HASBROUCK HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BERGEN NEW JERSEY

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

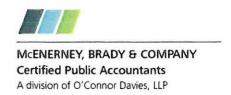
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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Hasbrouck Heights School District County of Bergen, New Jersey 07095

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights School District in the County of Bergen for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2015.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the findings and results thereof are disclosed on the following pages, as listed in the accompanying table of contents.

This report is intended for the information of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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December 21, 2015

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Education, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	Position	Ar	nount
Dina Messery	Board Secretary	\$	25,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made the proper adjustments to the billings to sending districts which properly reflected per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

The State purchase order system is fully operational in that purchase orders are issued for the financial transactions of the Board.

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation except as noted below:

Finding 2015-1:

4 out of 25 vouchers selected for testing were Confirming Orders.

It is recommended that:

Purchase orders be properly prepared prior to ordering of goods or services.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Chief School Administrator and were certified by the President of the Board and Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the current fund except as noted below:

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (continued)

Finding 2015-2:

I-9 forms were not properly filled out or reviewed by employer.

Finding 2015-3:

An employee was given a supervisor stipend of \$1,200, however the employee was not entitled to the stipend and the payment was not Board Approved.

It is recommended that:

All I-9 forms should be properly filled out and reviewed by employer prior to hiring of all employees.

All stipends should be board approved prior to payment.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-2.4. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction error rate was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of accounts and minutes maintained by the Secretary were in excellent condition.

The Treasurer's records were examined and were found to be in agreement with the records of the Secretary.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.), Improving America's Schools Act (I.A.S.A.) Reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The E.S.E.A./NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Title I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

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Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B of this report.

Our audit of the Federal and State funds on a test basis indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

The financial exhibits contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Plan. No exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective April 17, 2000, *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A (Public School Contracts Law) was revised by P.L.1999,c.440 (originally known as Assembly Bill No. 3519). Rules and regulations pertaining to the amended law are to be promulgated by the Division of Local Government Services, with consultation from the Commissioner of Education.

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 is amended to read as follows:

- when the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in the contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the board of education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) of section 9 of P.L.1971, c.198(C.40A:11-9) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$36,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.
- b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999,c.440 takes effect, and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the board of education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.18A:18A-2(pending before the Legislature as section 50 of this bill), and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made.

Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection **a.** of N.J.S.18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

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School Purchasing Programs (continued)

N.J.S.A. 18A-18A-4 (as amended) states, "Every contract or agreement for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law.

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$36,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$18,300.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Within the state budgeting structure and general ledger accounting system, payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies are not accumulated by category type. As such, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.8A:18A-4

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

Within the state budgeting structure and general ledger accounting system, payments are not accumulated for purchases for which the school board used contracts entered into by the State Department of Purchase and Property pursuant to Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were properly computed and filed timely. No exceptions noted.

The district utilizes a food service management company (Maschio's) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the Maschio's contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The Maschio's contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will break even. The operating results provision has been met.

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School Food Service (continued)

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications and/or to the list of directly certified students on file, times the number of operating days, on a school-by-school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. Sites approved to participate in Provisions I and II were examined for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education. No exceptions were noted.

Food Distribution commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G of the CAFR.

Miscellaneous

School Debt as of June 30, 2015

Bonds Outstanding		7,065,000
Equalized Valuation Basis of Real Property		
Year 2012 Year 2013 Year 2014	\$	1,705,602,186 1,668,457,852 1,759,402,042
Average for the Three Year Period	\$\$	1,711,154,027

Net School Debt of \$7,065,000, divided by Average Equalized Valuation Basis of Real Property, \$1,711,154,027 equals 0.413%.

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Equalized Valuation Basis of Real Property (continued)

The following schedule shows the amount of school borrowing power remaining before encroachment on the debt limit of the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights:

Maximum Debt Deductible by the Borough of Hasbrouck Heights for School Purposes (4% Equalized Valuations) \$ 68,446,161

Less: School Debt 7,065,000

Remaining Borrowing Power \$ 61,381,161

Student Activity and Athletic Funds

A cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained in very good condition.

All receipts appear to be promptly deposited in the bank.

Payment authorizations, invoices and other supporting data were presented and available for audit.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of the information reported in the October 15, 2014, Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

The District has adequate procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2014-2015 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

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Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. Based on our review, the District complied with these procedures.

Follow-Up on Prior Year's Findings

The minutes indicate that the Report on the Examination of Accounts for the 2014-2015 fiscal year was reviewed by the Board, a synopsis thereof distributed at a public meeting and public discussion held.

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

Recommendations

Finding:

1. 4 out of 25 vouchers selected for testing were Confirming Orders.

Recommendation:

Purchase orders be properly prepared prior to ordering of goods or services.

Finding:

2. I-9 forms were not properly filled out or reviewed by employer.

Recommendation:

All I-9 forms should be properly filled out and reviewed by employer prior to hiring of all employees.

