MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2017

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

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

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government</u> <u>Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Moonachie Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated November 28, 2017.

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 for the information 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 28, 2017

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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator 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 Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Official Bonds

Name	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Dr. Vincent Occhino	Interim Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$200,000
Ernest Turner	Treasurer	\$250,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did indicate discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Finding (CAFR 2017-001) – Our audit of the payment of claims revealed that there were numerous purchase orders that lacked a payment approval signature and/or a receipt of goods signature. In addition, the payments were not always approved in the official minutes of the District.

Recommendation- It is recommended that approval signatures and receipt of goods signatures are obtained on all purchase orders and payments are approved in the official minutes of the District prior to issuing payments.

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.

- **Finding** Our audit of the payroll certifications revealed that the payrolls were not approved nor certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.
 - **Recommendation** It is recommended that all payrolls are to be approved by the Superintendent and are to be 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 premium amounts withheld 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

Finding – Our audit of salaries revealed that two part time employees that received in excess of \$5,000 per year were not enrolled in the DCRP.

Recommendation – It is recommended that part time employees who are eligible and earn in excess of \$5,000 are enrolled in DCRP.

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

Finding – Our audit of the terminated employees revealed that two former employees remained on the Delta Dental invoices subsequent to termination.

Recommendations – It is recommended that Delta Dental invoices be reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure that only eligible employees are receiving dental benefits.

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. 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.

Finding – Our audit of the open encumbrances and accounts payable revealed the following:

- Certain purchase orders were incorrectly recorded as encumbrances and should have been classified as accounts payable.
- Certain accounts payable were considered invalid and should have been cancelled prior to year-end.
- There were two unrecorded encumbrances.

Recommendation – Purchase orders are to be reviewed at year end to ensure that all purchase orders are recorded and that they are properly classified as accounts payable or encumbrance, in addition all invalid purchase order should be cancelled prior to year end.

Travel

The district has adopted a policy regulating District travel in compliance with N.J.S.A. 18A:11.12.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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. 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:23A-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the proprietary of expenditure classification.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

Bids received are summarized in the minutes.

The prescribed contracted order system was followed.

Elementary and Secondary 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 Title I and II Title of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

Our examination of the E.S.E.A./NCLB 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 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 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 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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidations period, but prior to the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office 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

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) and 18A:39-3(a) are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent). The District has appointed Dr. Vincent Occhino as a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school 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 Board has designated the Business Administrator as the qualified purchasing agent.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements and aggregate amounts for similar services/goods were made for the performance of work or purchased 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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 Fund

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 noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate food service personnel, as to whether the SFA'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.

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

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

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.

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

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Finding – Our audit noted the Food Service Funds' net cash resources at June 30, 2017 exceeded the three month average of expenditures.

Recommendation – Appropriate action be taken in the Food Service Fund to ensure net cash resources do not exceed the three month average of expenditures.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

Finding – Our audit of the interfund with the Food Service Fund and the General Fund revealed that the Federal and State reimbursements that were deposited into the General Fund were not all transferred to the Food Service Fund in a timely manner. In addition, the General Fund budgeted transfer to the Food Service was not transferred prior to year end.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the federal and state reimbursement be turned over to the Food Service Fund in a timely manner. In addition, the General Fund subsidy be turned over to the Food Service Fund prior to year end.

Finding – The Department of the Child Nutrition performed an audit of the food service program during the prior year. A corrective action plan was approved by the board based on the findings from the audit, therefore, there is no recommendation warranted.

Finding – Our audit of the Food Service disbursements revealed that payments were not approved in the official minutes of the District.

Recommendation – It is recommended that all food service disbursements be approved in the official minutes of the District.

Student Body Activity Fund

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

Finding – We noted several instances were cash disbursement requests did not have approval signatures and that several disbursements did not have proper supporting documentation.

Recommendation – All cash disbursements to be approved and to have proper supporting documentation for disbursement.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 14, 2016 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, low income 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. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Finding (CAFR 2017-002) – Our audit of ASSA Resident Low Income revealed that there were certain differences noted between the ASSA report and the district workpapers.

Recommendation – It is recommended that internal controls are enhanced to ensure the District workpapers are in agreement with the ASSA report.

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 2016-2017 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with one 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.

Follow Up On Prior Year Findings

Corrective action has been taken.

Management Suggestions

Wire transfers from the Boards financial institutions currently require one authorization, it is suggested that a second person be utilized for authorization of wire transfer of funds from the District's bank account.

The District currently utilizes store cards without a written board policy, it is suggested that the board formally adopt a policy on the use of store cards.

