RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2016

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Board of Education River Edge, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the River Edge Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey November 8, 2016

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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Patricia Salvati	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$ 200,000
Antoinette Kelly	Treasurer of School Monies	210,000

There is Public Employee Dishonesty coverage for all other employees in the amount of \$100,000 per employee and \$400,000 per loss.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

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 Chief School Administrator.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Employee Position Control Roster

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

Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

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

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. A separate listing of purchase orders comprising the outstanding encumbrances at June 30, 2015 was prepared by District personnel. 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.2(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:23-8.2. 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

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 was included in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account and payroll agency account (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

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 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

None

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-3 (as amended) and 18A:39-3 are \$40,000 and \$29,000, 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 District's business administrator is qualified and the Board has designated the business administrator as the qualified purchasing agent with a bid threshold of \$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 Solicitor'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 goods or service, 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 goods or services, 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 the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

The School Food Service Program was utilized to operate a milk program. The District did not receive any federal or state support.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Expenditures were separately recorded as milk and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

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.

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch program.

Summer Enrichment Program

The District maintains a separate bank account for the program. Cash receipts were recorded on electronic worksheets. Cash disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

Student Body Activities

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

All receipts were promptly deposited.

Cash disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

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. 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 without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed 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 without exception.

The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award 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 School Development Authority (SDA) grant agreements for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the capital reserve and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOOD SERVICE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOOD SERVICE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2015

	2016-2017 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled						
	Reported	lon	Repo	rted on			Sam	ple	Verified per		Errors per		Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S./	A.	Work	papers			Selected	d from	Register		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Ro	ali 👘	On	Roll	Err	ors	Workpa	apers	On Roll		On Roll		Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full St	nared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	<u>Full</u>	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	8	_	8	_	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	8	-	8	-	-	-	8	-	8	_	-	_				
Half Day Kindergarten	0	_		_	_	-	-	_	-	_	-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	141		141		-	_	141		141	_	-	_				
1st Grade	175	-	175		-		175	-	175	_	_	_				
2nd Grade	131	-	131	-	-	-	131	_	131	-						
3rd Grade	154	-	154	-	-	-	154	-	154	-	-	-				
4th Grade	123	-	123	**	-	-	123	-	123	-	-	-				
		-	123	-	-	-	123	-	123	-	-	*				
5th Grade	154	-	154	-	-	~	154	-	154	-	-	-				
6th Grade	154	-	154	-	-	-	104	-	104	-	-					
7th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
8th Grade	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
10th Grade	-	-	-		-	-	*	-	-	-	-	-				
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
12th Grade		-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-		<u> </u>			
Subtotal	1,048	-	1,048	-	-	-	1,048	-	1,048	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	104	-	104	-	-	-	71	-	71	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	18	-	18	-	-	-	12	-	12	-	-	-	-		-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	122	-	122		-	<u> </u>	83	-	83	-	-	_	1	1	1	-
Totals	1,170	-	1,170	_	-	-	1,131	_	1,131				1	1	1	
Percentage Error					0.00%	0				=	0.00%					0.00%

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2015

	Res	sident Low Income	•	Sample for Verification Resident LEP Low Income			Sampl	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
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs) Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs) Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten	- - 2.0	2.0	- - -	2.0	2.0	- - -	- - 2	- - 2	- - -	- - 2	- - 2	-
1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade	1.0 - - -	1.0 - - -		1.0 - -	1.0 - -	· _	-	-	-	-	-	-
5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade	- 1.0 -	- 1.0 -	-	- 1.0 -	1.0	-	- - -			- -	-	-
9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade	 -	- -	- -	-	- -	 - 	- -	- - -	- -	-		-
12th Grade Subtotal	4.0	4.0	-	4	4		2	2	-	2	2	
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School Spec Ed - High School Subtotal			- - -	- - - -	-	- - - -			- - -		-	- - - -
Totals	4.0	4.0	-	4	4		2	2	-	2	2	+*

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Percentage Error			0.00%	0.00%					
	Transportation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors			
Regular - Public Schools	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-			
Transported - Non-Public	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Regular - Spec.	23.0	23.0	•	20.0	20.0	-			
Special Needs - Public	_		<u> </u>	-	-				
Totals	24.0	24.0		21.0	21.0				
			0.00%		-	0.00%			

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2016

	Resider	nt LEP Not Low Inc	come	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on	Reported on					
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample			
	Low	Low		Selected from	Verified to	Sample	
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors	
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)	-	-	_	-	-	<u>.</u>	
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	-	_	-	-	-	-	
Half Day Kindergarten	-	_	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	34	34	-	34	34	_	
1st Grade	22	22	-	22	22	_	
2nd Grade		5	-	5	5	-	
3rd Grade	11	11	-	11	11	_	
4th Grade	4	4	-	4	4	-	
5th Grade	5	5	-	5	5	-	
6th Grade	4	4	-	4	4	_	
7th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
8th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
10th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
12th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	85	85	-	85	85		
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Spec Ed - Elementary	2	2	-	2	2	-	
Spec Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spec Ed - High School	2	- 2		2	- 2		
Subtotal	2	2	-		2	-	
Totals	87	87		87	87	·······	
Totals						_	
Percentage Error	r	=	0.00%			0.00%	

RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 SECTION 1 - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-2016 Total General Fund Expenditures (Budgetary Basis) Per Schedule C-1 of the CAFR	\$ 17,717,966
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(1,940,165)
Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 15,777,801</u>
2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 315,556</u>
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2015-2016 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$ 315,556
Increased by Allowable Adjustments*	144,185
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 459,741</u>
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2016 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$ 2,630,947
Decreased by: Restricted Capital Reserve Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Maintenance Reserve Tuition Adjustments Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Assigned Assigned - Year-End Encumbrances	693,666 200,000 110,000 50,000 500,000 42,540
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,034,741
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u> </u>
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus	
Excess Surplus Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 575,000 500,000
* Detail of Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ 1,075,000</u>
Extraordinary Aid (Unbudgeted Portion) Nonpublic Transportation Aid Reimbursement	\$ 142,445 1,740
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ 144,185</u>

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 Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were none.

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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