# HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH JUNE 30, 2015

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### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Henry Hudson Regional School District Highlands, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the comptroller General of the United States, the general purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Henry Hudson Regional School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 3, 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 Henry Hudson Regional 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.

Licensed Public School Accountant
No. 322

ROBERT A. HULSART AND COMPANY

December 3, 2015

# <u>ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING</u>

### **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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20; Insurance Schedule contained in the district's <u>CAFR</u>.

### Officials Bond

<u>Name</u>	Position	Amount_
Janet Sherlock	Board Secretary/School Business	
	Administrator	200,000,00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond under the blanket policy covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.00.

### **Tuition Charges**

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

### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

### **Examination of Claims**

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

### **Payroll Account**

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 Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No exceptions were noted.

### **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, a transaction error rate of 0% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

## Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001)

The E.S.E.A. No Child Left Behind financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I and Title IIA.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

### 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.

### Other Special Federal and/or State Projects (Continued)

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.

The study of compliance for the special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

### **School Purchasing Programs**

### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2010 N.J.S. 18A:18A-3 was amended to read as follows:

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 \$26,000.00 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 \$36,000.00. 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. Effective July 1, 2010, the quotation threshold was increased to \$3,900 and \$5,400, respectively.

Janet Sherlock has been designated Purchasing Officer by the Board of Education with the bid threshold at \$36,000 and the quote threshold at \$5,400.

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. N.J.S. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

N.J.S. 18A:18A-4 is amended to read as follows:

### **School Purchasing Programs (Continued)**

### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

a. 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 threshold in accordance with N.J.S.A. Transportation 18A:39-3 is currently \$17,200.00.

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.

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. 18A:18A-4.

### **School Food Service Fund**

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed, and meals claimed agreed with meal count records.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days. The free and reduced price meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

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

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District deposited and expended program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. 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.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section B-4-B-6.

The 2014-15 operations produced a net loss of \$21,489.

### **GAAP** Accounting Implementation

The school district's double entry system of accounting records were maintained in accordance with the Department of Education's prescribed <u>GAAP Technical Systems Manual</u>, pursuant to <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18:A4-14 and <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:20-2A.

### **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2013 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 written procedures appear to be adequate 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 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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exception were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

### Student Body Activities/Athletic Account

### **Student Activities**

During our review of the student activity funds, no exceptions were noted.

### Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year audit findings.

### Acknowledgment

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.

<ul><li><u>2% Calculation of Excess Surplus</u></li><li>2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the CAFR</li></ul>	\$ 8,368,062
Decreased by: On Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	(600,011)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 7,768,051
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 155,361</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000 Increased by Allowable Adjustments	\$ 250,000 
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 255,742
Section 2 Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-15	\$ 2,903,714
Decreased by: Legally Restricted: Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures – Excess Surplus Other Restricted Reserved Fund Balances Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures	(839,782) (650,826) (6,808)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,406,298</u>
Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	\$ 1,150,556
Section 3 Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures Excess Surplus	\$ 839,782 
Detail of Allowable Adjustments Non-Public Transportation	<u>\$ 5,742</u>
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance Maintenance Reserve Capital Reserve	\$ 325,000 <u>325,826</u>
	<u>\$ 650,826</u>

### HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

### **ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014**

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	2015-16 Application for State School Aid							Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Handicapped			
	Reported On Reported on				Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verif	fied Per Errors Per Regi		er Registers	Reported On						
	A.S.S.A. on Roll		Workpapers on Roll				Errors		Registers on Roll		on Roll		A.S.S.A. as	Sample for	Sample	Sample	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors	
Seven	45	***************************************	45			-	45		45								
Eight	39		39				39		39								
Nine	40		40				40		40								
Ten	36		36				36		36								
Eleven	29	1	29	1			29	1	29	1							
Twelve	52	4	52	4			52	4	52	4							
Subtotal	241	5	241	5	0	0	241	5	241	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Special Ed Middle School	17		17				17		17								
Special Ed High School	45	6	45	6			45	6	45	6			4	4	4		
Subtotal	62	6	62	6	0	0	62	6	62	6	0	0	4	4	4	0	
Co. Voc Regular																	
Co. Voc Ft. Post Sec.														***************************************			
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Totals	303	11	303	11	0	0	303	11	303	11	0	0	4	4	4	0	
Percentage Error						0%					0%	0%				0%	

### HENRY HUDSON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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### **ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014**

		Low Income		San	nple for Verificatio	n	Resider	nt LEP Not Low Inco	ome	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	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP	Reported on Workpapers as LEP	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Test Score & Register	Sample Errors	
Seven	11	11	******************	8	8								
Eight	6	6		4	4		1	1		1	1		
Nine	15	15		10	10								
Ten	10	10		8	8								
Eleven	3	3		2	2								
Twelve	12	12		11	11	***************************************	2	2		2	2		
Subtotal	57	57	0	43	43	0	3	3	0	3	3	0	
Special Ed Middle School	5	5		4	4								
Special Ed High School	23	23		18	18								
Subtotal	28	28	0	22	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Totals	85	85	0	65	65	<u> </u>	3	3	0	3	3	0	
Percentage Ептог						O°/₀			0%			0%	
Resident LEP - Low Income													
		ent LEP - Low Incom	e		Sample for Verification								
	Reported on A.S.S.A.	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	0							
	as LEP	Workpapers as LEP	Errors	Selected From Workpapers	Test Score & Register	Sample Errors							
Nine	2	2	Lituis	vvoi kpapers	2.	EITOIS							
Ten	1	1		1	1								
100	3		0	3	3								
Percentage Error			0%			0%							
TRANSPORTATION													
	Reported on	Reported on											
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by											
	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors				Reported	Recalculated		
Reg Public Schools	146.5	146.5		146.5	146.5			ular Including Grade I		6.28	6.28		
Transported - Non-Public	24	24		24	24		Avg. Mileage - Spe	cial Ed. With Special	Needs	13.9	13.9		
Special Ed Regular	22.5	22.5		22.5	22.5								
Special Needs - Private	1	1		1	1								
Totals	194	194	0	194	194	0							
Percentage Error						0%							