

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2016**

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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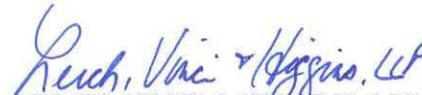
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of the Board of Trustees
Mine Hill Township Board of Education
Mine Hill, New Jersey

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 Mine Hill Township Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 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 solely for the information and use 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.

Respectfully submitted,


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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
December 1, 2016

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Treasurer of School Monies, 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 Schedule of Insurance reported on Exhibit J-20 in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Carolina Rodriguez	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$195,000
Lisa Palmieri	Treasurer of School Monies	180,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty Insurance Coverage covering all other employees with \$500,000 per loss.

Finding – The surety bond coverage for the Treasurer of School Monies was not sufficient as of June 30, 2016. The District increased the surety bond coverage for the Treasurer of School Monies for 2016-2017 school year to meet the required adequacy under N.J.S.A. 18A:17-32, therefore a recommendation is not warranted.

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 each of signature certification and proper itemization.

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 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, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

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

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The Board has implemented and maintained a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

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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 reserve 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, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Acknowledgement of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports were included in the minutes.

Bids were summarized in the minutes of the Board Secretary.

The Capital Asset records were updated for the additions and disposals of capital assets made during the year.

Treasurer's Records

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 Trust/Fiduciary Fund.

Elementary and Secondary School 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. 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 Titles I and II, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Our examination 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.

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

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 Exhibit K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly 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 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 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Offices 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

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) 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 transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$18,800. The Board appointed the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the District's qualified purchasing agent and subsequently increased 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 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 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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
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Food Service Fund

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

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Finding – Our audit revealed that the District did not maintain a general ledger for the Food Service Enterprise Fund nor were the financial transactions being processed through the Board Secretary’s accounting software system.

Recommendation – All transactions of the Food Service Enterprise Fund be recorded in the Board Secretary’s financial ledgers and the subsidiary records be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

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 FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will breakeven. The operating results provision has been met.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursement 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.

USDA Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

The New Jersey Department of Agriculture conducted an administrative review of the Mine Hill Township Board of Education’s child nutrition program during the 2015/16 school year. The report included findings related to the verification of an application for free/reduced meals. Civil rights compliance form was not completed correctly and the local wellness policy was incomplete and not informed to the public. The District approved and submitted a corrective action plan (CAP) in response to the report issued and the State of New Jersey Department of Agriculture has approved the CAP and closed the review.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included on Exhibits B-4, B-5 and B-6 of the District’s CAFR.

Student Body Activities

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

Cash receipts and disbursement records were maintained in good condition.

Supporting documentation was maintained for all cash disbursements tested.

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

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 handicapped, related services bilingual and low-income. 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with one isolated 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 2015-2016 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

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.

Finding – In 2009, the Board authorized certain capital projects which were to be partially funded by grants from the School Development Authority (SDA). The State has confirmed that the grants receivable outstanding on the Board's financial statements are no longer collectible. Thus, the grant receivables of \$362,521 have been cancelled as of June 30, 2015. This adjustment resulted in the renovations of classrooms and bathrooms project to incur a deficit of \$124,126.

Recommendation – The District take appropriate action to fund the deficit in the renovation of classrooms and bathrooms capital project.

Suggestions to Management

- Old outstanding checks and other reconciling items should be reviewed and cleared of record.
- Continued efforts be made to collect the outstanding property taxes receivable.

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND
SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES – FOOD SERVICE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

NOT APPLICABLE

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

	2016-17 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared					
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	29		29					29		29							
Full Day Kindergarten	44		44					44		44							
1st Grade	44		44					44		44							
2nd Grade	39		39					39		39							
3rd Grade	49		49					49		49							
4th Grade	43		43					43		43							
5th Grade	42		42					42		42							
6th Grade	41	-	41	-	-	-		41	-	41	-	-	-				
Subtotal	331	-	331	-	-	-		331	-	331	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	21	-	21	-	-	-		16	-	16	-	-	-				
Spec Ed - Middle School	8	-	8	-	-	-		6	-	6	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Subtotal	29	-	29	-	-	-		22	-	22	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Totals	360	-	360	-	-	-		353	-	353	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>							<u>0.00%</u>	<u>0.00%</u>			<u>100.00%</u>

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

	Low Income			Sample for Verification			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 Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool (4 Yrs)												
Full Day Kindergarten	10	10		7	7							
1st Grade	9	9		4	4		1	1		1	1	
2nd Grade	12	12		7	7							
3rd Grade	10	10		4	4		1	1				
4th Grade	16	16		7	7							
5th Grade	11	11		8	8		1	1				
6th Grade	12	12		8	8		1	1		1	1	
7th Grade	3	3										
8th Grade	1	1										
9th Grade	6	6										
10th Grade	15	15										
11th Grade	3	3										
12th Grade	13	13	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>121</u>	<u>121</u>	-	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	-	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	11	11	-	7	7	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	7	7	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	13	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	<u>31</u>	<u>31</u>	-	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	-
Totals	<u>152</u>	<u>152</u>	-	<u>54</u>	<u>54</u>	-	<u>7</u>	<u>7</u>	-	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

	Transportation			Tested	Verified	Errors
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors			
Regular - Public Schools	181	181	-	104	104	-
Special Needs - Public	39	39	-	22	22	-
Totals	<u>220</u>	<u>220</u>	-	<u>126</u>	<u>126</u>	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
OCTOBER 15, 2015**

	LEP Not 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 Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool (4 Yrs)						
Full Day Kindergarten						
1st Grade						
2nd Grade						
3rd Grade						
4th Grade	1	1		1	1	
5th Grade						
6th Grade						
7th Grade						
8th Grade						
9th Grade	2	2		1	1	
10th Grade	1	1		1	1	
11th Grade	1	1		1	1	
12th Grade	2	2	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	7	7	-	4	4	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	7	-	4	4	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

2015-2016 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	9,792,901
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		(556,497)
Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures	\$	<u>9,236,404</u>
2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures	\$	<u>184,728</u>
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$	250,000
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments		<u>171,932</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	421,932
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$	1,873,535
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances		31,248
Capital Reserve		1,267,888
Maintenance Reserve		121,111
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		<u>31,356</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	<u>421,932</u>
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	<u>-</u>
<u>Detail of Allowable Adjustments</u>		
Extraordinary Aid	\$	171,236
Non-Public Transportation Aid		<u>696</u>
	\$	<u>171,932</u>

**MINE HILL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
RECOMMENDATIONS**

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

- * It is recommended that all transactions of the Food Service Enterprise Fund be recorded in the Board Secretary's financial ledgers and the subsidiary records be reconciled to the general ledger on a monthly basis.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

- * It is recommended that the District take appropriate action to fund the deficit in the renovation of classrooms and bathrooms capital project.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. 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 except the recommendations denoted by an asterisk.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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