TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2016

## TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
Town of West New York School District
County of Hudson
West New York, New Jersey
We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Town of West New York School District in the County of Hudson for the year ended June 30, 2016, and have issued our report thereon dated November 18, 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 report is intended for the information of the Town of West New York Board of Education'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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# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE 

## SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator, the activities of the Board of Education, and the records of the Athletic Fund, The Student Activity Fund, Food Service Fund and Special Revenue Fund under the auspices of the Board of Education.

## ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

## Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule, contained in the District's CAFR.

## Official Bonds

Name
Dean Austin

George A. Spina

Position
Amount
School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
\$225,000
Treasurer
\$225,000

The Board also has public employees faithful performance blanket position bond with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group Insurance Group covering all employees with multiple coverage of $\$ 250,000$.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

## Examination of Claims

A test examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification and proper itemization and/or supporting documentation.

# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE 

## FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (Continued)

## Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and the Board’s required payroll contributions were deposited in the Agency Reserve Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

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

## Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable. No discrepancies were noted.

## Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 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 classification to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

## Board Secretary's Records/Business Administrator

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary/Business Administrator disclosed no exceptions.

## Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The E.S.E.A./NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no instances of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

## FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING (Continued)

## 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.

The study of compliance for the other special federal and/or state projects no areas of noncompliance.

## T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the District to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payment made by the State on-behalf of the District for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management, but prior to the 90 days required by N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. Accordingly, the expenditure was made in accordance with State law (90 days) and properly reported as obligated and not expended and as an unliquidated balance in the current year's Final Report for all feeral awards.

## SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

## Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter, the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3(a) are $\$ 40,000$ with a Qualified Purchasing Agent (QPA) and $\$ 29,000$ without a QPA, respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently $\$ 18,800$ for 2015-16.

# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE 

## SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)
The District 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 Solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements 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, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

## SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded $\$ 100,000$ in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were notes.

Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the schedule of federal award's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

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. No exceptions were noted.

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 break even. 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 and supplies were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used. No exceptions were noted.

## ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

## SCHOOL FOOD SERVICE (Continued)

The cash disbursements 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. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education. The records of the management company included time sheets for its employees who work at the various schools. No exceptions were noted.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process, the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed and served was compared to the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meals and free snack policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school system. Sites approved to participate in Provision were examined for compliance with all counting and claiming requirements. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price application were completed and available for review. No exceptions were noted.

USDA Food Distribution program food and commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exception were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section G.

## STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

During our review of the Student Activity funds no exceptions were noted.

## APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2015, Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low income and bilingual. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

## APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (Continued)

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state 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 2015-16 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with some exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments and are as follows:

Finding: Eligibility for 3 of the tested students from the DRTRS could not be Verified.

Recommendation: The District must maintain support for eligibility of all students reported on the DRTRS.

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 and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted:

## FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the School District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.


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| Sample for Verification |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Verified to <br> Test Score and Register | Sample <br> Errors |
| 90 | 90 | - |
| 76 | 76 | - |
| 39 | 39 | - |
| 30 | 30 | - |
| 42 | 42 | - |
| 29 | 29 | - |
| 35 | 35 | - |
| 36 | 36 | - |
| 25 | 25 | - |
| 62 | 62 | . |
| 49 | 49 | - |
| 40 | 40 | - |
| 35 | 35 | $\cdot$ |
| 588 | 588 | - |
| 12 | 12 | - |
| 5 | 5 | - |
| 9 |  | - |
| 26 | 26 | - |
| 614 | 614 | $\cdots$ |
|  |  | 0.00\% |
|  | Reported | Recalculated |
|  | N/A | N/A |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & 1.0 \\ & 6.7 \end{aligned}$ | 1.0 6.7 |


SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS


| Resident LEP NOT Low Income |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income | Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income | Errors |
| 30 | 30 | - |
| 15 | 15 | - |
| 14 | 14 | - |
| 16 | 16 | - |
| 10 | 10 | - |
| 10 | 10 | - |
| 18 | 18 | - |
| 13 | 13 | - |
| 12 | 12 | - |
| 28 | 28 | - |
| 17 | 17 | - |
| 15 | 15 | - |
| 3 | 3 |  |
| 201 | 201 | - |
|  |  |  |
| 2 | 2 | - |
| 2 | 2 | - |
| 4 | 4 | - |
| 205 | 205 | - |

## TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT <br> EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

## SECTION 1

Calculation A: 2 Percent Excess Surplus
All districts required to use school-based budgeting are required to complete this calculation using 2 percent on line A10.


## SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2016
\$ 6,225,556

Decreased by:
Year-end Encumbrances
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**
Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balances****
Assigned-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures

| $(103,040)$ |
| ---: |
| - |
| - |
| $(\mathrm{C} 1)$ |
| $-(\mathrm{C} 3)$ |
| $(2,187,023)$ |

Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C) - (C1) - (C2) - (C3) - (C4) - (C5)]
\$ 3,935,493 (U)

## TOWN OF WEST NEW YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT <br> EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

## SECTION 3

| Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus***[(U) - (M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0- | \$ | 1,215,891 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Summary: |  |  |  |
| Restricted Excess Surplus -- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures** | \$ | - | (C3) |
| Restricted Excess Surplus***[(E)] |  | 1,215,891 | (E) |
| Total [(C3) + (E)] | \$ | 1,215,891 |  |

* This adjustment line (line (K) as detailed below) is to utilized for Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid, and unbudgeted FICA Wage Freeze Grant Revenue, if applicable. Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for 2015-16 received after June 30 is limited to the amount of revenue recognized in the audit year that was not appropriated.


## Detail of Allowable Adjustements

Impact Aid
Sale \& Lease-back
Extraordinary Aid
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized
Family Crisis Transportation Aid
Total Adjustments [(H) + (I) + (J1) + (J2) + (J3) + (J4)]
\$ 534,574 (K)
** This amount represents the June 30, 2015 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
*** See (E) above. The amount must agree with the June 30, 2015 CAFR and Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.
**** Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balance must be detailed for each source and request for approval to use amounts other than state imposed legal restrictions in the excess surplus calculation must be submitted to that Assistant to the Commissioner - Field Services prior to September 30.
(N-1) Capital reserve at June 30, 2016
( $\mathrm{N}-2$ ) Maintenance reserve minimum required under EFCFA
( $\mathrm{N}-3$ ) Tuition reserve at June 30, 2016
(N-4) Emergency reserve at June 30, 2016
(N-5) School bus fuel offset reserve - current year - June 30, 2016
(N-6) School bus fuel offset reserve - prior year - June 30, 2016
(N-7) Impact Aid general fund reserve at June 30, 2016
(N-8) Impact Aid capital fund reserve at June 30, 2016

## Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance

## Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal
Sale/lease-back reserve
Capital reserve (N-1)
Maintenance reserve ( $\mathrm{N}-2$ )
Tution reserve ( $\mathrm{N}-3$ )
Emergency reserve ( $\mathrm{N}-4$ )
School Bus Advertising 50\% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year (N-5)
School Bus Advertising 50\% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year (N-6)
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Section 8002 and 8003) (N-7)
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Section 8007 and 8008) (N-8)


