

Florence County School District Three

**November 2024
BOARD MEETING**

FINANCE UPDATES

**Dr. Laura Hickson
Superintendent**

**Hope Gibson, CSBO
Director of Finance**

November 21, 2024

MISSION

Ensuring Our Students are College or Career Ready and are Productive and Responsible Members of Society



2024-2025 DISTRICT GOALS

- 1. To improve the academic success of all students.*
- 2. To ensure the safety of all district schools, offices, students, and staff.*
- 3. To increase the number of students reading on grade level in grades K-3.*
- 4. To recruit, retain, and train excellent instructional and administrative staff.*
- 5. To build effective school, community and business relationships/partnerships.*
- 6. To ensure financial stability.*

October 2024 Financials

GENERAL FUND REPORTS

Linked to the Board Agenda
Posted on the FSD#3 Website

BALANCE OF GENERAL FUND BUDGET

\$34,142,053.00 FY 24-25

Board Approved Use of Fund Balance:

\$2,414,000.00 Balance FY 24-25 General Fund Budget

\$ 163,891.00 Balance from FY 23-24 Band Instr., Repair & Supp.

Board Approved General Fund:

**\$36,719,944.00 FY 24-25 With Approved
Fund Balance**

General Fund Budget By Object Code

REVENUE:					
			7/1/2024		
	LOCAL		\$ 8,887,976.00		
	FUND BALANCE		\$ 2,414,000.00		
	STATE		\$ 7,718,601.00		
	STATE (NEW FORMULA)		\$ 17,308,476.00		
	TRANSFER		\$ 227,000.00		
	TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 36,556,053.00		
EXPENDITURES:					
			7/1/2024	10/31/2024	month: original
	EMPLOYEE SALARIES		\$ 19,255,307.00	\$ 19,147,307.14	\$ (107,999.86)
	EMPLOYEE FRINGE		\$ 10,331,520.00	\$ 10,310,629.94	\$ (20,890.06)
	PURCHASED SERVICES		\$ 4,457,997.00	\$ 4,593,383.65	\$ 135,386.65
	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS		\$ 1,682,217.00	\$ 1,848,581.93	\$ 166,364.93
	EQUIPMENT		\$ 189,686.00	\$ 189,686.00	\$ -
	OTHER OBJECTS		\$ 560,370.00	\$ 560,399.79	\$ 29.79
	TRANSFERS		\$ 78,956.00	\$ 69,955.55	\$ (9,000.45)
	TOTAL EXPENDITURES		\$ 36,556,053.00	\$ 36,719,944.00	\$ 163,891.00

FSD3 Financial Audit Report: Presentation by Auditors

2023-2024

FLORENCE SCHOOL DISTRICT 3

A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE

Presentation of Annual Audit
Results

FLORENCE 3
SCHOOL DISTRICT
A PREMIER DISTRICT OF CHOICE

**MAULDIN
& JENKINS**
*Presentation of Annual
Audit Results*
November 21, 2024
CPAs & ADVISORS

Meeting Agenda

- Engagement Team
- Results of the 2024 Audit
- Financial Trends
- Comments, Recommendations, and Other Issues
- Questions

MAULDIN & JENKINS BY THE NUMBERS



CONSISTENTLY RANKED AS A TOP ACCOUNTING FIRM IN THE U.S.

100+ year
HISTORY
OF QUALITY SERVICE

Serve 725+
GOVERNMENT CLIENTS

GOVERNMENTAL PARTNERS & DIRECTORS **25**



150+ TEAM MEMBERS DEDICATED TO SERVING THE GOVERNMENTAL INDUSTRY



VISION
To be a trusted advisor, earning trust and building respect through our consistent commitment to sustainable excellence, leadership, and integrity.



220+ SINGLE AUDITS PERFORMED LAST YEAR COVERING OVER \$6 BILLION OF FEDERAL GRANTS



156,000+ HOURS ANNUALLY PROVIDED TO GOVERNMENTAL CLIENTS

175+ CURRENT CLIENTS AWARDED THE GFOA CERTIFICATE OF EXCELLENCE

6 STATES | **14** OFFICES



Engagement Team Leaders

- Tim Lyons, Engagement Partner - Adrienne Berg, Sr. Associate - Brian Nicholson QC Reviewer

Results of 2024 Audit

- Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and *Government Auditing Standards (GAS)*
 - Our audit was performed in accordance with GAAS and GAS.
 - We considered the internal control structure for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the District’s basic financial statements and not for the purpose of providing assurance on the internal control structure.
 - Our objective is to provide reasonable—not absolute—assurance that the basic financial statements are free from material misstatement.
 - The basic financial statements are the responsibility of the District’s management.