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL/MILK COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES

NOT APPLICABLE

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	2017-18	Application for State Sc	ş	Private Schools for Disabled						
-		Reported on		Sample	Verified per	Errors per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.A.	Workpapers		Selected from	Register	Registers	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Roll	On Roll	Errors	Workpapers	On Roll	On Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
-	Full Shared	Fuli Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3 years										
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	22	22	-	22	22					
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-					
Full Day Kindergarten	22	22	-	22	22					
1st Grade	26	26	-	26	26					
2nd Grade	27	27	-	27	27					
3rd Grade	24	24	-	24	24					
4th Grade	30	30	-	30	29	1 -				
5th Grade	30	30	-	30	30					
6th Grade	30	30	-	30	30					
7th Grade	30	30	-	30	30					
8th Grade	26	26	-	26	26					
9th Grade										
10th Grade										
11th Grade										
12th Grade										
Subtotal	267 -	267 -		267 -	266 -	1 -	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	31	31	_	26	26	<u></u>	2	2	1	1
Spec Ed- Middle School	16	16	-	14	14	-	- 1	-		·
Spec Ed - High School		10		.,			3	3	3	
Subtotal	47 -	47 -		40 -	40 -			5	4	1
Subiolal	47 -	41 ~		40 -	40 -		Ŭ	5	4	ľ
Totals	314 -	314 -		307 -	306 -	1 -	6	5	4	1
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.33%				0.00%

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLEMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	Res	sident Low Income)	Samp	le for Verificatio	ication Resident LEP Low Income		Sampl	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on		Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to	Sample Errors	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 Score	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)			-			-			-			-
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)			~	_	_	-						-
Full Day Kindergarten	11 13	12	(1)	6 7	6	-				2	2	-
1st Grade 2nd Grade	13	12 12	1 2	7	7 7	-	4 3	4 3		3 2	3 1	- 1
3rd Grade	14	12	1	7	6	1	5	5		2	1	-
4th Grade	16	17	(1)	, 8	7	1						-
5th Grade	15	15	-	7	7		1	1		1	1	-
6th Grade	14	13	1	8	8	-	1	1		1	1	-
7th Grade	13	11	2	6	- 6	-	1	1		1	1	-
8th Grade	16	15	1	7	7	~	1	1		1	1	-
9th Grade	-											-
10th Grade	-		-	-	-	-						-
11th Grade	-		-	-	-	-						-
12th Grade	-		-	-	-	<u> </u>						-
Subtotal	123	117	6	63	61	2	11	11	-	9	8	1
Spec Ed - Elementary	20	16	4	4	4	_	2	2		2	2	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	11	10	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-		-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	31	26	5	7	7	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Totals	154	143	11	70	68	2	13	13	_	11	10	1
Percentage Error	-	=	7.14%		:	2.86%		-	0.00%		2	9.09%
			Transpo	ortation		<u> </u>						
	Reported on	Reported on										
	DRTRS by DOE	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	17	17		13	13							
Regular - Spec.	5	5		3	3							
Transported - Non-Public	20	20		15	15							
Special Needs - Public	24	24		18	17	1						
Totals	65	66	-	49	48	1						
			0.00%		=	2.04%						

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MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLEMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

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	Reported on A.S.S.A as Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors		
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs) Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs) Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 9th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade 11th Grade 12th Grade Subtotal	1	1	-	1	1			
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed- Middle School Spec Ed - High School Subtotal	-	-	- - -			-		
Totals	s <u> </u>	1		1	1			
Percentage Erro	r	=	0.00%		:	0.00%		

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

2016-2017 Total General Fund Expenditures		\$ 8,760,402		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		 635,749		
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures		8,124,653		
2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures		 162,493		
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000		250,000		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment		 28,182		
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance			<u>\$</u>	278,182
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2017		\$ 1,405,581		
Capital Reserve 4 Maintenance Reserve 4 Maintenance Reserve 5 Maintenance Reserve - Designated Subsequent Year Expenditures 3 Assigned: 1 Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures 3 Year End Encumbrances 1 Total Unassigned Fund Balance for Excess 1	63,072 428,978 17,197 300,000 26,374 <u>18,725</u>	 854,346		
Surplus Calculation			<u>\$</u>	551,235
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			<u>\$</u>	273,053
Detail of Allowable Adjustments				
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid Extraordinary Aid		\$ 3,480 24,702		
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017			<u>\$</u>	28,182
Reserved Excess Surplus Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures			\$	273,053 63,072
			<u>\$</u>	336,125

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Approval signatures and receipt of goods signatures are obtained on all purchase orders and payments are approved in the official minutes of the District prior to issuing payments.
- 2. All payrolls are to be approved by the Superintendent and are to be certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.
- 3. Part time employees who are eligible and earn in excess of \$5,000 are enrolled in DCRP.
- 4. Purchase orders are reviewed at year end to ensure that all purchase orders are recorded and that they are properly classified as accounts payable or encumbrance, in addition all invalid purchase order should be cancelled prior to year end.
- 5. Delta Dental invoices are reviewed on a monthly basis to ensure that only eligible employees are receiving dental benefits.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

It is recommended that:

- 1. Appropriate action be taken in the Food Service Fund to ensure net cash resources do not exceed the three month average of expenditures.
- 2. The federal and state reimbursement be turned over to the Food Service Fund in a timely manner. In addition, the General Fund subsidy be turned over to the Food Service Fund prior to year end.
- 3. All food service disbursements be approved in the official minutes of the District.

V. Student Body Activities

It is recommended that all cash disbursements to be approved and to have proper supporting documentation for disbursement.

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

VI. Application for State School Aid

It is recommended that internal controls are enhanced to ensure the District workpapers are in agreement with the ASSA report.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

Prior year findings were reviewed and corrective action was taken.

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, LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

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