PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

# PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MORRIS AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS – FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 TABLE OF CONTENTS

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September 29, 2017

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Pequannock Township School District County of Morris, 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 Pequannock Township School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated September 29, 2017.

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 29, 2017, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of our comments, if any, during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed any 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 recommendations, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Pequannock Township School District's Board of Education, 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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## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer, 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

Name	<u>Position</u>	Coverage
Raymond G. Karaty	Treasurer	\$275,000
Kateryna W. Bechtel	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	275,000

#### **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 Register

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 Superintendent and were certified by the Board President, the School Business Administrator, and the Superintendent.

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

The required certification (E-CERT 1) of compliance with all documentation prepared for income tax related purposes of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent and business administrator) complying with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations, was completed and submitted to the NJ Department of Treasury by the due date of March 15.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

(Continued)

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 General and Administrative Expenditures

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 reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. 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. 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 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, Title II and Title III 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 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.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### FISCALYEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Continued)

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

#### 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.

#### 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, 2017. 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.* 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.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Continued)

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

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 District does not participate in the Child Nutrition Program and therefore received no federal 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.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Continued)

#### **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 schools for the disabled, low income and bilingual students. 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 no errors. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

#### **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 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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. 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 agreements for consistency with recording of the revenue and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

#### 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 ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved prior by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending.

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

#### **Management Suggestions:**

#### 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, 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.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Continued)

#### **Management Suggestions:**

#### **Student Activities**

We believe it is important that the District be aware that any pupil organization which is part of the activity program of the School District, places at least indirect responsibility for supervision and control of that organization with the Board of Education. We suggest that the Board formally approve each school club or activity. As directed by the New Jersey Department of Education, collections related to fund raising for outside organizations should not be maintained in the District's Student Activity Funds.

Additionally, the District should ensure that District-wide standard policies and procedures are implemented for all Student Activity Funds. These policies should indicate the student activities funds are to be utilized for the benefit of the student activity or club and not to be utilized for enhancement of instructional programs or school facilities. The District should at least at a minimum communicate to school personnel on an annual basis the District's policies and procedures regarding Student Activity Funds. We suggest that these policies include guidance regarding timely deposits of funds and the safeguarding of funds prior to deposit as well as the appropriate purchasing guidelines for student activities disbursements.

#### Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no recommendations in the prior year.

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

NOT APPLICABLE

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOOD SERVICE FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

Percentage Error

0.00%

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# APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	F	Private Schools for Disabled	for Disabled				Resid	Resident Low Income	o	
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample			Reported on A.S.S.A.	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to	
	Private	for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	Application	Sample
*	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindegarten										
Grade One					2	2		_		
Grade Two					6	6		2	2	
Grade Three					2	2				
Grade Four					5	S		1	1	
Grade Five					4	4				
Grade Six					7	7		_	1	
Grade Seven					5	S				
Grade Eight					3	3				
Grade Nine					S	5				
Grade Ten					10	10		2	7	
Grade Eleven					S	5				
Grade Twelve					4.5	4.5				
Subtotal					62.5	62.5		7	7	
Special Ed - Elementary	2	-			9	9		2	2	
Special Ed - Middle School	3				2	2				
Special Ed - High School	11.0	3	3		0.9	0.9		2	2	
Subtotal	16.0	5	5		14.0	14.0		5	\sigma_	
Totals	16.0	5	5	0	76.5	76.5	-0-	12	12	-0-
Percentage Error				0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

#### Resident LEP Low Income

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

#### Resident LEP Not Low Income

	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not Low	<b>LEP Not Low</b>		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindergarte	t 4	4		2	2	
Grade Four	1	1				
Grade Five	2	2		1	1	
Grade Seven	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	8	8		4	4	
Totals	8	8	-0-	4	4	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

			Transp	ortation		
	Reported	Reported				
	on DRTRS	on DRTRS	_			_
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	97	97		8	8	
Regular - Special Education	2	2		2	2	
Transported - Non Public	33	33		6	6	
AIL - Non Public	88	88		9	9	
Special Needs - Public	22	22		4	4	
Special Needs - Private	19	19		4	4	
Totals	261	261	-0-	33	33	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

		Re-
	Reported	calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	8.7	8.7
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	8.7	8.7
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	11.9	11.9

### PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

#### **Section 1 - REGULAR DISTRICT**

2016-2017 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Increased by:  Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by:	\$ 38,609,265 (B) \$ -0- (B1a) \$ 612,328 (B1b)
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 4,432,999 (B2a) \$ -0- (B2b)
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$34,788,594 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ 695,772 (B4) \$ 695,772 (B5) \$ 18,355 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 714,127 (M)
Section 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2017 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	\$ 7,252,558 (C)
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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 Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures July 1, 2017 - August 1, 2017	\$ 520,960 (C1) \$ -0- (C2) \$ 1,100,000 (C3) \$ 3,917,471 (C4) \$ -0- (C5) \$ -0- (C6)
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 Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent	\$ -0- (C2) \$ 1,100,000 (C3) \$ 3,917,471 (C4) \$ -0- (C5)
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 Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures July 1, 2017 - August 1, 2017	\$ -0- (C2) \$ 1,100,000 (C3) \$ 3,917,471 (C4) \$ -0- (C5) \$ -0- (C6)

## PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (Continued)

#### Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 1,100,000 (C3) \$ 1,000,000 (E)
Total $[(C3)+(E)+(F)]$	\$ 2,100,000 (D)
<u>Detail of Allowable Adjustments</u>	
Impact Aid	\$ -0- (H)
Sale and Lease Back	\$ -0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ -0- (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 18,355 (J2)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$ 18,355 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
Statutory Restrictions	\$ -0-
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	
Capital Outlay for a District with a Capital Outlay SGLA	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve	\$ 3,717,471
Emergency Reserve	
Maintenance Reserve	\$ -0- \$ 200,000
Tuition Reserve	\$ -0-
Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve	\$ -0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 3,917,471

### PEQUANNOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

#### It is recommended that:

1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures	
	None	

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Program

None

4. <u>School Food Service</u>

None

5. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

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

There were no recommendations in the prior year.