- Report on 2024 Basic Financial Statements
 - **Unmodified (“clean”) opinion on basic financial statements.**
 - Presented fairly in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
 - Our responsibility does not extend beyond financial information contained in our report.

- Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance in Accordance with GAS
 - **No material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control reported.**
 - **No instances of noncompliance reported.**

Results of 2024 Audit

- Single Audit Required by the Uniform Guidance
 - For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the District was required to undergo a Single Audit as expenditures of federal awards exceeded the \$750,000 threshold required by the Uniform Guidance (approximately \$10,962,000).
 - The District is considered a low-risk auditee and thus only 20% of the total Federal expenditures are required to be audited.
 - The District’s major federal programs are identified in the “Summary of Audit Results” in the Compliance Section of the report – major programs for the year: Title 1, Part A) (\$1,689,393) and Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (“ESSER”) from the Education Stabilization Fund (\$4,141,254).
 - The District’s compliance with statutes, laws, regulations, and requirements applicable to its federal award programs are the responsibility of the District’s management.

- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance
 - **Unmodified (“clean”) opinions on compliance for the District’s major programs.**
 - **No reportable instances of noncompliance nor material weaknesses in internal control over compliance identified.**

Required Communications

- Significant Accounting Policies

- The significant accounting policies used by the District are described in Note 1 to the basic financial statements.
- In considering the policies used by the District, we noted they are in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles and similar government organizations with no significant new policies or qualitative aspects of its policies. The District is not involved in any controversial or emerging issues for which guidance is not available.

- Management Judgment/Accounting Estimates

- The District uses various estimates as part of its financial reporting process – including the allowance for uncollectible accounts and the useful lives assigned to the District’s capital assets.
- Management’s estimates used in preparation of the financial statements were deemed reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole. We considered this information and the qualitative aspects of management’s calculations in evaluating the District’s significant accounting estimates.

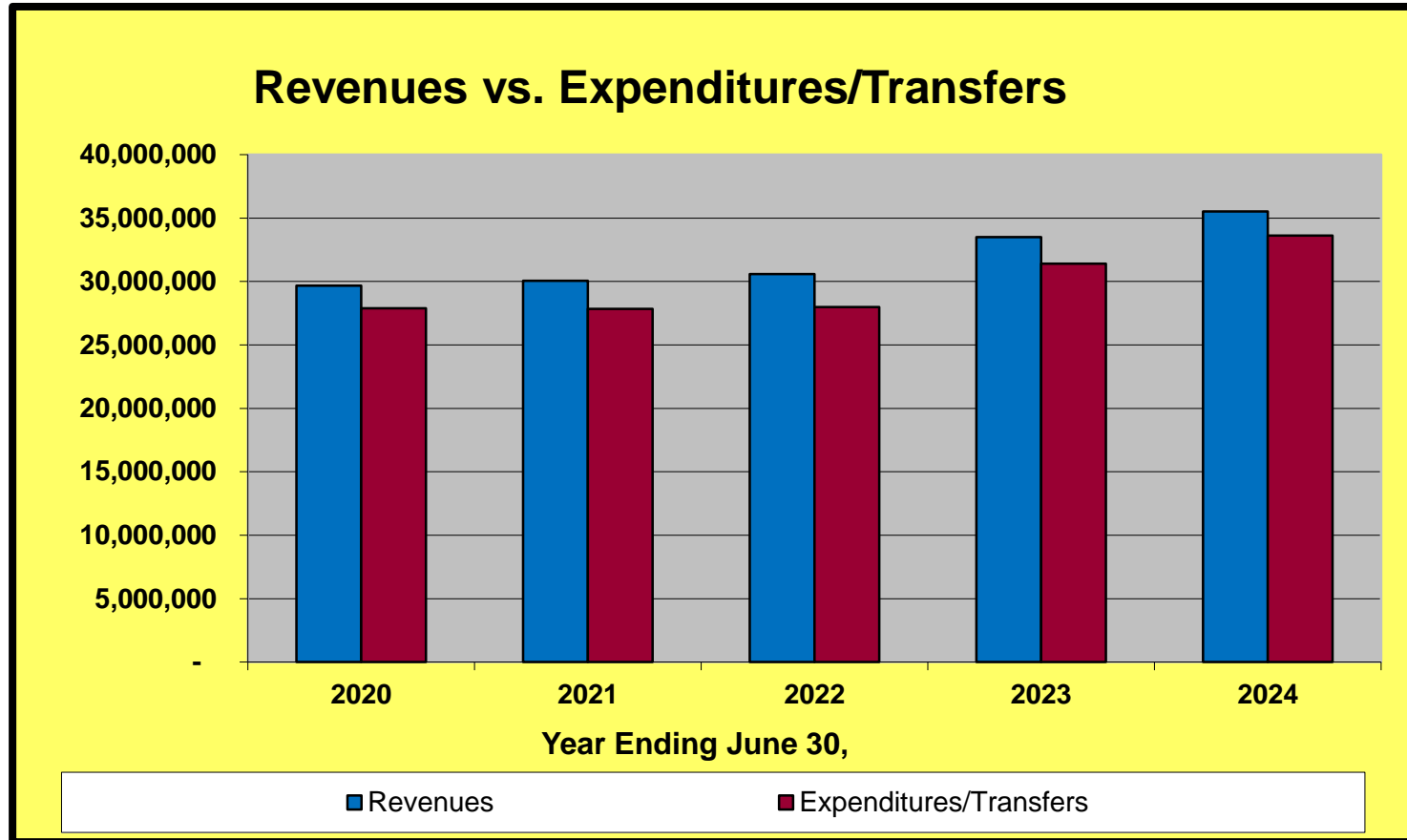
Required Communications (Continued)

