

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS– FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

JUNE 30, 2018

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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Hopewell Valley Regional School District County of Mercer, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, County of Mercer for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2019.

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 solely for the information and use of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District's management and Board members, 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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February 4, 2019 Livingston, New Jersey

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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

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

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>mount</u>
Robert Colavita	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$	120,000
James Bartolomei	Treasurer of School Moneys		400,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were more (less) than estimated costs. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the increase (decrease) in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review indicated no discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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.

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 benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school monies with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

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Position Control Roster

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify and inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports) and the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction).

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 and no exceptions were identified.

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-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary did not identify any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

No exceptions were noted during our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (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.

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Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A (K-3) and B (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 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 projects indicated no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance or State Circular NJ OMB 15-08, however, we noted the following:

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly 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 school district was not required to reimburse the state for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State onbehalf of the school district as no employee's salaries were identified as being paid from federal funds.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:18A-2 and 18A:39-3 are \$40,000 (the Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000 for 2017-18.

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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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, as amended.

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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 have been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions 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.

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 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.

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

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, there were no exceptions noted.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2017 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) 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 A.S.S.A. was compared to the District workpapers with no exceptions as identified in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The information that was included on the workpapers was also verified with no exceptions as identified in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. 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. During our review of the Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.), there were no exceptions noted.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2017-18 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exceptions as identified in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. During our testing, we identified the following:

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Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our testing, 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 New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreement for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the capital reserve account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No current year NJSDA activity was noted.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The District adhered to all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The District submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Miscellaneous

The District continued to make progress towards maximizing its participation in the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Program. Although the District was unable to reach ninety percent participation, current year participation increased from the prior year and progress was made towards the ninety percent participation goal and therefore we did not report as a finding during the 2018 audit.

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Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

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

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2017-18 fiscal year.

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.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

		2018-2019	Applicatio	n for State	School Ai	d			Sample	for Verific	cation		Priva	te Schools fo	or Disabled	
	A.S	orted on S.S.A. 1 Roll	Work	ted on papers Roll	1	Errors	Sam Selected Workpa	l from	Verific Regi: On I	sters	Re	rors per egisters	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for Verifi-	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool	43		43				27		27							
Full Day Preschool	1		1				-i		-i							
Half Day Kindegarten	_		-				_		•							
Full Day Kindergarten	184		184				32		32							
One	214		214				62		62							
Two	195		195				46		46							
Three	232		232				73		73							
Four	254		254				64		64							
Five	220		220				30		30							
Six	223		223				223		223							
Seven	230		230				230		230							
Eight	243		243				243		243							
Nine	246		246				246		246							
Ten	225		225				225		225							
Eleven	240	6	240	6			240	6	240	6						
Twelve	253	10	253	10			253	10	253	10						
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)							1005	 .	1.005							
Subtotal	3,003	16	3,003	16	•	•	1,995	16	1,995	16	-	-	-	•	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	194		194				43		43				5	4	4	
Special Ed - Middle School	140		140				140		140				9	8	8	
Special Ed - High School	146	18	146	18_			146	18	146	18			10	9	9	
Subtotal	480	18	480	18			329	18	329	18			24	21	21	<u> </u>
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	3,483	34	3,483	34			2,324	34	2,324	34			24	21	21	
- 311110					<u> </u>									41		
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%	•				0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

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HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

		Resident Low Income		Sample for Verification			nt LEP Low Income	Sample for V			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	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 and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool	1	1									
Half Day Kindegarten	_										
Full Day Kindergarten One	4 S	4 5		4 5	4 5		1	1	l	ı	
Two	10	10		7	7						
Three	11	11		10	10						
Four	6	6		6	6						
Five	8	8		6	6						
Six	6	6		5	5						
Seven Eight	12 4	12 4		10 4	10 4						
Nine	11	11		2	2						
Ten	10	10		•	-						
Eleven	9	9		3	3		2	2	2	2	
Twelve	4	4		1	1		2	2	2	2	
Post-Graduate											
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)											
Subtotal	101	101	-	63	63	-	- 5		. 5		
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal	12 13 9 34	12 13 9 34		7 11 3 21	7 11 3 21			·	-		
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	135	135		84	84		5	5			
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		0.009	<u>′6</u>		0.00%
			Trans	portation							
	Reported on DRTRS by	Reported on DRTRS by									
	District	DOE/county	Errors	Tested	<u>Verified</u>	Errors					
Reg Public Schools	1,676.0	1,676.0		201.0	201.0					Reported	Recalculated
Reg -SpEd	233,5	233.5		28.0	28.0		Reg Avg.(Mileage	e) = Regular Including Grade	PK students (Part A)	4,6	4.6
Transported - AIL	343.0	343.0		41.0	41.0		Reg Avg.(Mileage	e) = Regular Excluding Grade	PK students (Part B)	4.6	4.6
Transported - Non-Public	18.0	18.0		2.0	2.0		Spec Avg. = Spec	cial Ed with Special Needs		8,6	8,6
Special Ed Spec Totals	155.5 2,426.0	155.5 2,426.0		19.0 291.0	19.0 291.0					•	
e Utalij	2,720.0	2,720.0	<u> </u>	271,0	271,0	<u>-</u> -					
Percentage Error						0,00%					

