BOROUGH OF STANHOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
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FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

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September 30, 2016

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Stanhope 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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Stanhope 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 statement of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions 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 suggestions.

This report is intended for the information of the Borough of Stanhope 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 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

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

Name	Position	Coverage		
Sally Ann McCarty	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 175,000		
Gordon E. Gibbs	Business Administrator	175,000		
Carissa A. Berkowicz	Board Secretary	75,000		

The District has Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance coverage for the other District employees not separately bonded through School Alliance Insurance Fund as detailed on Exhibit J-20 of the CAFR.

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, Superintendent and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

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 by the March 15th due date.

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: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 included reviewing 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 classification.

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. No exceptions were noted.

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 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.

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.

TPAF 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. 184:184-2 and 184:184-3(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. 184:39-3 is currently \$18,800.

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

As per N.J.S.A. 184:184-3(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. Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. I 8A: 184-5.

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 program 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 except as noted herein.

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, low income students and bilingual education. 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 a few minor exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis with a few minor exceptions. 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's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported on 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. No exceptions were noted.

Travel Expense and 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 require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account separately that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel 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.

Our review of the travel policies and records revealed that the District is in compliance with the travel regulations.

Management Suggestions

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)

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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year recommendations.

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

	2016-2017 Application for State School Aid					Sample for Verification							
	Repo	rted on		rted on			San	nple	Verif	ied per	Error	s per	
	_	SSA		papers			Selected from Workpapers		Registers On Roll		Regis	sters	
		Roll		Roll	Err	ors					on Roll		
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	
Half Day Preschool - 3 yr	1		1				1		1				
Half Day Preschool - 4 yr	3		3				3		3				
Full Day Kindergarten	29		29				29		29				
Grade One	29		29				29		29				
Grade Two	31		31				31		31				
Grade Three	34		34				34		34				
Grade Four	28		28				28		28				
Grade Five	21		21				21		21				
Grade Six	29		29				29		29				
Grade Seven	21		21				21		21				
Grade Eight	33		33				33		33				
Subtotal	259		259				259		259				
Special Education:													
Elementary School	31		26		5		31		26		5		
Middle School	21		21				21		21				
Subtotal	52		47		5		52		47		5		
Totals	311	-0-	306	-0-	5	-0-	311	-0-	306	-0-	5		
Percentage Error					1.61%	0.00%					1.61%	0.00%	

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

	Private Schools for Handicapped					Resident Low Income				
	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten Grade One Grade Two					2 3 3	2 3 3		1	1	
Grade Three Grade Four					4	4 4		1	1	
Grade Five Grade Six					5 3	5 3		2	2	
Grade Seven Grade Eight					3	3 11 .		1	1	
Subtotal					38	38		5	5	
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School	4	2	2		6 7	6 7		3	3	
Subtotal	4	2	2		13	13		3	3	
Totals	4	2	2	-0-	51	51	-0-	8	8	-0-
Percentage Error				0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

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

Resident LEP Low Income

	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores, Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Two	1	1				
Grade Five	1	1		1	1	
Grade Seven	1	1				
Grade Eight	1	1				
Subtotal	5	5		2	2	
Totals	5	5	-0-	2	2	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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

Resident LEP Not Low Income

		114514				
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as		Selected	Test Scores	
	LEP Not Low	LEP Not Low		from	and	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Grade Two	1	1				
Grade Five	1	1		1	1	
	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	2	2		1	1	
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Totals	3	3	-0-	2	2	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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

Transportation Reported Reported on DRTRS on DRTRS by DOE by District Tested Verified **Errors Errors** 3 3 Regular - Public Schools 21 21 Transported - Non Public 2 2 1 1 5 AIL Non-Public 5 1 1 4 4 1 1 Special Needs - Public Special Needs - Private Totals 33 33 -0--0-Percentage Error 0.00%0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.4	5.4
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.4	5.4
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	16.9	16.9

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

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION AT 6/30/2016

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2015-16 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$	5,983,728				
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$		(B1a) (B1b)			
Decreased by:	\$	498,303	(B2a)	ı		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$		(B2b)			
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$		(B2c)			
Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701	<u> </u>	-0-	· (B2C)	,		
Adjusted 15-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$	5,485,425	(B3)			
2% of Adjusted 2015-16 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$	109,709	(B4)			
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ \$ \$	250,000	(B5)			
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$	45,549	(K)			
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Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]				\$	295,549	
SECTION 2						
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2016	\$	908,529	(C)			
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)			_			
Decreased by:						
Year End Encumbrances	\$	53,312	(C1)			
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	-0-	(C2)			
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent						
Year's Expenditures	\$	199,738	(C3)			
Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balances	\$	160,192	(C4)			
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	-0-	(C5)			
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]				\$	495,287	(U1)
Increased by:						
Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701				\$	-0-	(C6)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation (U1 + C6)				\$	495,287	(U2)

BOROUGH OF STANHOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 (Continued)

SECTION 3

Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 199,738 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2016	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ -0- (C3) \$ 199,738 (E)
Total $[(C3)+(E)+(F)]$	\$ 199,738 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale and Lease Back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ -0- (H) \$ -0- (I) \$ 44,610 (J1) \$ 939 (J2)
Total Adjustments ((H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2))	\$ 45,549 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
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- \$ 160,192 \$ -0- \$ -0- \$ -0- \$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 160,192 (C4)

BOROUGH OF STANHOPE SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016 (continued)

It is recommended that:

1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u>

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

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>Facilities and Capital Assets</u>

None.

9. <u>Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations</u>

There were no prior year recommendations.