- Financial Statement Disclosures
 - The footnote disclosures to the financial statements are also an integral part of the financial statements and the process used by management to accumulate the information included in the disclosures was the same process used in accumulating the statements. The overall neutrality, consistency, and clarity of the disclosures was considered as part of our audit.
- Relationship with Management
 - We received full cooperation from the District’s management and staff.
 - There were no disagreements with management on accounting issues or financial reporting matters.
- Audit Adjustments
 - We had no passed audit adjustments for the current year.
 - Adjustments posted to the District’s financial statements have been provided to management.
- Representation from Management
 - We requested written representations from management relating to the accuracy of information included in the financial statements and the completeness and accuracy of various information requested by us during the audit. Management provided those written representations without a problem.

Required Communications (Continued)

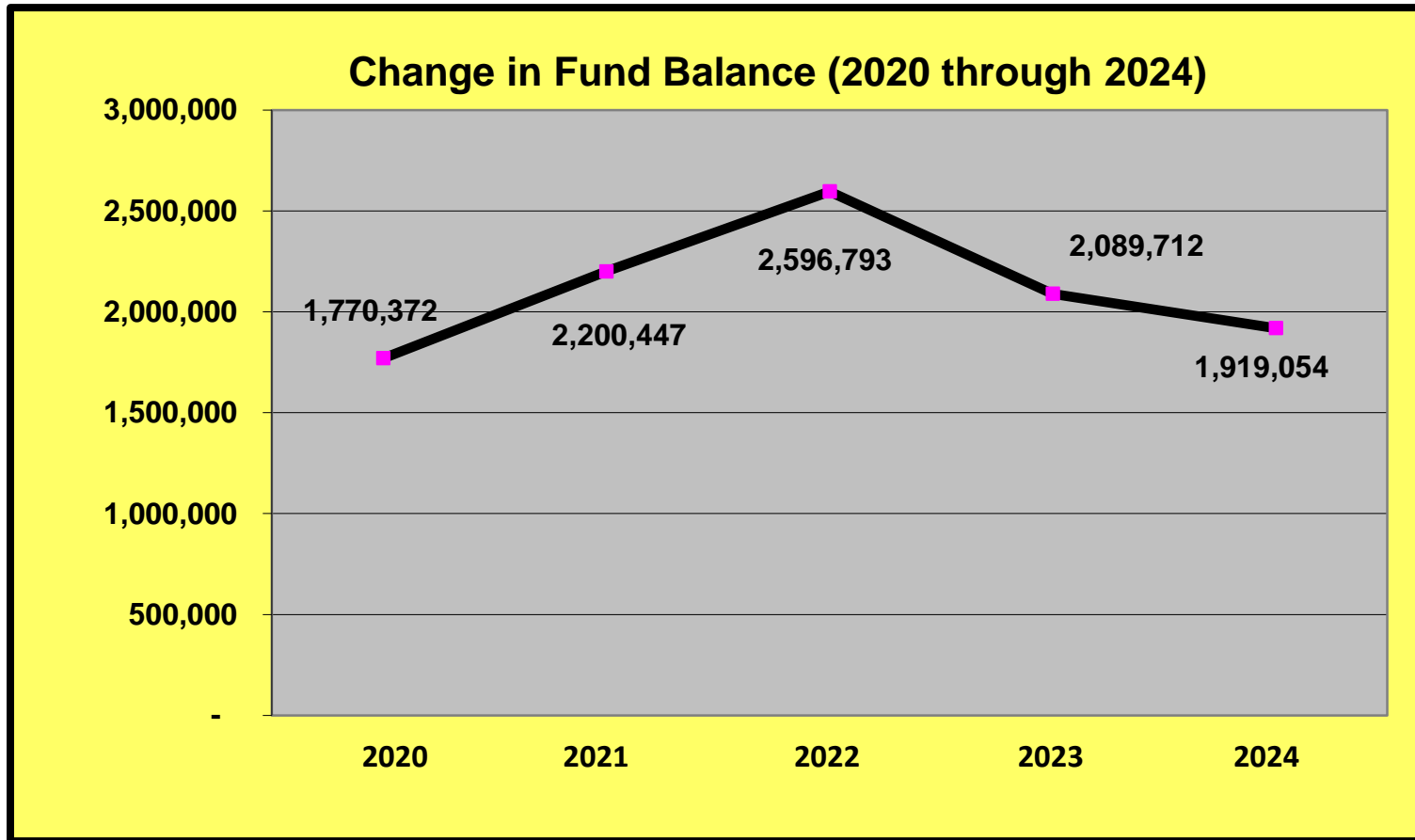
- Consultation with Other Accountants
 - To the best of our knowledge, management has not consulted with, or obtained opinions from, other independent accountants during the year, nor did we face any issues requiring outside consultation.
- Significant Issues Discussed with Management
 - There were no significant issues discussed with management related to business conditions, plans, or strategies that may have affected the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements.
- Information in Documents Containing Audited Financial Statements
 - Our responsibility for other information in documents containing the District’s basic financial statements and our report thereon does not extend beyond the information identified in our report. If the District intends to publish or otherwise reproduce the financial statements and make reference to our firm, we must be provided with printers’ proof for our review and approval before printing. The District must also provide us with a copy of the final reproduced material for our approval before it is distributed.
- Auditor Independence
 - In accordance with AICPA professional standards, Mauldin & Jenkins is independent with regard to the District and its financial reporting process.
 - There were no fees paid to Mauldin & Jenkins for management advisory services during fiscal year 2024 that might effect our independence as auditors.

