

#### STATE OF ILLINOIS

# OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

Frank J. Mautino, Auditor General

### **SUMMARY REPORT DIGEST**

# REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION # 54 VERMILION COUNTY

FINANCIAL AUDIT Release Date: February 19, 2025

For the Year Ended: June 30, 2024

FINDINGS THIS AUDIT: 1				AGING SCHEDULE OF REPEATED FINDINGS			
				Repeated Since	Category	Category	Category
	New	Repeat	<b>Total</b>		1	2	3
Category 1:	0	0	0				
Category 2:	1	0	1				
Category 3:	0	0	0		No Repeat I	Findings	
TOTAL	1	0	$\overline{1}$				
FINDIN	GS LAS	T AUDIT	: 1				

### **SYNOPSIS**

• (24-1) The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process.

- Category 1: Findings that are **material weaknesses** in internal control and/or a **qualification** on compliance with State laws and regulations (material noncompliance).
- **Category 2**: Findings that are **significant deficiencies** in internal control and/or **noncompliance** with State laws and regulations.
- Category 3: Findings that have no internal control issues but are in noncompliance with federal and/or State laws and regulations.

## REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION # 54 VERMILION COUNTY

## FINANCIAL AUDIT For The Year Ended June 30, 2024

	FY 2024	FY 2023
TOTAL REVENUES	\$1,120,559	\$1,017,507
Local Sources	\$153,164	\$102,023
% of Total Revenues	13.67%	10.03%
State Sources	\$826,902	\$717,420
% of Total Revenues	73.79%	70.51%
Federal Sources	\$140,493	\$198,064
% of Total Revenues	12.54%	19.47%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$701,579	\$734,889
Salaries and Benefits	\$0	\$0
% of Total Expenditures	0.00%	0.00%
Purchased Services	\$76,833	\$100,516
% of Total Expenditures	10.95%	13.68%
All Other Expenditures	\$624,746	\$634,373
% of Total Expenditures	89.05%	86.32%
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TOTAL NET POSITION	\$1,670,171	\$1,251,191
INVESTMENT IN CAPITAL ASSETS	\$15,622	\$20,523

### REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT

During Audit Period: Honorable Aaron Hird

Currently: Honorable Aaron Hird

### FINDINGS, CONCLUSIONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

### INADEQUATE INTERNAL CONTROL OVER THE BANK RECONCILIATION PROCESS

The Regional Office of Education #54 had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process.

The Regional Office of Education #54 (ROE) had inadequate internal control over the bank reconciliation process. The ROE maintains 13 bank accounts. During our audit, we noted 7 of 13 year-end bank reconciliations (54%) have unaccounted variances, ranging from \$2,576 to \$7,588. The ROE subsequently adjusted the financial statements to address these differences.

Effective internal control policies require complete and accurate accounting records of all transactions of the entity. Sound internal controls require bank reconciliations to be performed accurately and promptly, no later than the end of the following month. Reconciling items should be investigated immediately, and adjustments made to the general ledger. Bank reconciliations should also be reviewed and approved by a person independent of the preparer in a timely manner.

Regional Office officials indicated reconciling items were not adjusted due to competing priorities. (Finding 24-001, page 11)

The auditors recommended the ROE should have an individual, independent of the general ledger processes, review the bank reconciliation to ensure agreement to the general ledger.

**ROE Response:** The Regional Office will have an individual who is independent of the general ledger processes review the bank reconciliation to ensure agreement with the general ledger.

#### **AUDITORS' OPINION**

Our auditors state the Regional Office of Education #54's financial statements as of June 30, 2024 are fairly presented in all material respects.

This financial audit was conducted by the firm of Adelfia LLC.

JOE BUTCHER
Division Director

This report is transmitted in accordance with Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

ANK/J. MAUTINC Auditor General

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