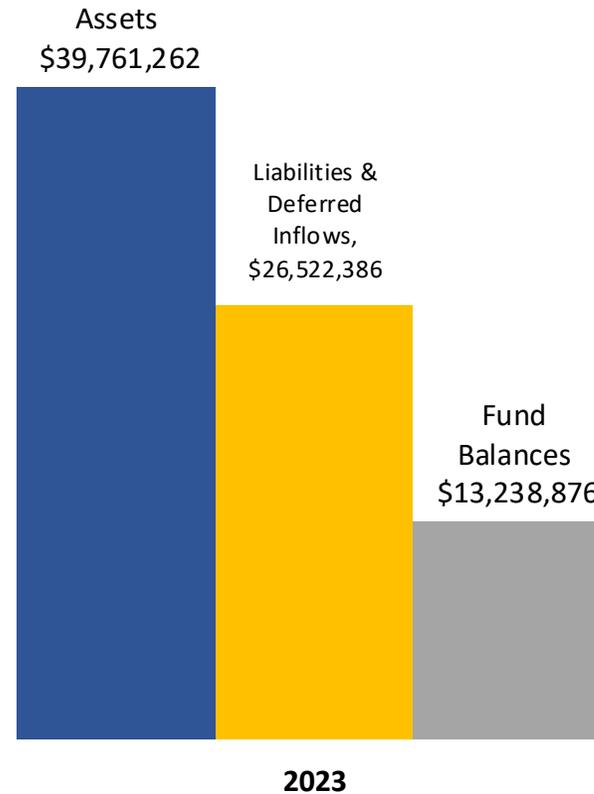
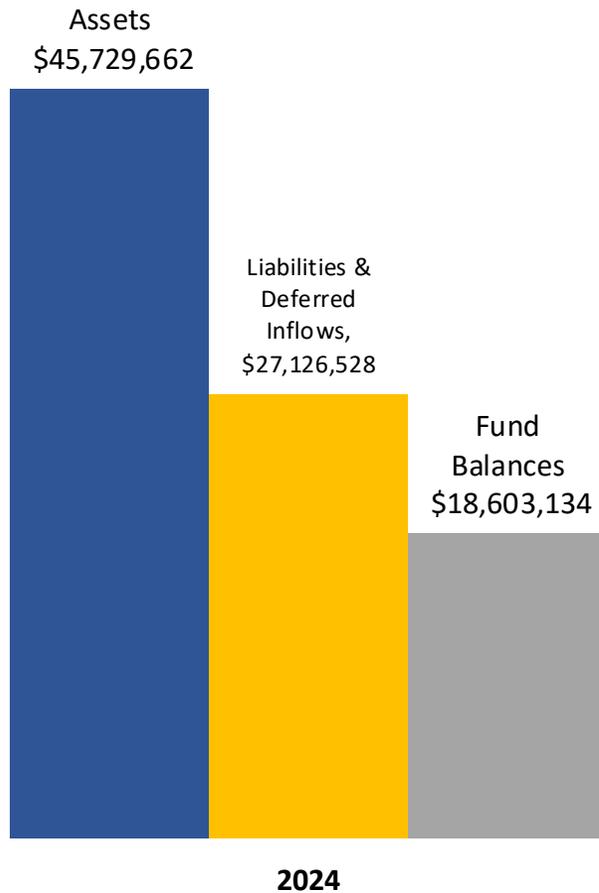
Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements

