NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2018

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

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Northvale Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2019.

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 solely for the information and use 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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GENERAL COMMENTS

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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dawn Delasandro	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	100,000
Suzanne Burroughs	Treasurer of School Monies	185,000

There is public employee dishonesty coverage covering all other employees with coverage of \$100,000 per employee and \$400,000 per loss.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than estimated costs for special education tuition. In addition, the Board made a proper adjustment to the billings for the regular students where the actual costs were less than the estimated costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any 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 tested were certified by the President of the Board and 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 and due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 due date.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Employee Position Control Roster

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

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. 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.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance 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.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating, net pay and payroll agency accounts (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 (Schedule A) and Exhibit K-4 (Schedule B) located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 (TPAF). No exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements to State for Federal Salary Expenditures

None.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter the bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 (as amended) and 18A:39-3 are \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The Business Administrator has been designated as the Temporary Purchasing Agent of the District and the Board of Education has adopted a resolution establishing the bid threshold at \$40,000. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39.3 is \$19,000 for 2017/18.

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 Board 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.

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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

The School Food Service Program was utilized to operate a milk program. The District did not receive any federal or state support.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Expenditures reflect the purchase of milk only. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Student Body Activities

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

Cash receipts were promptly deposited.

Cash disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

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, related services, 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified 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 had 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 2017-2018 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 were to review the transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The District had no SDA grant projects during the year. The capital assets records were properly maintained for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES - FOOD SERVICE

NOT APPLICABLE

NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

		2018-19 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled						
			rted on S.S.A.		orted on kpapers				mple ed from		ied per jisters		ors per gisters	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample for		
		On	Roll	O	On Roll Errors			Workpapers On Roll		Roll	On Roll		Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample	
	_	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool		_	_	_	_			_	_	_	_	4	_				
Full Day Preschool		_	_	_	_			_	_	_	_	_	_				
Half Day Kindegarten		_	_	-	_			_	_	-	_	_					
Full Day Kindergarten		49	_	49	_			49	_	49		_	_				
One		53	_	53	, mag.	_	_	53	_	53	-	_	_				
Two		54	-	54	_	~	_	54	_	54	_	_	-				
Three		53	-	53	_	-	_	53	-	53	-	_	-				
Four		52	_	52	_	-	_	52	_	52	-	-	-				
Five		54	_	54	_	-	_	54	-	54	-	-	-				
Six		49	_	49	_	-		49		49	-	-	-				
Seven		46	-	46		-	_	46	-	46	-	_	-				
Eight		47	-	47	-	-	-	47	-	47	-	-	_				
Nine		-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	_				
Ten		-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	~				
Eleven		-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	_	-				
Twelve		-	-	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_				
Post-Graduate		-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	_				
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)		-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	_	_	_				
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)													-				
Subtotal		- 457 -		- 457				- 457 -		- 457 -	-	-	-	-	-		-
Special Ed - Elementary		30	_	30	_	_		23	_	23	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Special Ed - Middle School	ol	29	_	29	_	_	_	22	-	22	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Special Ed - High School	•		_		-				_		_		_	_	_	_	_
Subtotal		59		- 59			_	- 45 -		- 45 -	-			-		*	
Co. Voc Regular																	
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																	
Totals		516		516		-		502		502						-	
P	ercentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

NORTHVALE <u>SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Resident Low Income			Samp	le for Verification		Resid	ent LEP Low Incom-	e	Sample for Verification			
	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	
Haif Day Preschool	_	_	_	_	_	_				_			
Full Day Preschool	-	-	_	•	-	-	-	_	-	-	-		
Half Day Kindegarten	*	-	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	~	
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Two	-	•	•	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	
Four	=	=	-	=	=	=	~	=	-	-	-	*	
Five Six	-	-	_	*	-	-	-	-	-	*	=	-	
Seven	-		_	-	-	_	-	-	<u>.</u>	-	-	-	
Eight		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nine	-	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	
Ten	-	-	_	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	*	-	-	-	-	
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	-	-	-	
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-		**	-	-	-	~	-	
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-	
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal				_	-								
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	_	1	1	-	-	_	_	_		_	
Special Ed - Middle	1	1	~	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - High	<u> </u>								_				
Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2	*	*	-	_			-	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	2	2		2	2		, n.p.a				-	***************************************	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
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	Reported on	Reported on	Transpo	ortation									
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by											
	DOE/county	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors							
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-							
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	1	1	-	1	1	-							
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	7	-	-	7	-	-							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6 Totals		7 8		8	7 8								
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Percentage Error						0.00%							

NORTHVALE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inco	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		
II.10D D 1 1								
Half Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-			
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-			
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	7	-			
Full Day Kindergarten	7	7	-	7	7	-		
One	4	4	-	4	4	-		
Two	5	5	-	5	5	-		
Three	2	2	-	2	2	-		
Four	1	1	-	1	1	-		
Five	•	-	-	-	-	-		
Six	1	1	-	1	1	-		
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Subtotal	20	20		20	20	-		
Special Ed - Elementary	2	2	_	2	2	_		
Special Ed - Middle	-	_	-	-		_		
Special Ed - High	-	_	_	_	_	_		
Subtotal	2	2	-	2	2			
Co. Voc Regular								
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.								
Totals	22_	22		22	22	-		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		

NORTHVALE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

SECTION 1 - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2017-2018 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2017-2018 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	11,197,758
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$	(1,298,665)
Adjusted 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures	\$	9,899,093
2% of Adjusted 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures	\$	197,982
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$	250,000
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments		222,941
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	472,941
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2018	\$	3,676,188
Decreased by: Restricted Emergency Reserve Maintenance Reserve Capital Reserve Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Assigned Year-End Encumbrances		219,441 126,363 1,206,797 320,000 650,000
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,122,941
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	650,000
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2018		
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus	\$	650,000 650,000
	\$	1,300,000
Detail of Allowable Adjustments Extraordinary Aid 2017-2018 (Unbudgeted) Nonpublic Transportation Aid 2017-2018 (Unbudgeted)	\$	221,781 1,160
	<u>\$</u>	222,941

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

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

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

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

A review was performed on the prior year recommendation 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,

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Gary W. Higgins

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