

ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE
FINDINGS

FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

(Reports Dated November 20, 2015)

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Academy Charter High School
County of Monmouth, New Jersey

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 Academy Charter High School in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 20, 2015.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, 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 Academy Charter High School's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,



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November 20, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator /Board Secretary and the activities of the Charter School, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Charter School.

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 CAFR.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sikemia D. Wright	Board Secretary	\$ 150,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$225,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. Our comparison revealed that tuition appeared to be charged correctly.

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 Charter School 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 Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

Employee Position Control Roster

A review of the Position Control Roster was made and found that proper and consistent financial reporting, and that employee benefits are offered only to current employees and their eligible relations.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2015 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: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 0.0 percent 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 the following items.

No findings.

Treasurer's Records

N/A

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

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

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 Single Audit 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 quarterly 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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards for the charter school to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the charter school for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period, but prior to the 90 days required by N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 days) and properly reported as obligated and not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report(s) for all federal awards.

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 \$26,000, 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 (C.40A:11-9) the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$36,000. 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 the 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.

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

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."

The bid threshold 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.

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

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 questions arise 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 be reasonably 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 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.

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. Our examination did reveal however, that the following purchases were made through the use of State contracts:

School Supplies
Computers

School Food Service

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 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 FSMC had a system review performed on their internal controls as it related to their food service operations.

Expenditures should be separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. The FSMC reports were reviewed and this separation was performed. Inventory records on food and supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The FSMC's disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. 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.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy.

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, the following items were noted.

No findings.

Enrollment counts and submission to the Department

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollment information on October 15, 2014 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

N/A

Miscellaneous

N/A

Follow-up on Prior Years' 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.

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.

**ACADEMY CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID**

ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Grades	Submission to DOE Reported On Roll	Reported on Work-papers	Verified Signed Registration Forms		Verified # of Days Enrolled		Special Ed. and/or Bilingual	Verified Documentation		Verified # of Days Service Provided		Food Program		
			Errors		Errors			Errors		Errors		Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Nine	44	22	22	-	22	-	9	5	-	5	-	37	37	-
Ten	37	19	19	-	19	-	8	4	-	4	-	30	30	-
Eleven	36	18	18	-	18	-	10	5	-	5	-	35	35	-
Twelve	44	22	22	-	22	-	10	5	-	5	-	31	31	-
Total	161	81	81	-	81	-	37	19	-	19	-	133	133	-
Percentage				0%		0%			0%		0%			0%

ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2015

Grades	Submission to DOE Reported On Roll	Reported on Work-papers	Verified Signed Registration Forms		Verified # of Days Enrolled		Special Ed. and/or Bilingual	Verified Documentation		Verified # of Days Service Provided		Food Program		
			Errors		Errors			Errors		Errors		Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Nine	44	22	22	-	22	-	9	5	-	5	-	38	38	-
Ten	35	18	18	-	18	-	8	4	-	4	-	30	30	-
Eleven	36	18	18	-	18	-	10	5	-	5	-	35	35	-
Twelve	40	20	20	-	20	-	10	5	-	5	-	35	35	-
Total	155	78	78	-	78	-	37	19	-	19	-	138	138	-
Percentage				0%		0%			0%		0%			0%