Governmental Funds – Fund Financials

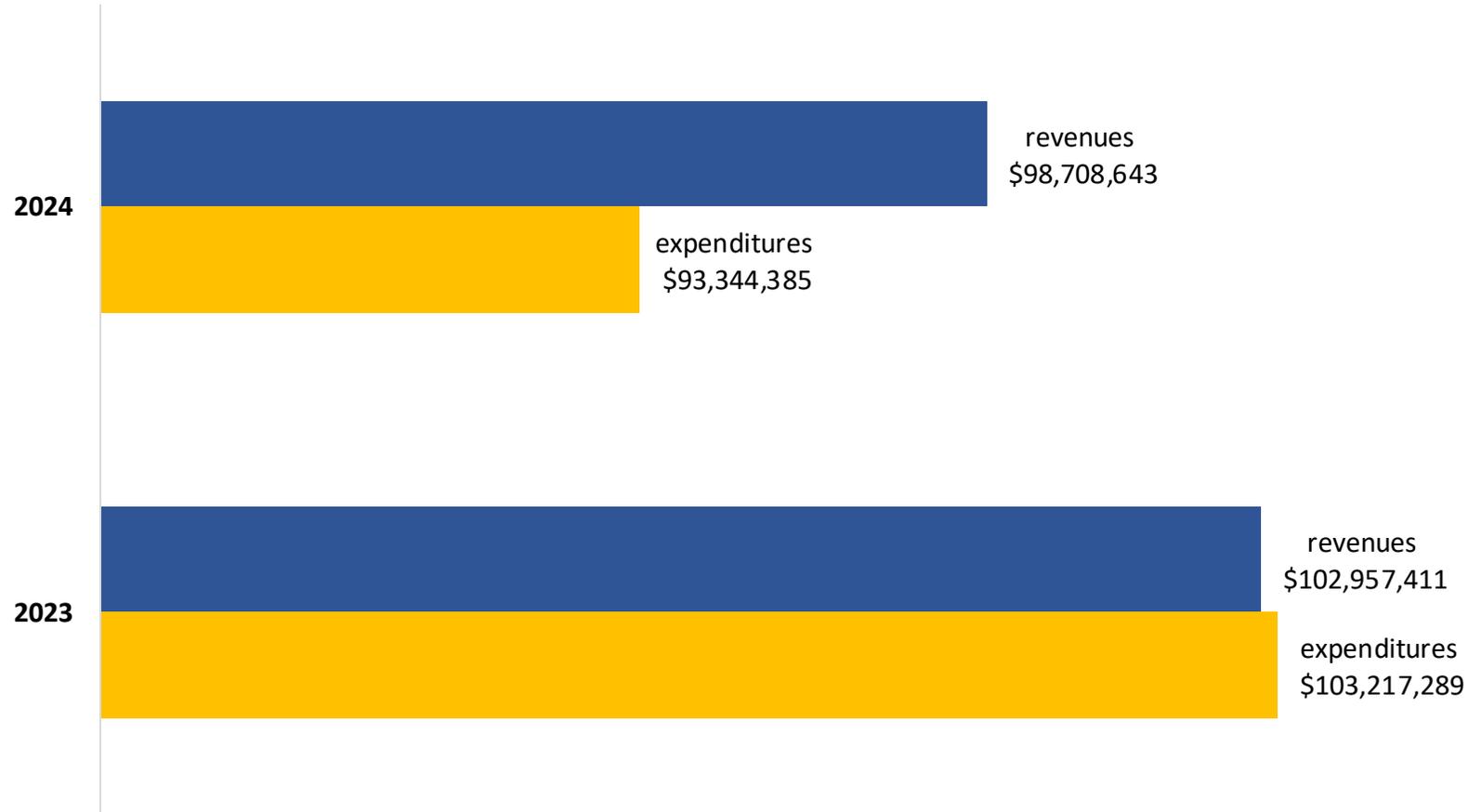


Assets
 Overall increase of \$5.9M
 -Total cash increased \$1.6M
 -Net AR decreased \$(1.4M) million
 -Due from increased by \$3.1M
 -Prepaid items increased by \$1.7M

Liabilities & Deferred Inflows
 Overall increased \$600k
 -Accounts payable decreased \$(1.5) million
 -Unearned revenue decreased (\$1.1M)
 -Due to increased \$3.1 million

Fund Balances
 Overall increase of \$5M
 -Unassigned decreased (\$5M)- this is your spendable monies.
 Assigned increased \$7M which is fund balance for the CPF projects
 -Nonspendable increased \$3M which is the district inventory and prepaid balances

