# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2018

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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 River Edge Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated January 24, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey January 24, 2019

# **Scope of Audit**

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

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>	Amount
Louise Anne Napolitano	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$ 200,000
Antoinette Kelly	Treasurer of School Monies	210,000

There is Public Employee Dishonesty coverage for all other employees in the amount of \$100,000 per employee and \$500,000 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. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the 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 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholdings due to general fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements of income tax compensation of administrators (Superintendent and Business Administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15, 2018 due date.

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

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### **Employee Position Control Roster**

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

#### **Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund**

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Expendable Trust Fund.

# 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.

#### Travel

The District has an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Payments made to employees for travel were in accordance with the approved travel policy.

# Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: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 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:23-8.2. 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

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

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

**Finding** – The audit of expenditures indicated one budget line item was overexpended at June 30, 2018 as a result of an audit journal entry to record full state aid adjustment relating to Co. Spec. Serv. Tuition. This is deemed to be an isolated instance and no recommendation is warranted.

**Finding** – The audit revealed that certain General Fund original budget appropriation accounts per the appropriation report were not in agreement with the adopted budget.

**Recommendation** – The General Fund original budget appropriations per the appropriation report be in agreement with the adopted budget.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### Treasurer's Records

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

A cash receipt tested was promptly deposited.

#### Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/As Amended by the Every Student Succeeds (ESSA)

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

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.

#### I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

# Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and K-4 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. No exceptions were noted.

# T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the 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 and \$29,000, respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 \$19,000 for 2017-18.

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 District's business administrator is qualified and the Board has designated the business administrator as the qualified purchasing agent with a bid threshold of \$40,000.

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.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or goods or service, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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.

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 the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

#### **School Food Service**

The School Food Service Program was utilized to operate a milk program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the milk program were maintained in satisfactory condition.

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

The cash disbursement 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.

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch program.

#### **Summer Enrichment Program**

The District maintains a separate bank account for the program. Cash receipts were recorded on electronic worksheets. Cash disbursements were supported by proper documentation.

#### **Student Body Activities**

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

All 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, private schools for the disabled, 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 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 2017-2018 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary without exception.

The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the district complied with proper bidding procedures and award 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.

**Finding** — Our audit of the District's capital assets revealed certain current year additions were not added to the capital assets inventory report. The financial statements have been adjusted to reflect the unrecorded additions.

**Recommendation** – All current year capital assets be properly reflected in the District's capital assets inventory.

#### Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all 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).

# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018 SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOOD SERVICE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOOD SERVICE FUND

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

# RIVER EDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

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

	2018-19 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled							
	Reported on Reported on A.S.S.A. Workpapers On Roll On Roll		Errors		Select	mple ted from cpapers	Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		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 - 3YR	8						8		0							
Half Day Preschool - 4YR		-	0.00		-	-	8	-	0	-	-	~	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool	-	_	-	_	_	_	-		-	_	_		-	_	_	
Half Day Kindegarten	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	_		_	_	_				
Full Day Kindergarten	153	_	153	_		_	95	_	95		_	_	_	_	_	
One	159	_	159	_	_	_	96	_	96	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Two	144	_	144		_	_	63	_	63	_	_	_	_	_		
Three	183	_	183	_	_	-	73	_	73	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Four	129		129	_	_	_	64	_	64	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Fîve	148	-	148	_	_	-	67	_	67	_		_	_	_	_	_
Six	131	-	131	_	_	_	72		72	_	_	_	-	_	_	_
Seven	**	_	_	-	-	-	_	_	-	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Eight	_	_	_		-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	_	_		
Nine	-		_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	_
Теп	-	-	-	-	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_
Eleven	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	~	_	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	_	_	
Twelve	_	_	-	_	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	_	-	-	_	_
Post-Graduate	_	_	-	-	•	-	-	-	_	-	-	_	-	-	_	_
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR_)																
Subtotal	- 1,063		1,063				- 546 -		- 546 -		-	-	-	-		
Special Ed - Elementary	107	_	107	_	_	_	40	_	40	_	_	_	1	1	1	
Special Ed - Middle School	22	-	22	_	_	-	9	_	9	_	_	_	2	2	2	_
Special Ed - High School	_	-	_	_		_	-	_	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	_
Subtotal	129		129				- 49 -		- 49 -				3	3	3	
Co. Voc Regular	_	_	_	-	_	-	_	_	-	-	-	-	-	_	_	
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						-								-		
Totals	1,192		1,192				595		595				3	3	3	
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