Financial Trends – General Fund Inflows and Outflows

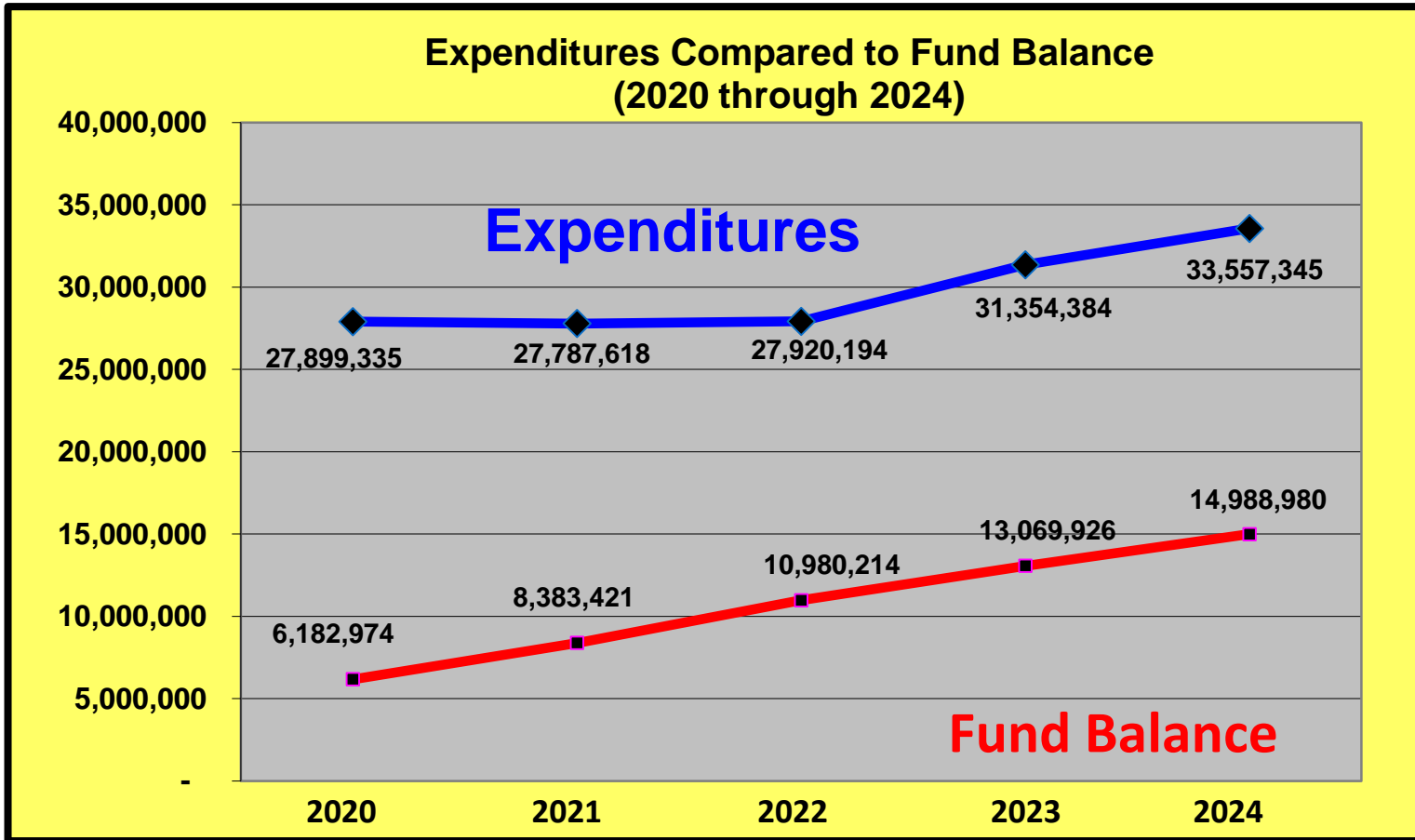


Financial Trends – General Fund

Change in Fund Balance



Financial Trends – General Fund Expenditures vs. Fund Balance



SCDOE requires 8.33% of expenditures in fund balance and 16% is the GFOA recommended minimum amount. At 6/30/2024, the District reports approximately 44.7%.

Comments & Other Matters

■ New GASB Pronouncements for Future Years

- GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, will change how the District recognizes the liability for accrued employee leave. The new standard removes the concept of “vesting” when considering whether or not a liability must be reported and instead, requires the recognition of a liability for compensated absences if it meets three (3) criteria: (1) the leave is related to employee services already performed; (2) the leave accumulates; and (3) the leave will be settled via cash or other nonmonetary means. This new standard will be effective for the District’s fiscal year ending June 30, 2025.

■ Other Matters Currently Being Considered by GASB

- Revenue and expense recognition
- Going concern uncertainty and severe financial stress
- Subsequent events disclosures

Free Client CPE!

FREE QUARTERLY CONTINUING EDUCATION AND NEWSLETTERS FOR GOVERNMENTAL CLIENTS