Revenues & Expenditures – Fund Financials



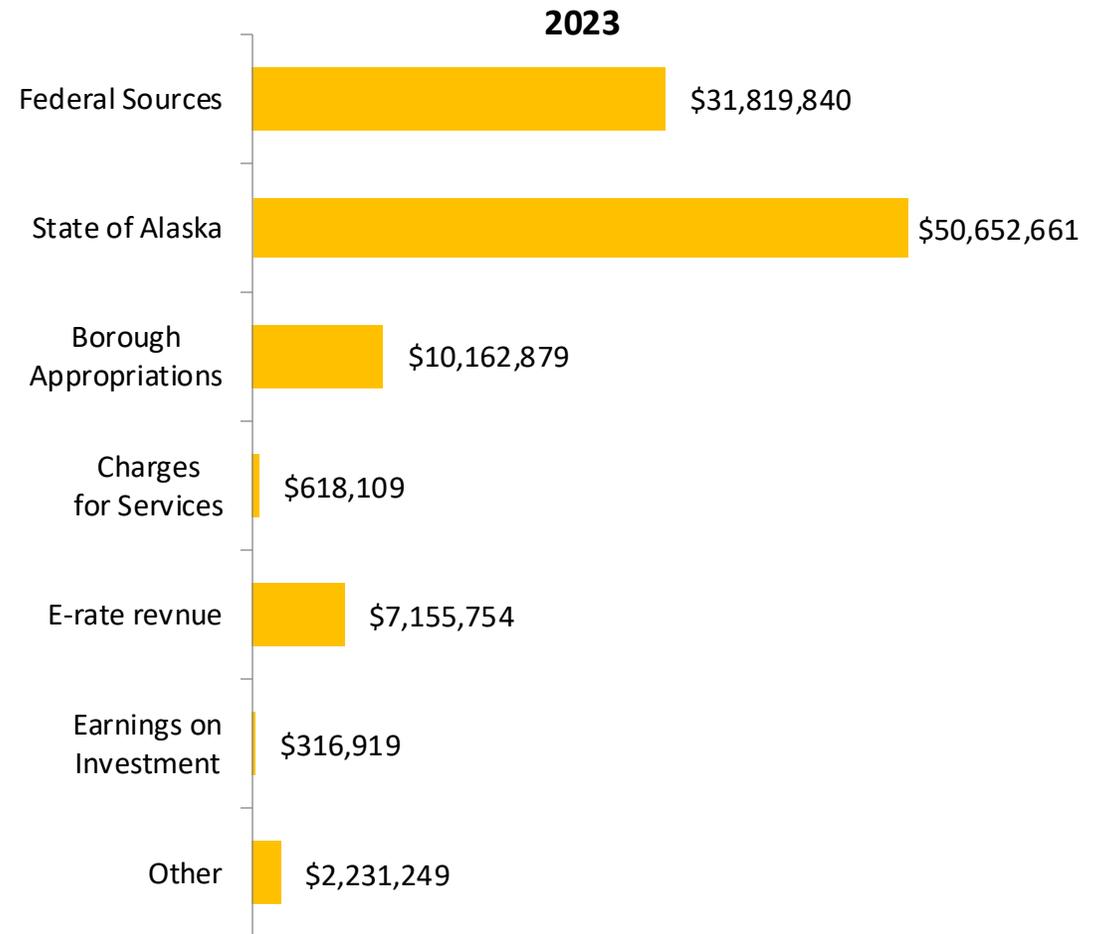
