

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 Area Vocational-Technical Schools of Mercer County School District County of Mercer Hamilton, New Jersey 08690

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 Area Vocational-Technical Schools of Mercer County School District in the County of Mercer for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 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 report is intended for the information of the Area Vocational-Technical Schools of Mercer County 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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December 14, 2015 Iselin, New Jersey

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)

Name	Position	 Amount
Tanya Dawson	School Business Administration/Board Secretary	\$ 190,000
Thomas Venanzi	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$ 215,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than or less than estimated costs.

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 District 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.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

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 disclose any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

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

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB)

The ESEA/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 School Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A./N.C.L.B. 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 special projects indicated no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with Federal OMB Circular A-133 or State of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the 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 school district was not required to reimburse the state for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State onbehalf of the school district as no employees' salaries were identified as being paid from federal funds.

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: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 18.300 for 2014-15.

The District 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, amended.

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

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, no exceptions were 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 with exceptions as presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with small exceptions as presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. 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.

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, where applicable. The District did not have any prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal 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

AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

		2015-201	6 Applicatio	n for State Sc	hool Aid				Sample for	Verification			Pr	ivate Schools	for Disabled	
	A.S	rted on .S.A.	Repor Work	rted on papers			Selecti	nple ed from	Reg	ied per isters	Regi	rs per sters	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample for		
	Full	Roll Shared	Full	Roll Shared	Err Full	ors Shared	Full	papers Shared	Full	Roll Shared	On Full	Roll Shared	Private Schools	Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool		-			72		2									
Half Day Kindegarten		-			-			-			-				-	
Full Day Kindergarten																
One							-				-					-
Two		100		120	1000 1000						72	-	12		-	9
Three	-	-		100	160		-		3	2	32		000 (G)	9		-
Four	-	-			-	-	_				-		3 <u>-</u> 4		72	
Five					-			-					-			
Six					-		-				-		-			0
Seven	120	-			-						100			-	-	
Eight	120	-	140		0.00		-			2	-		200		-	2
Nine	7		7													
Ten	54		54				-	-				-				
Eleven	38		39	-	(1)	-	-	-				-				
Twelve	14	220	14	-		_	_	_	-							
Post-Graduate		-	(#F)		-	-	- 2		-				14	_		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-						84			_	-					
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)					-	3. 4 .0	-				-					
Subtotal	113	•	114	(*)	(1)		:•	-	-	-	1(*)	2.00		-		
Special Ed - Elementary	20	20	(2)	20	12			2		2		164	120			4
Special Ed - Middle School	-		200		323	100	7.72			70		177	27		175	
Special Ed - High School	9	347	5	347	4		22	279	18	279					_	
Special Ed - Alt Voc High		-								2.7				-	-	
Subtotal	9	347	5	347	4	-	-	279		279					-	
Co. Voc Regular	99	371	99	371			99		99							
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	30	46	30	46	3.5		30		30			9 * 5	5 ₹ 3			
Totals	251	764	248	764	3	:	129	279	129	279						
Percentage Erro	or .	I-II			1.20%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%		<i></i>		0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	Resident Low Income		Sample for Verification			Resi	dent LEP Low Income	Sample for V				
	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												9
Half Day Kindegarten		i i						- 124 (24)			957	
Full Day Kindergarten				96	023							
One								(3)		-		9
Two			-	(±)		2	2	(2)	2		79)	-
Three				140	5.40	-	-				•	*
Four				*	3 . 2		7.	•	74	•	•	3
Five		8	9	8		*	•	4	-		5.00	-
Six Seven		•		(4)	•	*		(#.) Fol		250	S#3	Ē
Eight	*	5.	5	: * 2	(2)		-	(*)	5	(E)		
Nine	5	5		3	3			-			-	
Ten	33	34	(1)	22	22			-				
Eleven	23	23		11	11		-	-	-			
Twelve	5	6	(1)	2	2			(50)	÷.		197	-
Post-Graduate	1	5	=	9	*		2	25	*		92)	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	3.60		•	(2)			¥	**	*			
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	66	68	(2)	38	38							
			1-7									
Special Ed - Elementary	•	•	8	*		3	<u> </u>	20	-	140	•	-
Special Ed - Middle		*			(**)	•	•	•	•		(*)	
Special Ed - High	62.5	61.0	1.5	45.0	45.0	•	*	15.			•	
Special Ed - Alt Voc High Subtotal	62.5	61.0	1.5	45.0	45.0	-	-				(3 4)	
Subtotal	02.3	61.0	1,3	45.0	43.0		-				-	-
Co. Voc Regular	83.5	83.5	-	38.0	38.0		0.5	0.5	-	0.5	0.5	
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.									-			
Totals	212.0	212.5	(0.5)	121.0	121.0		0,5	0.5		0.5	0.5	
Percentage Error			-0.24%			0.00%		=	0.00%			0.00%
			Transpo	rtation								
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by DOE/county	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Reg Public Schools, col. 1 Reg -SpEd, col. 4 Transported - Non-Public, col. 3 Special Ed Spec, col. 6 Totals	-		NOT APPL	ICABLE -	121						Reported	Recalculated
) = Regular Including (
Percentage Error						0.00%	Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Excluding ial Ed with Special Nee	Grade PK stude		NOT APPL	ICABLE