Finding:

3. An employee was given a supervisor stipend of \$1,200, however the employee was not entitled to the stipend and the payment was not Board Approved.

Recommendation:

All stipends should be board approved prior to payment.

<u>Acknowledgement</u>

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Livingston, New Jersey December 21, 2015

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	2014-201	5 Application	for State Sci	hool Aid (10/	15/14 data	1)		Sample for Verification Private Schools for			or Disabled	r Disabled					
		orted on		ted on				Sam	ple	Verif	fied per	Erro	rs per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.:	S.S.A.	Work	papers			5	Selected	d from	Reg	gisters	Regi	sters	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	Oı	n Roll		Roll		Errors		Workp	apers	On	Roll	On	Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared		Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool																	
Full Day Preschool																	
Half Day Kindegarten																	
Full Day Kindergarten	119		119		1.5		-	18		18		-					
One	124		124		2		-	19		19		-					
Two	141		141				-	21		21		2					
Three	142		142				12	21		21		14					
Four	135		135					20		20							
Five	128		128		12		14	19		19		14					
Six	128		128		2			19		19		2					
Seven	116		116		12			17		17		2					
Eight	123		123					18		18		12					
Nine	112		112		12		_	17		17							
Ten	148		148				12	22		22							
Eleven	115		115				4	17		17							
Twelve	109		109				-	17		17		- 2					
Post-Graduate	107		107							**							
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																	
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																	
Subtotal	1,640	0	1,640		0		0	245	0	245		0	0	0	0	0	0
Subtotal	1,040		1,040	0				243	0	243		U		v	U	Ü	U
Special Ed - Elementary	96		96			ie.		14		14		17					
Special Ed - Middle School	68		68		-	, -		10		10		-					
Special Ed - High School	64		64					10		10							
Sent to CSSD																	
Subtotal	228	0	228	0	0		0	34	0	34		0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc Regular																	
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																	
Totals	1,868	0	1,868	0	0		0 :	279	0	279	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
								(a)	(a)						(c)		
Percentage Erro	or				0.00%	0.0						0.00%	0.00%		,-,		0.00%
							-				-						

Notes to Auditor:

⁽a) Sample size obtained from table in Section I, Chapter 3 of the Audit Program. Amount tested for each category obtained from workpapers provided by district.

⁽b) Sample size based on related services students from on roll sample size.

⁽c) Sample size based on total contracts using the table in Section I, Chapter 3 of the Audit Program.

⁽d) Sample size based on related services students from private schools sample size.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

		Low Income		Sample for Verification					
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors			
and the second second	,								
Half Day Preschool									
Full Day Preschool									
Half Day Kindegarten	TOTAL TOTAL	9.01	701						
Full Day Kindergarten	15	15	0	11	11	0			
One	22	22	0	14	14	0			
Two	26	26	0	13	13	0			
Three	24	24	0	13	13	0			
Four	14	14	0	15	15	0			
Five	22	22	0	9	9	0			
Six	17	17	0	14	14	0			
Seven	20	20	0	12	12	0			
Eight	18	18	0	14	14	0			
Nine	25	25	0	16	16	0			
Ten	30	30	0	12	12	0			
Eleven	15	15	0	9	9	0			
Twelve	15	15	0	11	11	0			
Post-Graduate									
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)									
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)									
Subtotal	263	263	0	163	163	0			
Special Ed - Elementary	25	25	0	16	16	0			
Special Ed - Middle School	20	20	0	11	11	0			
Special Ed - High School	12	12	0	8	8	0			
Sent to CSSD				Ü		Ü			
Subtotal	57	57	0	35	35	0			
Co. Voc Regular									
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.									
Totals	320	320	0	198	198	0			
. Otto									
Percentage Error			0.00%	(e)	12	0.00%			
			Transpo	ortation					
	Reported on	Reported on							
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by							
	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors			
Reg Public Schools	41.0	41.0	0	31.0	31.0	0			
Transported - Special						0			
Special Needs - Public	3.0	3.0	0	2.0	2.0	0			
Special Needs - Private	46.0	46.0	0	35.0	35.0	0			
Totals	90	90	0	68	68	0			
				(f)					
Percentage Error			0.00%	207		0.00%			

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus				
2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ 2	29,863,654		
Increased by: Transfer to Food Service Fund Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund				
Decreased by: On-Behalf of TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases		2,636,779 382,243		
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 2	26,844,632		
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$	536,893 321,106		
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance			\$	857,999
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2015	\$	2,324,502		
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		216,060		
Other Reserved Fund Balances Assigned - Designated for Subsequent's Year's Expenditures		1,386,416 247,841		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance				474,185
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			\$	(383,814)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015				
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus			\$	247,841
Total			\$	247,841
Detail of Allowable Adjustments				
Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid			\$	321,106
Total Adjustments			\$	321,106
Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance				
Reserve for Tuition Maintenance Reserve Capital Reserve				184,504 1,201,912 1,386,416