Free Continuing Education. We provide free quarterly continuing education for all of our governmental clients. Each quarter we pick a couple of significant topics tailored to be of interest to governmental entities. In an effort to accommodate our entire governmental client base, we offer the sessions several times per quarter at a variety of client provided locations resulting in greater networking among our governmental clients. Examples of subjects addressed in the past few quarters include:

- CAFR Preparation - GASB Updates - Grant Accounting Processes and Controls - GASB 68 (Pensions)
- Internal controls over revenue and cash receipting and accounts payable, payroll, and cash disbursements
- American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA) information, issues and updates - Single audits for auditees
- Collateralization of Deposits and Investments - Internal Controls over Accounts Payable, Payroll and Controls
- Policies and Procedures Manuals - Segregation of Duties – GASB 75 (OPEB) – GASB 87 (Leases)
- Data Security and General Information Technology Controls and Best Practices

Communication. In an effort to better communicate our free continuing education plans and newsletters, please email Paige Vercoe at pvercoe@mjcpa.com (send corresponding copy to tlyons@mjcpa.com), and provide to her individual names, mailing addresses, email addresses and phone numbers of anyone you wish to participate and be included in our database.

Conclusion

Comments and Questions?

We appreciate the opportunity to serve the District and look forward to continuing to work with you in upcoming years!