# RIVER EDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2017

	Res	sident Low Income		Samp	le for Verification		Resido	ent LEP Low Incom	e	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low	Reported on Workpapers as Low	_	Sample Selected from	Verified to Application	Sample	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP low	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Test Score	Sample	
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	
Half Day Preschool	_	_	-	_		-	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	_		=.	_	_	
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	~	-	-	
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	**	~	-	-	-	
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Seven Eight	-	-	-	~	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<del>-</del>	-	-	-	
Eleven	-	_	_	_	-	-	-	_	-	_	-		
Twelve	_	_	-	_	_	-	_	<del></del>	_	_	_	_	
Post-Graduate	_	-	_	m4	_	_		_	_	_	_	_	
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	_	
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	_	-	-	_	-	-		-	_	_	_	
Subtotal	-						_				_	-	
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtotal		- - -	-						-		- - -		
C- W- D- t													
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals						-							
Totals							-		<del></del>	-			
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
	Reported on	Reported on	Transp	ortation									
	DRTRS by DOE/county	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors							
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	1	1	_	1	1	-							
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	20	20	_	20	20	-							
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3			-	20	-	_							
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	2	2	-	2	2	_							
Totals	23	23		23	23	_							
Percentage Error						0.00%							

# RIVER EDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

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

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inco	me	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	-	ne.		Size.	_			
Full Day Preschool	_	_		_	_			
Half Day Kindegarten	-	-			_			
Full Day Kindergarten	41	41	_	41	41	-		
One	38	38	_	38	38	-		
Two	18	17	1	17	17	_		
Three	13	14	(1)	14	14	_		
Four	-	=	-	-	-	-		
Five	4	4		4	4	-		
Six	2	2	-	2	2	_		
Seven	-		-	_	-	-		
Eight	-	_	-	_	_	_		
Nine	-	<b>u</b> +	_	~	_	_		
Ten	-	-	-	-	_	-		
Eleven	**	-	-	-	_	-		
Twelve	-	-	_	-	-	-		
Post-Graduate	-	-	_	-	-	_		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	_	_	-	_		
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	**	-	-	_	-		
Subtotal	116	116		116	116	-		
Special Ed - Elementary	4	4	_	4	4	_		
Special Ed - Middle	_	-	_	_	_	_		
Special Ed - High	_	_	_	_	_	_		
Subtotal	4	4		4	4			
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	120	120		120	120			
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		

# RIVER EDGE 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 Total General Fund Expenditures (Budgetary Basis) Per Schedule C-1 of the CAFR	\$ 19,697,891
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(2,448,889)
Adjusted 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 17,249,002
2% of Adjusted 2017-2018 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 344,980
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2018-2018 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$ 344,980
Increased by Allowable Adjustments*	183,137
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 528,117
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2018 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$ 2,379,996
Decreased by: Restricted Capital Reserve Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Maintenance Reserve Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Assigned Assigned - Year-End Encumbrances	315,241 452,000 75,913 500,000 8,725
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 1,028,117
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$ 500,000
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 500,000 500,000 \$ 1,000,000
* <u>Detail of Allowable Adjustment</u>	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,
Extraordinary Aid (Unbudgeted Portion) Nonpublic Transportation Aid Reimbursement	\$ 181,107 
Total Adjustments	\$ 183,137

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

# I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

# II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that the General Fund original budget appropriations in the appropriation report be in agreement with the adopted budget.

# III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

# IV. School Food Service

There are none.

# V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

# VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

#### VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

It is recommended that all current year capital assets additions be properly reflected in the District's capital assets inventory.

# 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,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

Gary W. Higgins

Public School Accountant Certified Public Accountant