

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SOMERSET
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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September 7, 2016

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Bedminster Township School District
County of Somerset, NJ

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Board of Education of the Bedminster Township School District in the County of Somerset for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report there on dated September 7, 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 letter does not affect our report dated September 7, 2016, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendation.

This report is intended for the information of the Bedminster Township 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.

NISIVOCCIA LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Valerie A. Dolan", is written over a horizontal line.

Valerie A. Dolan
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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, the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Marilyn McClintick	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000
Alicia Schauer	Business Administrator/Board Secretary (September 1, 2015 to Present)	200,000
Marlene Wedolowski	Acting Business Administrator/Board Secretary (May 11 - August 31, 2015)	200,000

The District has Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance coverage for the other District employees not separately bonded through New Jersey School Insurance Group as detailed on Exhibit J-20 of the CAFR.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the change in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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. Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholdings due to the General Fund.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and the Superintendent.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed in a timely manner.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of Expenditures – General and Administrative

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-8.2. Overall compliance was noted.

Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted below.

Finding:

During the course of our audit, it was found that was a large number of transfers made between budget appropriation line items. However as a tremendous effort was continued by the Business Office to limit these transfers, no formal recommendation is deemed warranted.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

No Child Left Behind (N.C.L.B.)

The N.C.L.B. financial exhibits are contained herein within the Special Revenue Section of the District's CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title II and Title III of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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 T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2015. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations include requirements for the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel must be preapproved by the Board of Education and Superintendent and that a brief report detailing the key issues addressed at the travel event must be submitted after the travel event has occurred.

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 \$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 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 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.

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.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"

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"

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter, 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 currently \$18,800.

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids School Food Service (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 question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Attorney'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. No exceptions were noted.

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 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.

School Food Service

The school food service was not selected as a major federal and/or state program and state and federal program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or state support.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2015 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low income and bilingual education students. 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 no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis 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.

The District's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

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Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported on 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 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

The District did not have any active SDA projects.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

The prior year recommendations were corrected in the current year.

Management Suggestions:

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements:

The next Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") statement which will have a significant impact on the District will be GASB#75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*, will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This standard replaces GASB#45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. It is similar to GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, in that successful implementation of this standard will require the provision of certain key financial and non-financial information from the New Jersey Division of Pensions.

Cyber Security

Cyber-crime has become much more prevalent in the last few years. Websites and internal networks, including personally identifiable information ("PII"), have been hacked and resulted in significant losses to organizations, both financial and reputational. We suggest that the Township consider options to test and protect the Township from cyber-crime.

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	2016-2017 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					
	Reported on ASSA On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	1		1				1		1			
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	4		4				4		4			
Full Day Kindergarten	45		45				45		45			
Grade One	51		51				51		51			
Grade Two	61		61				61		61			
Grade Three	49		49				49		49			
Grade Four	51		51				51		51			
Grade Five	43		43				43		43			
Grade Six	48		48				48		48			
Grade Seven	55		55				55		55			
Grade Eight	40		40				40		40			
Subtotal	448		448				448		448			
Special Education:												
Elementary	51		51				5		5			
Middle	31		31				2		2			
Subtotal	82		82				7		7			
Totals	530	-0-	530	-0-	-0-	-0-	455	-0-	455	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Private Schools for Disabled					Resident Low Income						
	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Reported on Workpapers as Private Schools	Errors	Sample for Verficiation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One							1	1				
Grade Two							2	2		1	1	
Grade Three							2	2				
Grade Four							5	5		1	1	
Grade Six							4	4				
Grade Seven							3	3		1	1	
Grade Eight							1	1		1	1	
Subtotal							18	18		4	4	
Special Education:												
Elementary School	2	2		1	1		6	6		2	2	
Middle School	2	2		1	1		6	6		1	1	
Subtotal	4	4		2	2		12	12		3	3	
Totals	4	4	-0-	2	2	-0-	30	30	-0-	7	7	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

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	Resident LEP Low Income					
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores, Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade Two	1	1				
Grade Four	2	2		1	1	
Totals	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

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Resident LEP Not Low Income						
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	5	5		1	1	
Grade One	4	4		1	1	
Grade Two	5	5		1	1	
Grade Three	6	6		1	1	
Grade Four	2	2		1	1	
Grade Five	1	1				
Grade Six	1	1				
Subtotal	<u>24</u>	<u>24</u>		<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	
Special Education:						
Elementary School	2	2		1	1	
Subtotal	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>				
Totals	<u>26</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	586	586		25	25	
Regular - Special Education	9	9		2	2	
Transported - Non Public	13	13				
AIL - Non Public	63	63		7	7	
Special Needs - Public	38	38		2	2	
Special Needs - Private	5	5				
Totals	<u>714</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.2	5.2
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.2	5.2
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	7.8	7.8

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION AT 6/30/16

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-16 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	<u>\$ 17,687,300</u> (B)	
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1a)	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1b)	
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 1,080,543</u> (B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B2b)	
Adjusted 15-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 16,606,757</u> (B3)	
2% of Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	<u>\$ 332,135</u> (B4)	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 332,135</u> (B5)	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ 14,106</u> (K)	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u><u>\$ 346,241</u></u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/16 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	<u>\$ 1,175,073</u> (C)	
Decreased by:		
Assigned- Year-End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 132,940</u> (C1)	
Legally Restricted - Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C2)	
Excess Surplus - Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$ 697,060</u> (C4)	
Assigned - Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		<u><u>\$ 345,073</u></u> (U1)

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SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0- \$ -0- (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016

Restricted Excess Surplus - Subsequent Year's Expenditures \$ -0- (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ -0- (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)+(F)] \$ -0- (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ -0- (H)

Sale and Lease Back \$ -0- (I)

Extraordinary Aid \$ -0- (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 14,106 (J2)

Total Adjustments ((H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)) \$ 14,106 (K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal \$ -0-

Sale/lease-back reserve \$ -0-

Capital reserve \$ 497,732

Maintenance reserve \$ 199,328

Emergency reserve \$ -0-

Tuition reserve \$ -0-

Other state/governmental mandated reserve \$ -0-

Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above \$ -0-

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 697,060 (C4)

BEDMINSTER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures
None
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
None.
3. School Purchasing Program
None
4. School Food Service
None
5. Student Body Activities
None
6. Application for State School Aid
None
7. Pupil Transportation
None
8. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
9. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendations were corrected in the current year.