WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL <u>HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> <u>COUNTY OF SUSSEX</u> <u>AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON</u> <u>ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,</u> <u>COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017</u>

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September 22, 2017

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Wallkill Valley Regional High School District Hamburg, 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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Wallkill Valley Regional High School District in the County of Sussex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 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 22, 2017, on the financial statements 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 recommendations, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Wallkill Valley Regional High 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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WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH 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 of School Moneys, 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	Position	Coverage
Sarah Anne McGrath	Treasurer of School Monies	\$204,000
Joseph Hurley	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	204,000

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 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, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Superintendent. Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant to her order for the full amount of the payroll.

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 in a timely manner.

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 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 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: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 classifications.

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 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 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.

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. Reimbursements 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.

As per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, the Board passed a resolution, recognizing 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

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

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 school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. We inquired of school management, or the 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 school 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.

Non-program foods were purchased, prepared or offered for sale. The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position in the CAFR Schedule B-5 does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

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 handicapped, bilingual and low income 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis without exception. 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 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 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.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal travel policy and procedure pertaining to travel expenses and reimbursements for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account for these expenses within a separate account in the budget to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved by the Board prior to the event and that the approval list the event, total event cost and the individuals attending. Employees and board members attending an event are then required to complete a post event report to be submitted to a designated person within the District.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The District currently has no active capital projects.

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 No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*, which will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This standard replaces GASB No. 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.

Student Activities

It has recently been determined that School District personnel may not be completely aware of the limitations and restrictions on the use of Student Activity Funds. 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.

Student Activities (Cont'd)

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.

Capital Projects

There are two capital projects that the District has been carrying on their books as open projects in the Capital Projects Fund which they should consider declaring as complete and closing out. We suggest that the District close out these projects and return unused funds to their respective revenue sources accordingly. For projects funded through bond issuances, these funds may be returned to the Debt Service Fund to pay down the debt associated with the project.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding repairing or replacing the monitoring unit for SRECs has been resolved and is not included in the current year's audit.

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

		2016-17	Application	2016-17 Application for State School Aid	nool Aid				Sample for	Sample for Verification		
	Repo	Reported on	Repoi	Reported on			San	Sample	Verifi	Verified per	Erro	Errors per
	A.S	A.S.S.A.	Work	Workpapers			Selecté	Selected from	Reg	Registers	Reg	Registers
	On	On Roll	On	On Roll	Errors	STC	Work	Workpapers	On	On Roll	On	On Roll
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Grade Nine	94		94				94		94			
Grade Ten	131		131				131		131			
Grade Eleven	132		131				131		131			
Grade Twelve	141		142				142		142			
Subtotal	498	0	498	0			498	0	498	0		
Special Ed - High School Subtotal	148 148		148 148				15 15		15 15			
Totals	646	0	646	0	-0-	-0-	513	0	513	0	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error	or				0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

		Private Schools for Disabled	for Disabled				Resident Low Income	ow Income		
	Reported on	Samla			Reported on	Reported on Worknapers		Sample Selected	Varified to	
	Private	for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	Application	Sample
	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Grade Nine					L	L		-	-	
Grade Ten					19	19		£	S	
Grade Eleven					14	14		3	n	
Grade Twelve					11	11		7	7	
Subtotal					51	51		6	6	
Special Ed - High School	11	С	ю		40	40		9	9	
Subtotal	11	3	3		40	40		9	9	
Totals	11	3	3	-0-	91	91	0-	15	15	
Percentage Error	or			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016</u>

		Resident LE	P Low Income		
Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	
A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers		Selected	Test Scores,	
LEP Low	LEP Low		from	Application	Sample
Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors

NOT APPLICABLE

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

	Resid	ent LEP N	lot Low Income		
Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
LEP Not Low	LEP Not Low		from	Test Scores	Sample
Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors

NOT APPLICABLE

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLLMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 14, 2016

			Transpor	rtation		
	Reported	Reported				
	on DRTRS	on DRTRS	F	T (1	X7 'C' 1	F
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	49 1	491		25	25	
Regular - Special Education	114	114		11	11	
Transported - Non Public	64	64		6	6	
Special Needs - Public	32	32		3	3	
Special Needs - Private	13	13		3	3	
Totals	714	714	-0-	48	48	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

		Re-
	Reported	calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	6.1	6.1
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	6.1	6.1
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	13.3	13.3

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

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: On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases		(B1a) (B1b)	
Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 14,786,477	_ ^(B3)	
2% of Adjusted 2016-2017 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .02 Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	2 \$ 295,730 \$ 295,730 \$ 295,730 \$ 5,776	(B5) (K)	201.507 (44)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]			<u>301,506</u> (M)
Section 2			
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2017 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	\$ 1,420,555	_(C)	
Assigned - 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	\$ 93,848 \$ -0- \$ 61,918 \$ 771,108 \$ 97,271 \$ 94,904	(C2) (C3) (C4) (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$	301,506 (U1)
Section 3			
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE	E, ENTER -0-		<u> </u>

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017 (continued)

Section 3

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2017		
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ \$	61,918 (C3) 0 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)+(F)]	\$	<u>61,918</u> (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$	-0- (H)
Sale and Lease Back	\$	- 0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$	-0- (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid		5,776 (J2)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$	<u>5,776</u> (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances		
Statutory Restrictions	_\$	-0-
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$	-0-
Capital Outlay for a District with a Capital Outlay SGLA	\$	-0-
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	\$	-0-
Capital Reserve	\$	771,108
Maintenance Reserve	\$	-0-
Emergency Reserve	\$	-0-
Tuition Reserve	\$	-0-
Waiver Offset Reserve	\$	-0-
Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve		-0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above		-0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balances		771,108

WALLKILL VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. <u>Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting</u>

None

3. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

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>

The prior year recommendation regarding repairing or replacing the monitoring unit for SRECs has been resolved and is not included in the current year's audit.