HOWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

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AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Howell Township School District County of Monmouth, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government</u> <u>Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the comptroller General of the United States, the general-purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Howell Township School District in the County of Monmouth, for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 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 Howell Township 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 18, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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	<u>Amount</u>
Ronald Sanasac, Jr.	Board Secretary/School	
	Business Administrator	\$ 50,000
Debra Pappagallo	Treasurer	500,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.00.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less then 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: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, 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/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

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.

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

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

"a. Any purchase, contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring or materials or supplies, the cost or price or which, together with any other sums expended or foreseeably to be expended for the performance of any work or services in connection with the same project or the furnishing of similar materials or supplies during the same fiscal year paid with or out of school funds, does not exceed the total sum of \$7,500.00 or the amount determined pursuant to subsection b. of this section, in the fiscal year or, in the case of purchases that are not annually recurring, in a period of one year may be made, negotiated and awarded by a contracting agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefor.

b. Commencing January 1, 1983 and every two years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount set forth in subsection a. of this section in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the consumer price index for all urban consumers in the New York City and the Philadelphia areas as reported by the United States Department of Labor. The Governor shall notify all local school districts of the adjustment. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is reported."

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of school funds, not included within the terms of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, shall be made and awarded only by the board of education after public advertising for ids and bidding therefor, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or calculated by the Governor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, except by contract or agreement."

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (as amended) and 18A:39-3 is \$26,000.00 and 17,200.00 respectively. The Business Administrator is a Certified Purchasing Agent, which permits contracts to \$36,000.00 without advertisement for bids per N.J.S.A. 18A:18a-3(a). As of July 1, 2013 the transportation bid Threshold was increased to \$18,300.

As of July 1, 2010 the quotation threshold was increased to 15% of the bid threshold.

The board of education has the responsibility of detailing 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.

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.

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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-4 except as follows:

Review of Expenditures

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

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 Chapter 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained.

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 milks claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

Applications for free and reduced price milk were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price milks claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk 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. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education.

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

Operations for 2014-2015 resulted in a change in net position of \$(210,367) for the year ended June 30, 2015.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are B-4 thru B-6.

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, lowincome, 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our procedures 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 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 EDA grant agreement for consistency with recording EDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

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.

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.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed no reportable conditions.

<u>Finding 2015-01</u>: The Board Secretary's Report and subsidiary reports required adjustments. Some transactions were not recorded into the accounting records in a timely manner. Some problems relate to ongoing system integration issues.

<u>Recommendation 2015-01</u>: The Board Secretary's Report should be reviewed and proven on a monthly basis and agree to the subsidiary reports; all transactions should be recorded in a timely manner. Final integration should be expedited to allow regular proof.

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

The E.S.E.A. 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 II, Title IIA and Title III of the E.S.E.A.

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

Treasurer's Records

<u>Finding 2015-02</u>: The Treasurer's Report required adjustments at June 30th to bring it in to proof with the Board Secretary's report due to ongoing integration issues.

<u>Recommendation 2015-02</u>: Adjustments were finalized; however, the District and Treasurer should continue to ensure that the reports are in agreement. Final integration should be expedited.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

The recommendation relating to the Treasurer is awaiting final resolution.

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.

<u>2% Calculation of Excess Surplus</u> 2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the CAFR	\$ 112,587,596
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(9,938,643)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 102,648,953</u>
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,052,979</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000 Increased by Allowable Adjustment	\$ 2,052,979 <u>125,009</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 2,177,988
Section 2 Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-15	\$ 15,087,129
Decreased by: Reserved by Encumbrances Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures – Excess Surplus Other Reserves Reserve for Capital Leases	(3,319,833) (500,000) (2,500,000) (3,428,463) (635,664)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 4,703,169</u>
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 2,525,181</u>
Section 3 Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus	\$ 2,500,000
Detail of Allowable Adjustments Non Public Transportation Extraordinary Aid	\$ 32,052 92,957
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ 125,009</u>
Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balances Maintenance Reserve Capital Reserve	\$ 3,428,462 <u>1</u> \$ 3,428,463
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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Sheet	1	of	3	

		2015-2016	Applicatio	n for State So	hool Aid:	L			Sample f	or Verificati	on		Priv	ate Schools for I	Disabled	
		ted On	-	rted on		<u></u>	-	e Selected		ied Per		er Registers	Reported On			
		on Roll Shared		bers on Roll		rrors	Contraction of the local division of the loc	Vorkpapers		rs on Roll	or Full	1 Roll Shared	A.S.S.A. as	Sample for	Sample	Sample
Half Day Preschool 3 Yrs.	<u>Full</u> 26	Shared	<u>Full</u> 26	Shared	Full	Shared	Full 26	Shared	Full 26	Shared	<u></u>	Shared	Private Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool 4 Yrs.	28		28				28		28							
Full Day Kindergarten	502		502				33		33							
One	582		582				49		49							
Two	583		583				43		43							
Three	544		544				50		50							
Four	550		550				38		38							
Five	586		586				51		51							
Six	596		596				217		217							
Seven	556		556				220		220							
Eight	625		625				227		227							
Nine																
Ten																
Eleven																
Twelve																
Subtotal	5178	0	5178	0	0	0	982	0	982	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed Elementary	538		538				35		35				10	10	10	
Special Ed Middle School	408		408				136		136				5	5	5	
Special Ed High School Subtotal	946	0	946	0	0	0	171	0	171	0	0	0	15	15	15	<u> </u>
Co, Voc Regular Co. Voc Ft. Post Sec.				<u></u>												
Totals	6124	0	6124	0	0	0	1153	0	1153	0	0	0	15	15	15	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%				0%

