SHORE REGIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

# SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

# AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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#### REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Shore Regional School District County of Monmouth

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Shore Regional High School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2018.

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 for the information of the Monmouth Regional High School District 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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November 30, 2018

# ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

# 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

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the Statistical Section of the District's CAFR.

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the Board of Education.

# Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Corey Lowell	Board Secretary/Business Administrator	\$200,000
Loretta Hill	Treasurer	\$225,000

There is an Employee Dishonesty Bond with New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group for \$250,000 each employee.

# 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 except for the following:

<u>Finding (2018-1)</u>: Employee payroll deductions for the State of NJ Unemployment Insurance and Unemployment Claims received from the State of NJ on behalf of District employees were processed through the District's warrant account in the general fund.

Recommendation (2018-1): The District should transfer employee payroll deductions for unemployment insurance to the payroll trust and agency account. Unemployment claims received from the State of NJ on behalf of District employees should be paid from the payroll trust agency unemployment account.

<u>Finding (2018-2)</u>: Our review of employee payroll files indicated that not all employees had current and updated W-4 forms.

Recommendation (2018-2): All employees should have current and updated W-4 forms to minimize the likelihood that income taxes will be under withheld.

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 benefits withholding due to the general fund.

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

# Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

All encumbrances and accounts payable at June 30, 2018 were properly recorded and classified.

## 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, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were found to be in order except for the following:

<u>Finding (2018-3)</u>: The District's Advertised Budget for the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year understated the reported appropriations for Regular Debt Service- Interest on Bonds. As a result, Regular Debt Service- Interest Expense was overexpended.

Recommendation (2018-3): The District should budget and report the appropriate amount of Debt Service Interest Expense in the Advertised Budget.

#### Treasurer's Records (optional position)

The Treasurer's Records were found to be in order.

# Elementary and Secondary Education Act 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 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. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

# 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.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

# 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.

# **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: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 \$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 questions arise 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.

Based on the results of my examination, I 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 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.

# **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 District's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eliqibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will either break even, return a profit or incur a loss of not more than a specified amount. The operating results provision has been met.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursements 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.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the board of education. No exceptions were noted.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

The school district maintains the detailed revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the USDA mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

# **Student Body Activities**

During our review of the Student Activity Funds, we did not note any areas of non-compliance.

# **Application for State School Aid**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, and low-income. 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. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. Any errors or exceptions were rectified. 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 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. No exceptions were noted.

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 compiled 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.

#### Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

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

## 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.

# BOARD OF EDUCATION SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

**ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2017** 

2017-2018	Application for State	School Aid	S	ample for Verificati	on	Priva	ate Schools	for Disabled	I
Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified per	Errors per	Reported on	Sample		
A.S.S.A.	Workpapers		Selected from	Registers	Registers	A.S.S.A. as	for		
on Roll	On Roll	Errors	Workpapers	On Roll	On Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample

	A.S.S.A. Workpapers					Registers Registers On Roll On Roll			A.S.S.A. as Private	for Verifi-	Sample	Sample				
		Shared	Full S			Shared		Shared	Full	Shared		Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight																
Nine	130		130				130		130							
Ten Eleven	134 144	2	134 144	2			134 144	2	134 144	2						
Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	118	2	118	2			118	2	118	2						
Subtotal	526	4	526	4	0	0	526	4	526	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School Subtotal	115 115	<u>8</u> 8	115 115	<u>8</u>	0	0	<u>115</u> 115	<u>8</u>	115 115	8 8	0	0	13.5 13.5	13.5 13.5	13.5 13.5	0
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	641	12	641	12	0	0	641	12	641	12	0	0	13.5	13.5	14	0
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED) APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Low Income			Sample for Verification			LE	P Low Income		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	
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate	5 6 8 2	5 6 8 2		5 6 8 2	5 6 8 2		0 2 1 0	0 2 1 0		0 2 1 0	0 2 1 0		
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal	21	21	0	21	21	0	3	3	0	3	3	- 0	
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School Subtotal	7.5 7.5	7.5 7.5	0	7.5 7.5	7.5 7.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	28.5	28.5		28.5	28.5		3	3		3	3		
Percentage Error	20.0	20.5	0.00%	20,5		0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
						Trans	sportation						
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					Reported	Re- Calculated	
AlL - Non-Public Regular - Public Schools Regular - Special Education Transported - Non-Public Special Ed Spec	16.0 229.0 74.0 151.0 13.0	16.0 229.0 74.0 151.0 13.0		16.0 229.0 74.0 151.0 13.0	16.0 229.0 74.0 151.0 13.0		Average M	ileage - Regula ileage - Regula ileage - Specia	r Excluding	Grade PK stud g Grade PK stud pecial Needs	e 5.8	5.8 5.8 9.6	
Totals	483.0	483.0	0.0	483.0	483.0	0.0							
Percentage Error					8	0.00%							

#### BOARD OF EDUCATION SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

# SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED) APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2017

	Ł	EP NOT Low Income	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 One Two Three Four Five Six								
Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	4 1 2 0	4 1 2 0		4 1 2 0	4 1 2 0			
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) Subtotal		7	0	7	7	0		
Special Education: Elementary School Middle School High School Subtotal	0	0	0	<u>0</u>	0	0		
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	7	7	0	7	7	0		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		

# SHORE REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION As of June 30, 2018

## Section 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2017-18 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	18,732,343
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired under Capital Leases Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701	\$	1,761,405
Adjusted 17-18 General Fund Expenditures	\$	16,970,938
2% of Adjusted 2017-18 General Fund Expenditures	\$	339,419
Increased by Allowable Adjustment		155,019
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	494,438
Section 2		
Total General Fund Balances @ 06/30/18	\$	1,926,346
Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Capital Reserve Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	22,622 316,271 301,066 -
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	1,136,662
Increased by: Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701	\$	
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation	\$	1,136,662
Section 3	,	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	642,224
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2018		
Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus	\$	301,066 642,224
Total	\$	943,290
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$	
Sale and Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding Higher Expectations for Learning and Proficiency Aid		150,379 4,640
Total Adjustments	\$	155,019
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance		
Statuatory Restrictions: Approved unspent separate proposal Capital Outlay for a district with a Capital Outlay cap waiver Sale/Lease-Back Reserve Impact Aid General Fund Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Tuition Reserve Other State/Government Mandated Reserve	\$	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]	_	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ =	

# Shore Regional High School District Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2018

#### Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

(2018-1) It is recommended that employee payroll deductions for unemployment insurance be transferred into the payroll trust agency account and all unemployment claims received from the State of NJ be paid from that same account.

(2018-2) It is recommended that employees maintain current and updated W-4 forms.

(2018-3) It is recommended that the appropriate amount of Debt Service Interest Expense be reported and budgeted in the Districts Advertised Budget.

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior year findings.