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HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Resider	it LEP NOT Low Incom	Sample for Verification				
	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 Preschool							
Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten							
Full Day Kindergarten	4			4	4		
One	4 5	4 5		4 5	4 5		
Two	J	J		3	3		
Three							
Four							
Five	3	3		3	3		
Six	_	-		-	•		
Seven	1	1		1	1		
Eight	3	3		3	3		
Nine							
Ten							
Eleven	l l	1		1	1		
Twelve							
Post-Graduate							
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)							
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	17	17					
Subtotal	17	17	-	17	17	•	
Special Ed - Elementary							
Special Ed - Middle							
Special Ed - High							
Subtotal			·	•		-	
Co. Voc Regular							
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.							
Totals	17	17		17	17		
							
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

71. 2 70 Calculation of Excess Sulpius	
2017-18 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$ 85,086,731 (B)
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u> -</u> (Bla)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u> -</u> (Blb)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK - Regular	\$ - (Blc)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK - Inclusion	<u>\$</u> (Bld)
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension, medical, LTD & Social Security	\$ 10,428,260 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 475,000 (B2b)
Adjusted 2017-18 General Fund Expenditures [(B)-(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 74,183,471 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2017-18 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 1,483,669 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 1,483,669 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 588,344 (K)
Maximum Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 2,072,013 (M)

This adjustment line (line (K) as detailed below) is to be utilized for Federal Impact Aid, Sale, Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid, Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue and Family Crisis Transportation Aid, if applicable. Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for 2017-18 received after June 30 is limited to the amount of revenue recognized in the audit year that was not appropriated.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	<u>\$ -</u> (H)
Sale & Lease-back	<u>\$ -</u> (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 486,341 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 102,003 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ <u>-</u> (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	<u>\$ -</u> (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ 588,344 (K)

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2018	\$ 13,411,820 (C)	
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 381,221 (C1)	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ - (C2)	
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures**	\$ 2,222,692 (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 4,996,683 (C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ 2,334,552 (C5)	
Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated		
for Subsequent Year's Expenditures July 1, 2018 - August 1, 2018 *****	\$ (C6)	
	(33)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C-6)]		\$ 3,476,672 (UI)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance		
Statutory restrictions:		
Approved unspent separate proposal	s -	
Sale/lease-back reserve	<u>s</u> -	
Capital reserve	\$ 4,906,680	
Maintenance reserve	\$ 90,003	
Emergency reserve	\$ -	
Tuition reserve	\$ -	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	\$ -	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	\$ -	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ -	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ -	
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$ -	
•	<u> </u>	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	<u>3 -</u>	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 4,996,683 (C4)	
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***		
[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-		\$ 1,404,659 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2018		
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures **		\$ 2,222,692 (C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]		\$ 1,404,659 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]		\$ 3,627,351 (D)

Line

- ** This amount represents the June 30, 2017 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.
- *** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2018 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

Increase in Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved-Designated for Subsequent Year's expenditures July 1, 2018 to August 1, 2018 resulting from decrease in state aid after adoption of 2018-19 district budget.

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Audit Recommendations Summary

We suggest the following:

- 1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u> None.
- 2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting None.
- 3. <u>School Purchasing Programs</u> None.
- 4. <u>School Food Service</u> None.
- 5. <u>Student Body Activities</u> None.
- 6. <u>Application for State School Aid</u> None.
- 7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u> None.
- 8. Facilities and Capital Assets None.
- 9. <u>Miscellaneous</u> None.
- 10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations All prior year findings have been corrected.