

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

New Gretna, New Jersey
County of Burlington

**Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings -
Financial, Compliance and Performance
for The Year Ended June 30, 2016**

**MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE
FINDINGS, FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Bass River Township School District
County of Burlington
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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 Board of Education of the Bass River Township School District in the County of Burlington for the year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated November 14, 2016.

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 Bass River 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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Toms River, New Jersey
November 14, 2016

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**ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary 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 coverages were carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's CAFR.

Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Stephen Brennan	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 100,000
Kimberly Sprague	Treasurer	180,000

There is a Public Employee's Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the NJSBAIG covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$10,000,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicated that the vouchers were in satisfactory condition.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employee's 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 School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

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

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster found no inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit, the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.6A:23-1.2* 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. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were 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 were found to be in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were approved at the Board meetings and copies of the reports are included in the minute's book.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America’s Schools Act (I.A.S.A.) as Reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The E.S.E.A./N.C.L.B. 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit E-1 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 tests of compliance for the major federal and state programs selected did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

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 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 amount of the expenditure charged to the current year’s Final Reports for all federal awards for the school district to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

School Purchasing Programs (continued)

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 \$17,500, 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 receipts 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:119) the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. 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.

School Purchasing Programs (continued)

- 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 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.18A:18A-2 (pending before the Legislature as section 50 of this bill), 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.”

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. 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.”

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (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 \$18,800 for 2015-16. The Bass River Township School District currently has a Qualified Purchasing Agent.

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 (contract year for July 1, 2015 and thereafter). 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.

Based on the results of my examination, I did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements 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*.

Student Body Activities

A minimal cash receipts and disbursements record was maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial transactions of the student body activities were maintained in satisfactory condition.

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. 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 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 2015-2016 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 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.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

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

Review of OFAC Findings

Not Applicable.

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.

Should you have any questions or should you desire any assistance, please call me.

Respectfully Submitted,

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (1)

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	2016-2017 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled					
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll		Workpapers		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Registers Verified per On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools		Sample for Verification	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool - 4 Yrs	5	-	5	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	9	-	9	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	13	-	13	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	10	-	10	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	10	-	10	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	9	-	9	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	10	-	10	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	16	-	16	-	-	-	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	82	-	82	-	-	-	56	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	24	-	24	-	-	-	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	5	-	5	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	29	-	29	-	-	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	111	-	111	-	-	-	76	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error	0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%		0%	

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (2)

BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			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 low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	4	4	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	4	4	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	7	7	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	21	21	-	18	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	12	12	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle	3	3	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	15	15	-	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	36	36	-	31	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error	0%			0%			0%			0%		

Transportation

	Reported on DRTS by DOE/county			Reported on DRTS by District			Errors			Verified		
	Reported on DRTS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Reported on DRTS by District	Reported on DRTS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	21	21	-	18	18	-	18	18	-	18	18	-
Reg - SpEd, col. 4	15	15	-	13	13	-	13	13	-	13	13	-
AIL, col. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	36	36	-	31	31	-	31	31	-	31	31	-
Percentage Error	0%			0%			0%			0%		

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (3)

**BASS RIVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015**

	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	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
Full Day Preschool - 4	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	1	1	-	1	1	-
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	1	1	-	1	1	-
Six	1	1	-	1	1	-
Subtotal	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle	1	1	-	1	1	-
Subtotal	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Totals	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>4</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
Percentage Error		<u><u>0%</u></u>			<u><u>0%</u></u>	

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-2016 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$	<u>2,805,002</u>	(B)
Increased by:			
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for Pre K - Regular	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for Pre K - Inclusion	\$	<u>-</u>	(B1d)
Decrease by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$	<u>(286,201)</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$	<u>(180,000)</u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$	<u><u>2,338,801</u></u>	(B3)
2% of adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$	<u>46,776</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$	<u>250,000</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	\$	<u>-</u>	(K)
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u><u>250,000</u></u>	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance @6-30-2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$	<u>140,420</u>	(C)
Decreased by:			
Year-End Encumbrances	\$	<u>(8,114)</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	<u>-</u>	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$	<u>-</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	\$	<u>-</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	<u>(47,554)</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$		84,752 (U1)

REGULAR DISTRICT (continued):

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-] \$ _____ - (E)

Recapitulation of excess surplus as of June 30, 2016

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** \$ _____ - (C3)
 Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)] \$ _____ - (E)
 Total [(C3) + (E)] \$ _____ - (D)

Footnotes:

* Allowable adjustments 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
- (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)
Sale & Lease-back	\$ _____ - (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ _____ - (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ _____ - (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ _____ - (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ _____ - (J4)
 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	 \$ _____ - (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2015 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 10025.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2016 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 10024.

**** 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 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.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions:

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ _____ -
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$ _____ -
Capital Reserve	\$ _____ -
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 Reserve	\$ _____ -
[Other Restricted Fund Balance Not Noted Above] ****	\$ _____ -
 Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	 \$ _____ - (C4)