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COUNTY OF SUSSEX

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September 30, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Ogdensburg Borough School District County of Sussex, 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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Ogdensburg Borough School District in the County of Sussex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 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 30, 2016, on the financial statements of the Board.

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

This report is intended for the information of the Ogdensburg Borough 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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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, 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>	Position	C	overage
Linda Padula	Treasurer of School Monies	\$	160,000
Marilyn A. Cuykendall	Business Administrator/Board Secretary		160,000

Tuition Charges

The revenue received by the District is from tuition from residents for preschool students.

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.

All payrolls tested were approved by the Chief School Administrator and certified by the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendents, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by March 15th due date.

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:23-16.2(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 as a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2.

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.

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 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 Grant.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

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

Travel Expenses and Travel 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. Overall compliance was noted in our testing.

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, 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.

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

As per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3(a), the Board passed a resolution authorizing 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.

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.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Proprietary Funds, Section G of the District's CAFR.

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 enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2015 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, bilingual and low income. We also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion. The information on the

Application for State School Aid (Cont'd)

A.S.S.A. was compared to the District workpapers with a few minor exceptions. The information on 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 Audit Enrollments.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

The District has adequate 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

There were no active facilities projects funded with a SDA grant during the current fiscal year.

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.

Deferred Compensation Plans

The District has a fiduciary responsibility to its employees related to the deferred compensation plans offered by the District. The District should consider a periodic review of the benefits, features, costs, and performance of its deferred compensation plans and make that information available to employees to assist employees in making suitable choices for investing their retirement funds while fulfilling the District's fiduciary responsibilities.

Independent Contractors vs. Employees

The District should consider reviewing the status of "Independent Contractors" utilized by the District with Internal Revenue Service guidelines for determination of employment status. The IRS has been reviewing employers, including governments, to determine compliance. A proactive approach may help to minimize or eliminate potential penalties related to incorrect employment status determination.

Management Suggestions: (Cont'd)

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.

Capital Asset Inventory

The District engaged a fixed assets appraisal company during the previous fiscal year to update its capital asset inventory. The updated inventory report reflected significant differences between the historical cost values of assets in the District's fixed assets records and that in this inventory report. At the time of the last year's audit and during the current fiscal year, the School Business Administrator had been attempting to resolve the differences with the appraisal company. We suggest that the School Business Administrator continue to pursue and resolve these differences with the appraisal company during the next fiscal year. The District did continue to maintain their own fixed assets records which were utilized for the current year and prior year's audits.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

Sample for Verification 2016-2017 Application for State School Aid Reported on Sample Verified per Errors per Reported on A.S.S.A. Workpapers Selected from Registers Registers On Roll On Roll On Roll Workpapers On Roll **Errors** Full Shared Full Full Shared Full Shared Full Shared Shared Full Shared Half Day Preschool 5 6 6 6 25 25 Full Day Kindergarten 25 24 27 27 Grade One 27 24 19 19 Grade Two 19 18 28 28 Grade Three 28 27 20 20 Grade Four 20 20 28 28 Grade Five 28 29 -1 -2 18 18 18 20 Grade Six 27 27 27 27 Grade Seven 14 14 14 14 Grade Eight 212 212 Subtotal 212 208 4 27 30 -3 6 6 Special Ed - Elementary 21 20 4 4 Special Ed - Middle School 10 10 48 50 -2 Subtotal 222 -0-222 258 2 Totals 260 0.00% 0.00% 0.77% 0.00% Percentage Error

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2015

		Private Schools	for Disabled				Resident L	ow Income		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for	Campla	Comple	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected from	Verified to Application	Sampla
	Schools	Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Income	as Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Kindergarten					3	3		1	1	
Grade One					5	5		1	1	
Grade Two					5	6	-1	1	1	
Grade Three					7	8	-1			
Grade Four					7	7		2	2	
Grade Five					3	3				
Grade Six					4	4		1	1	
Grade Seven					8	8		2	2	
Grade Eight					2	2				
Subtotal			<u> </u>		44	46	-2	8	8	
Special Ed - Elementary					9	9		3	3	
Special Ed - Middle School					6	7	-1	2	2	
Subtotal					15	16	-1	5	5	
Totals	-0-			-0-	59	62	-3	13	13	-0-
Percentage Erro	r			0.00%			-5.08%	_		0.00%

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

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	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	4	4		2	2	
Transported - Non Public	14	14		7	7	
AIL - Non Public	5	5		3	3	
Special Needs	3	3		2	2	
Totals	26	26	-0-	14	14	-0-
Pe	ercentage Error		0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated	
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.3	5.3	
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.3	5.3	
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	5.2	5.2	

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

Section 1 - REGULAR DISTRICT

2015-2016 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Increased by: Transfer to Food Service Fund 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	\$ 5,083,415 (B) \$ -0- (B1a) \$ -0- (B1b) \$ -0- (B1c) \$ 529,558 (B2a) \$ -0- (B2b)		
Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 4,553,857 (B3)		
2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ 91,077 (B4) \$ 250,000 (B5) \$ 3,844 (K)		
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		\$ 25	3,844 (M)
Section 2			
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	\$ 530,583 (C)		
Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 3,634 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ -0- (C3) \$ 122,747 (C4) \$ 45,000 (C5)		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ 35	9,202 (U1)
Section 3			
Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTE	CR -0-	\$ 10	(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016			
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]		\$ \$ 10	-0- (C3) 05,358 (E)
Total $[(C3)+(E)+(F)]$		\$ 10	05,358 (D)

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ -0-
Sale and Lease Back	\$ -0-
Extraordinary Aid	\$ -0-
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 3,844
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$ 3,844
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
Statutory Restrictions	\$ -0-
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -0-
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve	\$ 122,747
Maintenance Reserve	\$ -0-
Tuition Reserve	\$ -0-
Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve	\$ -0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 122,747

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH 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

There were no recommendations in the prior year.