HIGH POINT REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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October 24, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education
High Point Regional High School District County of Sussex, 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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the High Point Regional High School District in the County of Sussex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated October 24, 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 October 24, 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 recommendations, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the High Point Regional High 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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Certified Public Accountant

### 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>	Coverage
Michelle LaStarza	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 290,000
Jim Minkewicz	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	290,000

### **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 benefits withholding 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.

### 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

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. As a result of the procedures performed, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classifications.

### 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 herein.

### 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.

### 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 and Title II of the No Child Left Behind Act.

The study of compliance for the N.C.L.B. did not indicate any area of noncompliance.

### 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 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 reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

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, 2016. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

### **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.

As per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, the Board passed a resolution, recognizing the Business Administrator as a qualified purchasing agent and increasing the bid threshold to \$40,000.

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.

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

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. General compliance was 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

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.

### **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.

### 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 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 one minor exception. 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 had 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 2015-16 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with minor exceptions. 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.

### Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal travel policy and procedure pertaining to travel expenses and reimbursements for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account for these expenses within a separate account in the budget to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved by the Board prior to the event and that the approval list the event, total event cost and the individuals attending. Employees and board members attending an event are then required to complete a post event report to be submitted to a designated person within the District.

### Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the Capital Reserve Account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

### Management Suggestions:

### 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 District consider options to test and protect the District from cyber-crime.

### 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 GASB#68 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.

### Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings/recommendations.

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

# HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOOD SERVICE FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

NOT APPLICABLE

Grade Nine

Grade Ten

Subtotal

Subtotal

Totals

Percentage Error

Grade Eleven

Grade Twelve

Special Ed - High School

2016-2017 Application for State School Aid Sample for Verification Sample Verified per Errors per Reported on Reported on A.S.S.A. Workpapers Selected from Registers Registers On Roll On Roll On Roll On Roll **Errors** Workpapers Shared Full Shared Full Shared Full Shared Full Shared Full Shared Full 195 3 195 3 195 2 2 195 199 1 199 199 1 199 1 208 208 208 208 1 210 209 210 (1) 210 811 812 4 (1) 812 5 812 5 4 166 18 18 166 18 18 166 166 830 830 978 (1) -0-5 5 977 -0.10% 0.00% 0.00% 0.00%

Private Schools for Disabled Resident Low Income Reported on Reported on Reported on Sample A.S.S.A. as A.S.S.A. Verified to Sample Workpapers Selected Private for Sample Sample as Low as Low from Application Sample Schools Verification Verified **Errors** Income Income Workpapers and Register Errors **Errors** Grade Nine 29 29 3 3 Grade Ten 27 27 3 3 Grade Eleven 30 30 3 3 Grade Twelve 29 29 3 3 115 115 12 12 Subtotal Special Ed - High School 2 2 56 56 8 8 9 2 2 56 56 8 8 Subtotal Totals 171 171 -0-20 20 2 2

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Percentage Error

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	LEP Low	LEP Low		from	Application	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Grade Nine						
Grade Ten						
Grade Eleven	2	2		1	1	
Grade Twelve	1	1				
Subtotal	3	3		1	1	
Special Ed - High School Subtotal						-
Totals	3	3	-0-	1	1	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

### Resident LEP Not Low Income

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Grade Nine Grade Ten Grade Eleven Grade Twelve	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Totals	1	1	-0-	1	1	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

Transportation
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	Tansportation					
	Reported	Reported				
	on DRTRS	on DRTRS				
	by DOE_	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	813	813		25	25	
Regular - Special Education	144	144		11	11	
Transported - Non Public	88	88		9	9	
AIL - Non Public	4	4		2	2	
Special Needs - Public	63	63		6	2	4
Special Needs - Private	4_	4	***************************************	2	2	
Totals	1,116	1,116	-0-	55	51	4
Percentage Error			0.00%			7.27%

	Re-	
	Reported	calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	6.70	6.70
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	6.70	6.70
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	11.30	11.30

\$ 441,514 (E)

### HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

### Section 1 - REGULAR DISTRICT

2015-16 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 25,632,731 (B) \$ -0- (B1a) \$ -0- (B1b) \$ 2,361,166 (B2a) \$ -0- (B2b)
Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 23,271,565 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ 465,431 (B4) \$ 465,431 (B5) \$ 87,412 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 552,843 (M)
Section 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/16 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 3,295,532 (C)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/16	\$ 3,295,532 (C) \$ 787,178 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 156,553 (C3) \$ 1,357,444 (C4) \$ -0- (C5)
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/16 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Assigned - Year End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ 787,178 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 156,553 (C3) \$ 1,357,444 (C4)

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-

### HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 (continued)

### Section 3

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 156,553 (C3) \$ 441,514 (E)
Total $[(C3)+(E)+(F)]$	\$ 598,067 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale and Lease Back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ -0- (H) \$ -0- (I) \$ 70,207 (J1) \$ 17,205 (J2)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$ 87,412 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances	
Statutory Restrictions Approved Unspent Separate Proposal Sale/Lease-Back Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Tuition Reserve Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	\$ -0- \$ -0- \$ 729,682 \$ 627,762 \$ -0- \$ -0- \$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ 1,357,444

### HIGH POINT REGIONAL HIGH 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. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None.

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. <u>Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy</u>

None

9. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

10. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year audit findings/recommendations.