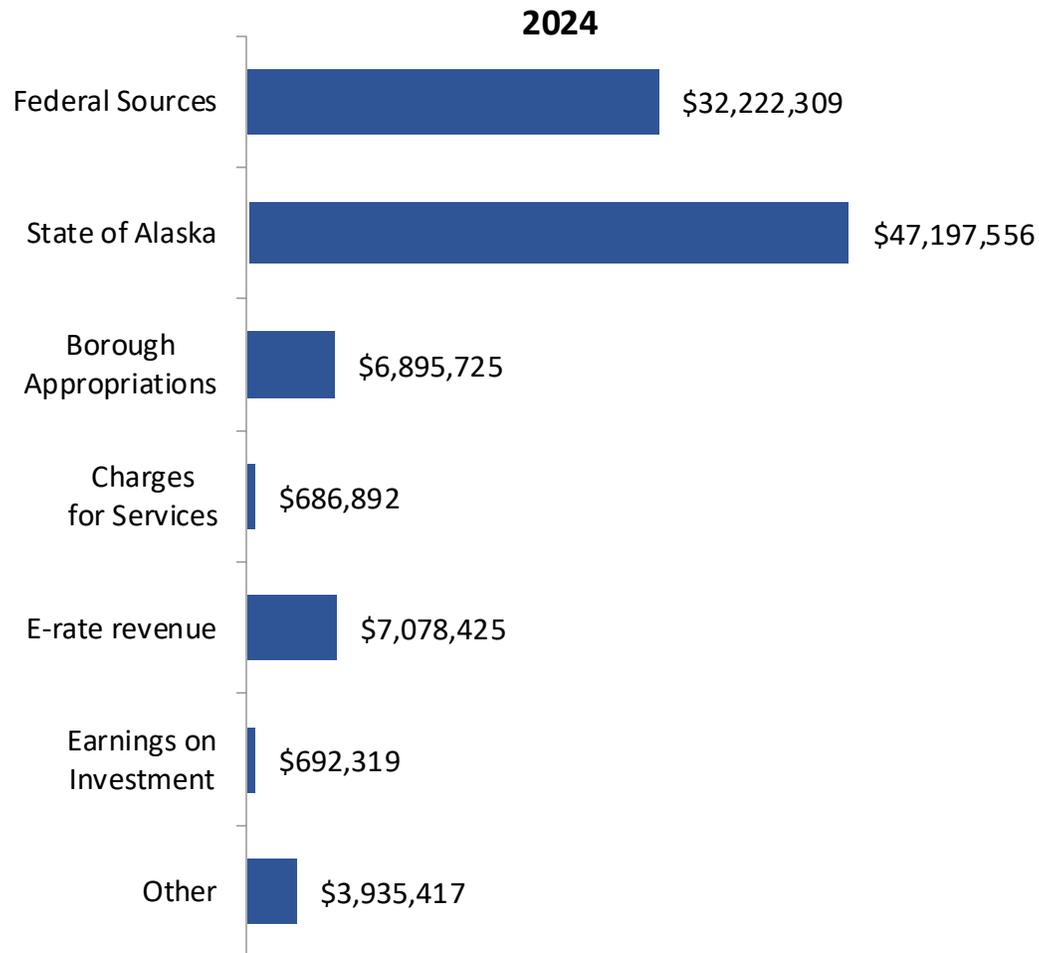
Revenues

