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COUNTY OF BERGEN
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November 14, 2015

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Haworth Board of Education County of Bergen, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Board of Education of the Haworth Borough School District in the County of Bergen for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 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 letter does not affect our report dated November 14, 2015, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments, recommendations and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This report is intended for the information of the Haworth Borough School District'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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Certified Public Accountant

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, 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

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

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	Position	Coverage
Patricia DeRiso	Business Administrator	\$ 200,000
Rebecca Overgaard	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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 Superintendent and certified by the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed in a timely manner.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:16.2(f) 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 testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting as a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

No Child Left Behind (N.C.L.B.)

The N.C.L.B. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the District's CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The study of compliance for the N.C.L.B. did not indicate any area of noncompliance.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the CAFR.

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

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T.P.A.F Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. NO exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2015. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

- a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a 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. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. 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.A. 18A:18A-2, 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 "
- N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract 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 contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. General compliance was noted.

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 provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

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

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

The system of records did not provide for an accumulation of 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 District does not participate in a federal or state lunch program. The parent organization within the District provides lunches to students who wish to participate. There are no funds which pass through the school for school food service activities.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2014 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual and low income students. 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 on a test basis without exceptions. 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 written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2014-15 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS.

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Pupil Transportation (Cont'd)

Eligibility Summary Report with offsetting exceptions. 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.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending.

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 and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

Management Suggestions:

Single Audit

Effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, there will be significant changes to the Single Audit. These changes include the following:

- An increase in the single audit threshold
- Low risk auditee criteria
- Type A and B threshold
- Coverage requirements for major programs tested for both low risk and non-low risk auditees.

Additionally, the cost principles and administrative requirements such as A-87 have been consolidated under the *OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards.* This guidance was effective December 26, 2014 for all new federal awards and for any additional funding for existing awards made after December 26, 2014.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements:

The next Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") statement which will have a significant impact on the District will be GASB#75, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions, will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This standard replaces GASB#45, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions. It is similar to GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions GASB#68 in that successful implementation of this standard will require the provision of certain key financial and non-financial information from the New Jersey Division of Pensions.

Deferred Compensation Plans

The District has a fiduciary responsibility to its employees related to the deferred compensation plans offered by the District. The District should consider a periodic review of the benefits, features, costs, and performance of its deferred compensation plans and make that information available to employees to assist employees in making suitable choices for investing their retirement funds while fulfilling the District's fiduciary responsibilities.

Independent Contractors vs. Employees

The District should consider reviewing the status of "Independent Contractors" utilized by the District with Internal Revenue Service guidelines for determination of employment status. The IRS has been reviewing employers, including governments, to determine compliance. A proactive approach may help to minimize or eliminate potential penalties related to incorrect employment status determination.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendations regarding the analysis of balance for payroll agency account, the Board Secretary and Treasurer's reports being in agreement, and the updating of the capital asset listing have all been addressed in the current year, and are not included in current audit report.

	2015-2016 Application for State School Aid					Sample for Verification						
	Repor	rted on	Repo	rted on			Sar	nple	Verif	ied per		
	AS	SA	Workpapers		papers		Selected from		Registers			
	On	Roll	On	Roll	Er	rors	Work	papers	On	Roll	En	cors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Kindergarten	36		36				36		36			
Grade One	40		40				40		40			
Grade Two	40		40				40		40			
Grade Three	44		44				44		44			
Grade Four	39		39				39		39			
Grade Five	38		38				38		38			
Grade Six	43		43				43		43			
Grade Seven	45		45				45		45			
Grade Eight	47		47				47		47			
Subtotal	372		372			•	372		372			
Special Education:												
Elementary	16		16				2		2			
Middle	19		19				2		2			
Subtotal	35		35				4		4			
Totals	407	-0-	407	-0-	-0-	-0-	376	-0-	376	0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

		Private Schools for Disabled Resident Low Incom					Low Income					
	Reported on ASSA	Reported on Workpapers		Sample			Reported on ASSA	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to Application	
	as Private	as Private		for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	and	Sample
	Schools	Schools	Errors	Verficiation	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Grade One												
Grade Two												
Grade Three												
Grade Four												
Grade Five												
Grade Six												
Subtotal	***************************************											
Special Education:												
Elementary School	2	2		1	1							
Middle School	2	2										
Subtotal	4	4		1	1							
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	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	<u> </u>	
	ASSA as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not	as LEP Not		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Low Income	Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
						
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1				
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Two	2	2		1	1	
Grade Three	1	1				
Grade Four	1	1		1	1	
Grade Five	1	1				
Grade Six	1	1				
Grade Eight	1	1				
Subtotal	9	9		3	3	***************************************
Special Education:						
Elementary School	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
	4.0	10		4		
Totals	10	10		4	4	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

Transportation Reported Reported on DRTRS on DRTRS by DOE by District Tested Verified **Errors Errors** Transported - Non Public 6.0 6.0 2 2 AIL - Non Public 15.0 15.0 3 3 Special Needs - Public 4.0 (4.0)1 1 Special Needs - Private 4.0 4.0 (1.0)**Totals** 6 25.0 25.0 4.0 6 Percentage Error 16.00% 0.17%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	6.5	6.5
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	6.5	6.5
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	5.7	5.7

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HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Regular District

Section 1

2% Calculation	n of	Excess	Surplus
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2014.15 T. 1 C. 1 P. 1 P. 1 C. 1 CAPP P. C. 1	0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0
2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$ 8,397,190 (B)
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 327,336 (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 847,762 (B1b)
Decreased by:	\$ 647,702 (B10)
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$ 781,756 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 781,756 (B2a) \$ -0- (B2b)
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Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	Ф 7.615.424 (D2)
[(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 7,615,434 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	
[(B5) times .02]	\$ 152,309_(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 250,000 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ 34,549 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 284,549 (M)
Section 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/15	\$ 1,303,496 (C)
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	
Decreased by:	
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 172,695 (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent	
Year's Expenditures	\$ -0- (C2)
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent	
Year's Expenditures	\$ 386,452 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ 459,801 (C4)
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent	
Year's Expenditures	\$ -0- (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 284,548 (U)
Section 3	

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$	-0- (C3) -0- (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]		-0- (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$	-0- (H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$	-0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$	31,939 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	_\$_	2,610 (J2)
Total Adjustments (H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)		34,549 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances		
Statutory Restrictions:		
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$	-
Sale/Lease-back Reserve	\$	-
Capital Reserve (N-1)	\$	459,801
Maintenance Reserve (N-2)	\$	-
Tuition Reserve (N-3)	\$	-
Emergency Reserve (N-4)	\$	-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	_\$_	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance		459,801 (C-4)

HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

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