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

							Residen	t LEP Low Incor	ne	Sam	ple for Verification	1
		Low Income			e for Verification		Reported on	Reported on				
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	C 1	ASSA as	Workpapers		Sample	Verified to	C
	A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Selected from Workpapers	Application and Register	Sample Errors	LEP Low Income	as LEP Low Income	Errors	Selected from Workpapers	Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	86	<u>86</u>		11 of Kpupers			13	13		9	9	
One	103	103					15	15		11	11	
Two	98	98					8	8		7	7	
Three	95	95					10	10		9	9	
Four	99	99					6	6		6	6	
Five	80	80					0	0		0	0	
Six	87	87					3	3		2	2	
Seven	66	66					4	4		1	1	
Eight	78	78					4	4		2		
Subtotal	792	792	0	0	0	0	63	63	0	47	47	0
Special Ed Elementary	137	137					5	5		4	4	
Special Ed Middle School	114	114										
Subtotal	251	251	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	4	4	0
Totals	1043	1043	0	0	0	0	68	68	0	51	51	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%			0%			0%

			Transpor	tation		
	Reported on DRTRS by	Reported on DRTRS by				
	DOE/County	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors Reported
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	2,785	2,785		291	291	Reg. Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK Students (Part A) 3.96
						Ref. Avg. (Mileage) - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students (Part B) 3.96
Reg. Special Education, col. 4	485	485		197	197	Spec. Avg. = Special Ed. With Special Needs 5.10
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	88	88		67	67	
Special Education Spec., col. 6	463	463		197	197	
Totals	3,821	3.821	0	752	752	0
Totals	5,621	3,821	0	152	132	
Percentage Error			0%			0%
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Recalculated

3.96

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	Resident	LEP Not Low Inco	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten	17	17		14	14		
One	4	4		2	2		
Two	7	7		5	5		
Three	3	3		2	2		
Four	2	2		2	2		
Five	2	2		1	1		
Six	3	3		3	3		
Seven	3	3		2	2		
Eight	2	2		2	2		
Subtotal	43	43	0	33	33	0	
Special Ed Elementary Special Ed Middle School	1	1		1	1		
Subtotal	1	1	0	1	1	0	
Totals	44	44	0	34	34	0	
Percentage Error			0%			0%	

FOOD SERVICE FUND

NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL

ENTERPRISE FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

<u>Program</u>	Meal Category	Meals Claimed	Meals Tested	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	(Over)/ Under Claim
National School Lunch							
(Regular Rate)	Paid	248,788	55,132	55,132	-	\$ 0.320 *	-
	Reduced	22,032	5,308	5,308	-	2.635	-
	Free	101,235	21,803	21,803		3.035	
Total Net Overclaim		372,055	82,243	82,243	_		-
Breakfast Program							
(Regular Rate)	Paid	12,933	4,010	4,010	-	\$ 0.280	-
-	Reduced	2,408	655	655	-	1.320	-
	Free	22,106	6,817	6,817		1.620	_
Total Net Overclaim		37,447	11,482	11,482			-
Breakfast Program							
(Severe Need Rate)	Paid	2,490	819	819	-	\$ 0.280	-
· · · · · ·	Reduced	624	210	210	-	1.630	-
	Free	7,325	2,574	2,574		1.930	
Total Net Overclaim		10,439	3,603	3,603			_

* - An additional \$.06 for Federal PB Lunch - Healthy Hunger-Free Kids Act

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

NET CASH RESOURCES DID NOT EXCEED 3 MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES

PROPRIETARY FUNDS - FOOD SERVICE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

Net Cash Resourc	Fo	od Service G - 1/2	
CAFR	Current Assets		
G-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	8,024
G-1	Accounts Receivables		103,896
	Current Liabilities		
G-1	Less Accounts Payable		(192,302)
	Net Cash Resources	\$	(80,382) (A)
<u>Net Adjustment T</u>	otal Operating Expense:		
G-2	Total Operating Expenses		1,871,185
G-2	Less Depreciation		(44,359)
	Adjusted Total Operating Expenses		1,826,826 (B)
Average Monthly	Operating Expense:		
	B / 10	\$	182,683 (C)
Three Times Mon	thly Average		
	3 X C	\$	548,048
Total in (A)		\$	(80,382)
Less Total in (D)			(548,048)
Net		\$	(628,430)