Revenues decreased \$4M

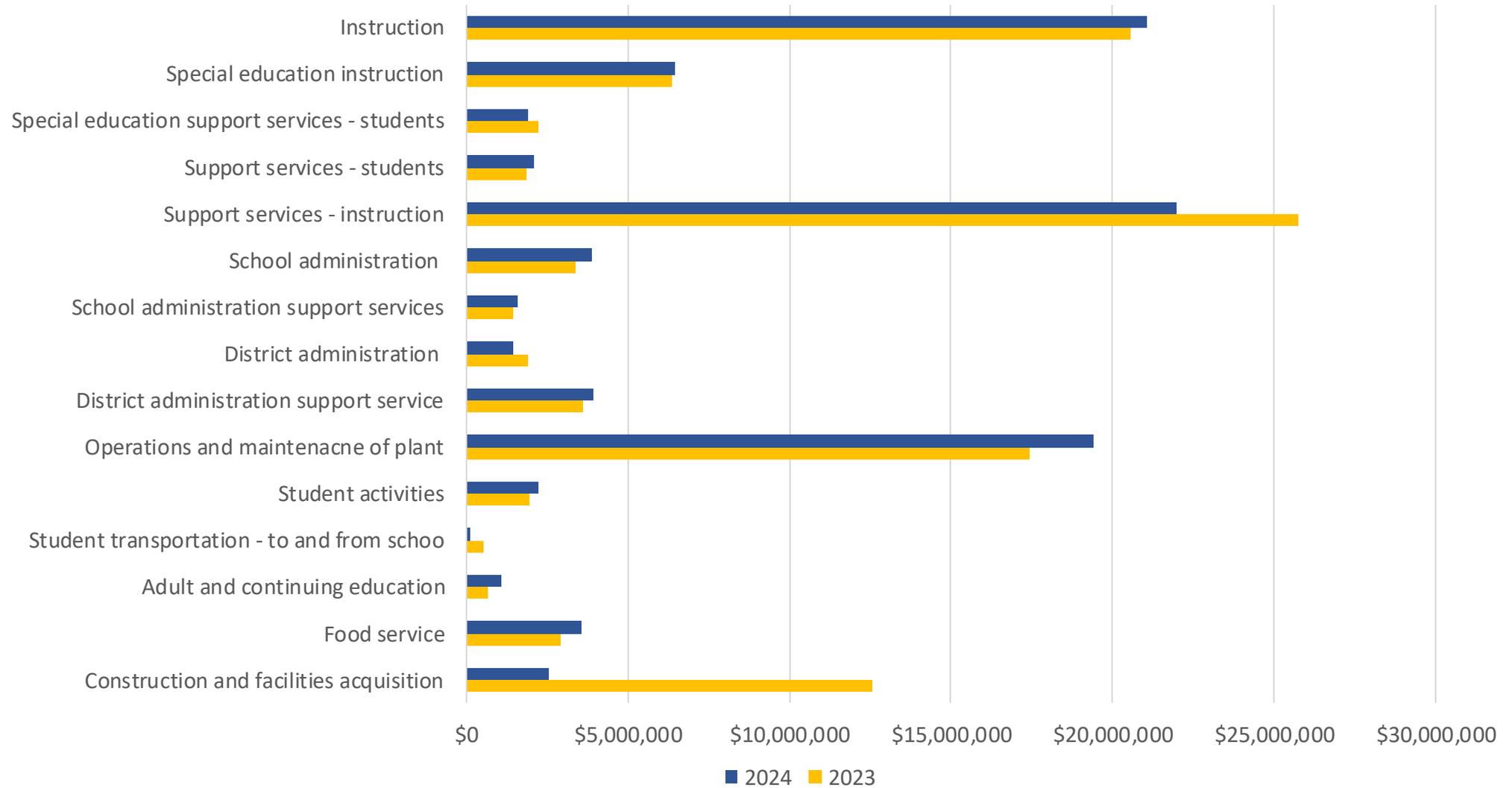
Expenses

Expenses decreased by \$10M

Revenue Detail – Fund Financial



Expenditures Detail – Fund Financial



Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards - excerpt

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards), the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District a component unit of Northwest Arctic Borough, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 17, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statement audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Is a going concern emphasis-of-matter paragraph included in the audit report Yes No

Internal control over financial reporting:
 Material weakness(es) identified? Yes No
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified? Yes None noted

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:
 Material weakness(es) identified (2 CFR 200.516 (a) (1))? Yes No
 Significant deficiency(ies) identified (2 CFR 200.516 (a) (1))? Yes None noted

Any material noncompliance with provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, or grant agreements related to a major program (2 CFR 200.516 (a) (2))? Yes No

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR 200.516 (a) (3) or (4)? Yes No

Identification of major programs:

<u>ALN Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
84.041	Impact Aid
10.553/10.555/10.582	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.215	Innovative Approaches to Literacy
84.184	School Safety Nutritional Activities

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$ 966,669

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes No

Report on Compliance For Each Major Federal Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance as Required by the *Uniform Guidance*– excerpt,

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Northwest Arctic Borough School District’s compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Northwest Arctic Borough School District’s major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Northwest Arctic Borough School District’s major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Federal Schedule of Findings and Questioned costs.

