FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2016

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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 basic financial statements of the Florham Park Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated September 14, 2016.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 management, the Board of Trustees, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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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 and 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 the Insurance Schedule (Exhibit J-20) contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

#### Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John R. Csatlos	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$100,000
Raymond G. Karaty	Treasurer of School Monies	230,000

There is a Public Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance Coverage with the New Jersey Schools Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

# **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to signatures or certification.

# 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including employee health benefit premium contribution amounts withheld due to the General Fund.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### 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: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, we also selected administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with NJAC 6A:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classifications.

#### Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports were included in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

• **Finding** – Our audit of transportation fees charged to individuals revealed amounts collected were not deposited in a timely manner.

**Recommendation** – Transportation fees collected from individuals be deposited in a timely manner.

• Finding – A formal shared service agreement for vehicle maintenance services was not available for audit. In addition, detailed invoices were not available to support payments made by the District for certain shared services rendered during the year.

**Recommendation** – A formal shared service agreement be executed by the District for vehicle maintenance services. In addition all payments for services rendered be supported by detailed invoices.

# Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all District accounts (NJSA 18A:17-9).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

#### Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Trust Funds.

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 (NCLB) 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 Title I, II, and III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

Our examination of the E.S.E.A./NCLB 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.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

# Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and 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.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly 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.

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were no TPAF employees' pensionable wages paid from federal funds during the current fiscal year. Therefore, there were no reimbursement amounts due to the State at June 30, 2016.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

# Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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.

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 \$40,000. 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. The Board has designated the Business Administrator as the qualified purchasing agent.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining 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 Board 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.

The results of our examination did not indicate any individual payments, contracts, or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, as amended.

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

# **School Purchasing Programs** (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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.

#### **Enterprise Funds**

#### Food Service Fund

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good condition. The financial accounts were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

The cash 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.

#### **Student Body Activities**

The Board has a policy, which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Cash receipts were deposited timely except as noted below.

Finding – Our audit of the Briarwood Student Activity Account revealed the following:

- Bank reconciliations were not completed on a monthly basis.
- Pre-numbered receipt tickets were not issued in all instances for monies collected.
- Deposits were not made timely

<u>Recommendation</u> – Internal controls be reviewed and enhanced over financial accounting and reporting procedures for the Briarwood Student Activity Account.

Cash disbursements had proper supporting documentation.

#### **Application for State School Aid**

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 handicapped, low-income and bilingual. A review was performed 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 with exceptions noted. The results of these procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Finding – Our audit of the ASSA revealed District workpapers did not agree to class registers.

<u>Recommendation</u> — Greater care be taken when reporting students counts on the ASSA to ensure District workpapers agree to class registers.

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 with an immaterial exception noted. The information that was included on the District report was verified with exceptions noted. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

<u>Finding</u> – Our audit of the DRTRS revealed District workpapers did not agree to class registers and supporting documentation.

<u>Recommendation</u> – Greater care be taken when reporting student counts on the DRTRS to ensure District workpapers agree to class registers and supporting documentation.

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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

#### Suggestions to Management

• Cooperative purchasing agreement contracts detailing goods, services and per unit prices be maintained on file.

#### Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations.

# FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MILKS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

# SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

# NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND COMPARISON OF NET CASH RESOURCES TO AVERAGE EXPENDITURES ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

#### FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	2016-2017	7 Application t	or State Scl	nool Aid		Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on	Reported o	n			Sample	Verific	ed per	ed per Errors per		Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.A.	Workpaper	ş		Sele	cted from	Reg	gister	Regist	ers	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Roll	On Roll	Ei	rrors	Wo	rkpapers		Roll	On F		Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full Shared	Full Shar	ed Full	Shared	<u>Full</u>		Full	Shared	Full S	hared	Schools	cation		
Half Day Preschool - 3 yrs	5	5			!	5	2		(3)	_				
Half Day Preschool - 4 yrs	3	3				3	7		4	_				
Full Day Kindergarten	80	80			8		7 <del>9</del>		(1)	_				
GRADE 1	86	86			80		84		(2)					
GRADE 2	105	105			10		102		(3)	_				
GRADE 3	84	84			84		79		(5)	_				
GRADE 4	98	98			9		93		(5)	_				
GRADE 5	83	83			8:		77		(6)	_				
GRADE 6	90	90			9		86		(4)					
GRADE 7	105	105			10		99		(6)	_				
GRADE 8	102	102			10		103		1	-				
GRADE 9		102	_			_	-		_	_				
GRADE 10		_	_			_	_		_	-				
GRADE 11		-	_				_		_	_				
GRADE 12	_	_				_	_		-	_				
Subtotal	841 -	841	-		84	1 -	811	_	(30)	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	73 -	73	_		30	5 <u>-</u>	97	_	61	_	2	2	2	_
Spec Ed- Middle School	45 -	45			4		52	_	7	_	_	_	_	
Spec Ed - High School		- CF	_		٦,		J2 		,	_	_		_	_
Subtotal	118 -	118			8:	1 -	149		68		2	2	2	
Subtotal	110 -	110	_		0.	-	פרנ	_	08	_	2	2	2	_
Totals	959 -	959			- 92	2 -	960		38		2	2	2	-
Percentage Error			0.00	%					4.12%				:	0.00%

#### FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID **ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015** SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Low Income			San	nple for Verificat	Reside	ent LEP Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification			
		Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected	Sample Verified	Errors
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	-	_	_	_	_
Full Day Preschool - 4 years		_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		•	_
Full Day Kindergarten	_	_	_	*	_	_	_	_	_	<u>-</u>	_	_
GRADE 1	_		_	_		_	**		_	_	_	_
GRADE 2	2.0	2.0	_	2.0	2.0	_		~	_	_	_	_
GRADE 3	-		-	-		_	_	_	_	_	_	_
GRADE 4	-	_		_	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
GRADE 5	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	-	-		-	_
GRADE 6	2.0	2.0	_	2.0	2.0	_	_	-	-			_
GRADE 7	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	_	-	_	_
GRADE 8	-	•	_	_	-	_		-	-	-	_	_
GRADE 9	-	_	_	_	_	_		-	-	-	_	_
GRADE 10	_	-	_	_	-	_	-	•	-	-	-	-
GRADE 11	_	-	_	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	=
GRADE 12	-	-	-		-	_		-		-	-	-
Subtotal	5	5	-	5	5	-	-	-	*	_	_	_
Spec Ed - Elementary		_	_	-	=	-	-	-	м-	=	=	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	2.0	2.0		2.0	1.0	(1)	_	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_
	2	2	-	2	1	(1)		_	-		-	-
Totals	7.0	7.0		7	6	(1)						<del> </del>
iolais	7.0	7.0	-			(1)						
Percentage Error	-	=	0.00%	:	<b>:</b>	-14.29%		=	0.00%		:	0.00%

Percentage Error

	Transportation									
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors				
Regular- Public Schools	183	184	(1.0)	105	99	6.0				
Transported- Non- Public	9	9	-	5	3	2.0				
Regular - Sped.	31	31	-	18	17	1.0				
Special Needs- Public	13.0	13.0		7.0	7.0	<del>.</del>				
Totals	236.0	237.0	(1.0)	135.0	126.0	9.0				
Percentage Erro	r	2	-0.42%		9 =	6.67%				

# FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Resident I	EP NOT Low Inco	ome	Sample for Verification					
	Reported on	Reported on							
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample	Verified to				
	Not Low	Not Low		Selected from	Application	Sample			
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers		Errors			
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	-	-	_	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Full Day Kindergarten	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-			
GRADE 1	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0	_			
GRADE 2	3.0	3.0	-	3.0	3.0	-			
GRADE 3	_	-	-	-		_			
GRADE 4	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0	_			
GRADE 5	-	-	-	-		-			
GRADE 6	<del>-</del>	-		-					
GRADE 7	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	_			
GRADE 8	_	_	-	-		-			
GRADE 9	=	-	_	-		_			
GRADE 10	-	-	-	-		-			
GRADE 11	-	-	-	_		_			
GRADE 12	_	-	_	-		_			
	8	8	-	8	8	-			
Subtotal									
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Spec Ed- Middle School	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	-	(1.0)			
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	_			
. <del>-</del>	1	1	-	1	-	(1.0)			
Totals	9	9	_	9	8	(1.0)			
Percentage Error			0.00%		=	-11.11%			

# FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

# SECTION 1 - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-2016 Total General Fund Expenditures			\$ 18,713,738		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			 (1,729,331)		
Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures			 16,984,407		
2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures			 339,688		
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditu or \$250,000	res		339,688		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment			 74,972		
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance				<u>\$</u>	414,660
SECTION 2					
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2016			\$ 1,951,692		
Decreased by:					
Year-End Encumbrances	\$	(227,567)			
Other Restricted Fund Balances - Capital Reserve		(869,755)			
Other Restricted Fund Balances - Maintenance Reserve		(60,000)			
Other Restricted Fund Balances - Emergency Reserve		(250,000)			
Assigned Fund Balance -					
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		(80,000)			
			(1,487,322)		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance for Excess					
Surplus Calculation				\$	464,370
SECTION 3					
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus				<u>\$</u>	49,710
Detail of Allowable Adjustments					
Extraordinary Aid			\$ 66,732		
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid			 8,240		
				\$	74,972

# FLORHAM PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

# I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

#### II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Transportation fees collected from individuals be deposited in a timely manner.
- 2. A formal shared service agreement be executed by the District for vehicle maintenance services. In addition, all payments for services rendered be supported by detailed invoices.

# III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

#### IV. Enterprise Funds

There are none.

#### V. Student Body Activities

It is recommended that internal controls be reviewed and enhanced over financial accounting and reporting procedures for the Briarwood Student Activity Account.

# VI. Application for State School Aid

It is recommended that greater care be taken when reporting student counts on the ASSA to ensure District workpapers agree to the class registers.

# VII. Pupil Transportation

It is recommended that greater care be taken when reporting student counts on the DRTRS to ensure District workpapers agree to class registers and supporting documentation.

#### VIII. Miscellaneous

There are none.

#### IX. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations. Corrective action was taken on all prior year recommendations.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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.

Respectfully submitted,

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