

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

JUNE 30, 2015



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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Hopewell Valley Regional School District County of Mercer, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, County of Mercer for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 11, 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 and use of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District's management and Board members, 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 11, 2015 Iselin, New Jersey

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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, the activities of the Board of Education, and 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 J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's CAFR.

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>A</u>	mount
Robert Colavita	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$	120,000
James Bartolomei	Treasurer of School Moneys		400,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were more (less) than estimated costs. The District 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:23A-17.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicated no discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification 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/Business Administrator.

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Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school monies with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

Employee Position Control Roster

A review of the Position Control Roster found it to be consistent with payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports) and the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction).

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 and no exceptions were identified.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-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 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-8.3. 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.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary did not identify any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

No exceptions were noted during our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer.

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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 (NCLB)

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 Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A (K-3) and B (K-4) 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.

The study of compliance for the other special projects indicated no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with OMB Circular A-133 or NJ OMB 15-08.

T.P.A.F. 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 Fund. No exceptions were noted.

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

The school district was not required to reimburse the state for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district as no employees salaries were identified as being paid from federal funds.

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School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3 are \$36,000 (the Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is currently \$18,300 for 2014-15.

The District 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 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 goods or services, 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, as amended.

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

School Food Service

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

The cash receipts and bank records were reviewed on a test basis for timely deposit. No exceptions were noted.

The District utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) 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 FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return a profit of at least \$75,000. The operating results provision has not been met, due to the District not meeting certain guarantee requirements.

Expenses were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified on a test basis.

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Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used. No exceptions were noted.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenses for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expense 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.

Payroll records were maintained for all School Food Service employees by Pomptonian.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records on a test basis. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner. No exceptions were noted.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy and no exceptions noted. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications and/or 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. There were no sites participating in Provisions I or II. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review. No exceptions were noted.

USDA Food Donation Program (food and/or commodities) were received and utilized. A single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

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

Student Body Activities

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

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of 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 also verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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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 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 testing, 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 exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreement for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the capital reserve account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted.

Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2014-15 fiscal year.

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.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

<u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014</u>

	2015-2016	Application f	or State Sch	ool Aid					Sample	for Verific	ation		Priv	ate Schools fo	r Disabled	
		orted on	Repor				Sam		Verifie			rors per	Reported on	Sample		
		S.S.A.	Work				Selecte		Regis			egisters	A.S.S.A. as	for		· ·
		Roll	On I		001747	Errors	Workp		On F			n Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool	35		35				20		20							
Full Day Preschool	55		55				20		20							
Half Day Kindegarten	186		186				48		48							
Full Day Kindergarten																
One	232		232				48		48							
Two	210		210				64		64							
Three	217		217				66		66							
Four	221		221				59		59							
Five	239		239				47		47							
Six	241		241				241		241							
Seven	237		237				237		237							
Eight	262		262				262		262							
Nine	258		258				258		258							
Ten	282		282	0			282		282							
Eleven Twelve	269 288	9	269 288	9			269 288	9	269 288	9						
Post-Graduate	288	3	288	3			288	2	288	2						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	3,177	12	3,177	12	95/		2 190	11	2,189	11						
Subtotai	3,177	12	3,177	12			2,189	11	2,189	11	: 	-	-		•	•
Special Ed - Elementary	191		191				52		52				8	6	6	
Special Ed - Middle School	112		112				112		112				3	3	3	
Special Ed - High School	124	9	124	9			124	9	124	9			17.5	16	16	
Subtotal	427	9	427	9			288	9	288	9			28.5	25	25	
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	3,604	21	3,604	21	-		2,477	20	2,477	20		-	28.5	25	25	
Percentage Erro	or				0.00%	0.00%	2				0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	1	Resident Low Income		Sa	mple for Verification		Resident LEP Low Income		Sample for V	erification		
	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 low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten	6	6		4	4		2	2		2	2	
Full Day Kindergarten												
One Two	5	5		5	5		2	2		2	2	
Three	2	2		2	2							
Four	12	12		11	11							
Five	7	7		6	6							
Six	6	6		6	6							
Seven	7	7		6	6							
Eight	7	7		1	1							
Nine	5	5		5	5							
Ten Eleven	5 5.5	5 5.5		2	2							
Twelve	3.3	4		4	4							
Post-Graduate	7				3							
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	76.5	76.5	-	63	63	-	4	4		4	4	-
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal	10 3 10.5 23.5	10 3 11 23.5		3 3 7	3 3 7 13							
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	100.0	100.0		76	76_		4	4		4	4	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		-	0.00%			0.00%
referringe Error			0.0076			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%
			Trans	portation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by		Fille McCount CD	Colorado Calendar No.	Date (mark 19)						
	District	DOE/county	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Reg Public Schools, col a	1,828.0	1,828.0		209	209						Reported	Recalculated
Reg -SpEd, col.4	264.0	264.0		30	30		Reg Avg (Mileage)	= Regular Including C	Grade PK stud	dents (Part A)	4.6	4.6
Transported - Non-Public, col.	352.0	352.0		40	40		Reg Avg (Mileage)	= Regular Excluding	Grade PK stu		4.6	4.6
Special Ed Spec, col.6	101.0	101.0		12	12_		Spec Avg. = Specia	l Ed with Special Nee	eds		11.2	11.2
Totals	2,545.0	2,545.0	-	291	291							
B						2000						
Percentage Error						0.00%						

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

<u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014</u>

	Reside	nt LEP NOT Low Income		Sample for Verification					
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors			
Half Day Preschool									
Full Day Preschool	2	19			120				
Half Day Kindegarten	3	3		3	3				
Full Day Kindergarten									
One	1	1							
Two	2	2		2					
Three Four	2	2		2	2				
Five									
Six	1	,		1	1				
Seven	1	ı		1	1				
Eight	1	1		1	1				
Nine	i	1		i	i				
Ten		•			· •				
Eleven									
Twelve									
Post-Graduate									
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)									
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)									
Subtotal	9	9	•	8	8				
Special Ed - Elementary			-						
Special Ed - Middle									
Special Ed - High			-						
Subtotal		·				·			
Co. Voc Regular									
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.									
Totals	9	9	-	8	8				
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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SECTION 1 - Regular District

B. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$ 77,231,755	(B)
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund		(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular		(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion		(B1d)
		,
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 6,746,475	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 48,610	(B2b)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B) + (B1s) - (B2s)]	\$ 70,445,257	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures		
[(B3) times .02]	\$ 1,408,905	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 1,408,905	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 427,969	(K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 1,836,874	(M)
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2015		(0)
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 7,360,540	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 285,002	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	<u> </u>	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent		
Year's Expenditures**		(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 4,058,841	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for		
Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 1,180,282	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		
[(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 1,836,415	(U1)
	- 1,020,712	(3.)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***		
[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	<u>-</u> (E))
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015		
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ - (C	3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	<u>\$</u> - (E))
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ - (D))

Footnotes:

- * Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:
 - (H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, effective for the year ending June 30, 2015 the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);
 - (I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);
 - (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
 - (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
 - (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
 - (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ -	(H)
Sales & Lease-back	\$ -	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 375,103	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 52,866	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ 	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ -	(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ 427,969	(K)

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2014 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.
- *** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2015 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.
- **** Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

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Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ •
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$ -
Capital reserve	\$ 3,970,353
Maintenance reserve	\$ 88,488
Emergency reserve	\$
Tuition reserve	\$ -
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	\$ -
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	\$ 2
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ -
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$ -
Lectors and any and any and any any and any	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 4,058,841