In our opinion, Northwest Arctic Borough School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements of *Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Northwest Arctic Borough School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Northwest Arctic Borough School District’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Northwest Arctic Borough School District’s federal programs.

NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

State Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor’s report issued:

Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness identified? Yes No

Significant deficiency identified? Yes None reported

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?

Yes No

State Financial Assistance

Internal control over major programs:

Material weakness identified? Yes No

Significant deficiency identified? Yes None reported

Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs:

Unmodified

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$1,361,137

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

Yes No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Northwest Arctic Borough School District did not have any findings that related to the financial statements.

Section III – State Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Northwest Arctic Borough School District did not have any findings related to State awards.

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program and Report on Internal Control Over Compliance as Required by the *State of Alaska Audit Guide and Compliance Supplement for State Single Audits - excerpt*

Report on Compliance for Each Major State Program

Opinion on Each Major State Program

We have audited Northwest Arctic Borough School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the State of Alaska Audit Guide and Compliance Supplements that could have a direct and material effect on each of Northwest Arctic Borough School District's major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Northwest Arctic Borough School District's major state programs are identified on the Schedule of State Financial Assistance.

In our opinion, Northwest Arctic Borough School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major state programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major State Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (Government Auditing Standards); and the audit requirements in the State of Alaska Audit Guide. Our responsibilities under those standards and the State of Alaska Audit Guide are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Northwest Arctic Borough School District's and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major state program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Northwest Arctic Borough School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Northwest Arctic Borough School District's state programs.

NORTHWEST ARCTIC BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
(A Component Unit of the Northwest Arctic Borough)

Schedule of Compliance AS 14.17.505

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Total fund balance - School Operating Fund	\$	<u>10,927,573</u>
Less exemptions per 4 AAC 09.160(a):		
Inventory		2,453,411
Prepaid items		1,921,334
Federal impact aid received		<u>3,441,882</u>
		<u>7,816,627</u>
Fund balance subject to 10% limitation	\$	<u>3,110,946</u>

Unreserved fund balance as a percentage of
current year expenditures:

$$\frac{\text{Fund balance subject to limitation}}{\text{Current year expenditures}} = \frac{\$ 3,110,946}{\$ 61,789,319} = \underline{\underline{5.03\%}}$$

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education Members

DATE: November 7, 2024

NUMBER: 25-028

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Approval of FY24 Audited Financial Statements

ABSTRACT:

The board approves Audited Financial Statements

ISSUE:

At issue is the approval of the FY24 Audited Financial Statements.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

The District is required by State law to have an annual audit performed by independent auditors. The annual financial audit is an independent and unbiased examination of the District's financial information. It is required that the FY24 Audited Financial Statements be sent to the Alaska Department of Education and Early Development by November 15th of each year and be approved by the board. Altman, Rogers & Co. presented the FY24 financial statement information and auditor opinions to the Board during the Special November 8, 2024, meeting.

The FY24 Audited Financial Statements cover the operation of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented;
2. Disapprove the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented;
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the Board approve the FY24 Audited Financial Statements as presented.

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: November 7, 2024

NUMBER: 25-029

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adoption of Resolution
25-002; Approval for
recommend to AASB
on the State Board
Appointment

ABSTRACT:

The administration requests approval of a Resolution supporting a resolution from AASB to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

ISSUE:

The Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development board members are appointed by the Governor, confirmed by the Alaska State Legislature, and oversees the state's education system. Board members appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district for adequate representation.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are outlined in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in a joint session. One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas. Appointees from a judicial district should reside in the district they represent as required by law to adequately represent the interests of the school districts within each judicial district. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation.