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	Residen	Resident 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									
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	-					
Full Day Kindergarten	-				-				
One			-						
Two			-		-				
Three	-		-		7 = 0				
Four			-	•	-	-			
Five	-		-	-	-				
Six	-		-	-					
Seven			-						
Eight			-	-	-				
Nine			-	-	19.1				
Ten			-						
Eleven		-	-	7.					
Twelve		-	-		-				
Post-Graduate			-		-				
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)			-	7-	-				
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-		-	3.€	-				
Subtotal			-	-	-				
Special Ed - Elementary				-	•				
Special Ed - Middle	-		-	-					
Special Ed - High	1.0		1.0	-					
Subtotal	1.0	·	1.0	-					
Co. Voc Regular	1.0		1.0		(<u>*</u>				
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.		-	-	-					
Totals	2.0	<u>.</u>	2.0						
Percentage Error			100.00%			100.00%			

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2015

SECTION 1

A. 6% Calculation of Excess Surplus	(2014-15 expenditures of \$100 million or less)
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2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 11,831,526 (B)
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ - (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 60,000 (B1b)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 714,672 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ - (B2b)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	<u>\$ 11,176,854</u> (B3)
6% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06]	\$ 670,611 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 670,611 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ <u>-</u> (K)
Maximum Unassigned/Unreserved-Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 670,611 (M)

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10), Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Aid and Transportation Aid; and School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized during the current year. Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-15		
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 3,907,667	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances	\$ 158,799	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ -	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures**	\$ 278,869	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 2,146,986	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ 368,306	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ 954,707 (U1)
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER-0-		\$ 284,096 (E)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2015

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures **	\$ 2	278,869
Reserve Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 2	284,096
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)]	\$:	562,965
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$	-
Sale & Lease-back	\$	-
Extraordinary Aid	\$	-
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	S	-
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$	-
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$	
Total Adjustments $[(H)+(J)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]$	\$	-
	-	

^{**} This amount represents the June 30, 2014 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances

Statutory restrictions:

Statutory restrictions.			
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$		
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$	-	
Capital reserve	\$	2,146,986	
Maintenance reserve	\$	-	
Emergency reserve	\$		
Tuition reserve	\$		
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset reserve- current year	\$		
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset reserve- prior year	\$	-	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$	-	
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$		
Other state/government mandated reserves	\$		
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above ****	S	-	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$	2,146,986	(C

^{****} Amount for Other Reserved 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 an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

^{***} Amount must agree to the June 30, 2015 CAFR and Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.