ALTERNATIVES

1. Adopt Resolution 25-002 approving Resolution supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.
2. Do not approve Resolution 25-002 supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION

1. The administration recommends the Board adopt the Resolution supporting AASB's recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

A RESOLUTION OF

Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education

Resolution 25- 002

A Resolution of the School Board of Education of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District supporting AASB’s recommendation to the Governor and Alaska State Legislature on the appointments of State Board members representing specific judicial districts.

WHEREAS, Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are outlined in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session.

WHEREAS, One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas.

WHEREAS, Appointees from a judicial district should reside in the district they represent as required by law and to adequately represent the interests of the school districts within each judicial district.

WHEREAS, Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Northwest Arctic Borough School District, supports the mission and vision of the Alaska State Board of Education & Early Development and encourages AASB to support that Board members that are appointed to represent a specific judicial district reside in that judicial district for adequate representation.

ADOPTED, November 7, 2024 at a duly convened meeting of the Northwest Arctic Borough School District Board of Education at which a quorum was present and voting:

ATTEST:

Magaret Hansen, NWABSD Board President

Tillie Ticket, NWABSD Secretary

MEMORANDUM

TO: NWABSD Board of Education
Members

DATE: January 24, 2024

NUMBER: 25-030

FR: Office of the Superintendent

SUBJECT: Adoption of
Memorandum 25-030.
Approval of letter to the
Governor and Legislators

ABSTRACT:

The administration requests approval of the letter written in support of the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

ISSUE:

Governor Dunleavy has appointed Kimberly Bergey, a resident of Palmer, as the representative on the State Board of Education from the second judicial district. Kimberly Bergey does not live within the boundaries of the second judicial district. The second judicial district serves the boroughs of Nome, North Slope, and the Northwest Arctic and the school districts within those boundaries.

BACKGROUND AND/OR PERTINENT INFORMATION:

Since March, the seat had been vacant after the term of Unalakleet resident Jeffrey Erickson expired. The governor's website still does not mention that Bergey was appointed to the state school board at all, though it has been more than two months since she was named. Board members who are appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district as required by law and to provide for adequate representation. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation on a statewide board. Requiring board members to live in each judicial district allows the board members to hear directly from the region and its residents about each area's school funding, curriculum, culture, language, and infrastructure needs. As one of the largest states in the USA and with a diverse mix of residents and cultures, it is even more important that all school districts have regional representation.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve Memorandum 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.
2. Do not approve Resolution 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.
3. Take no action.

ADMINISTRATION'S RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends the board approve Memorandum 25-030 in support of the letter to the Governor rescinding the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appointing a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

Re: Letter regarding State Board of Education Appointment

It has recently come to our attention that Governor Dunleavy appointed Kimberly Bergey, a resident of Palmer, as the representative on the State Board of Education from the second judicial district. The second judicial district serves the boroughs of Nome, North Slope and the Northwest Arctic and the school districts within those boundaries. Since March, the seat had been vacant after the term of Unalakleet resident, Jeffrey Erickson expired. The governor's website still does not mention that Bergey was appointed to the state school board at all, though it has been more than two months since she was named.

Appointments to the Alaska State Board of Education are clearly set forth in AS 14.07.085. AS 14.07.085 provides that members of the board shall be appointed by the governor subject to confirmation by a majority of the members of the legislature in joint session. Board members oversee the state's education system. One member shall be appointed from each of the four judicial districts and three from the state at large, with at least one member representing regional education attendance areas.

Board members that are appointed to represent a specific judicial district should reside in that judicial district as required by law and to provide for adequate representation. Representation from each judicial district provides balanced representation from all school districts across the state and is important for equal and fair representation on a statewide board. Requiring board members to live in each judicial district gives the board member the opportunity to hear directly from the region and its residents about each areas school funding, curriculum, cultural, language and infrastructure needs. As one of the largest states in the USA and with a diverse mix of residents and cultures it is even more important that all school districts have regional representation.

We urge Governor Dunleavy to rescind the appointment of Kimberly Bergey and appoint a resident of the second judicial district to the State Board of Education.

Northwest Arctic Borough School District

North Slope Borough

Bering Straits School District

Nome School District