

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SOMERSET

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2019

Auditor's Management Report on Administrative Findings-Financial, Compliance and Performance

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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Bernards Township School District County of Somerset, 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 Board of Education of the Bernards Township School District in the County of Somerset for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated November 25, 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 of the Bernards Township Board of Education'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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Livingston, New Jersey November 25, 2019

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 and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

<u>Insurance</u>

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)

Name	Position	Amount
Roderic McLaughlin	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$430,000
Michael Petrizzo	Treasurer of School Moneys	430,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Bond with the General Security Property and Casualty Company covering all other employees with coverage of \$250,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The Board 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 did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

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 approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board, 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 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify any inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records, the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted, and the Position Control Roster.

During our payroll testing, we did not note any exceptions.

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. No exceptions were identified.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6*A*:23*A*-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.* 6*A*:23*A*-8.3. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% 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 disclose any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

Our review of the records of the Treasurer did not disclose any exceptions.

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 IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no 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 indicated no instances of noncompliance.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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 District did not employ full-time employees with federal funds during the 2018-19 school year, therefore, the District was not required to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds.

Nonpublic State Aid

Our review of the Nonpublic State Aid completion reports disclosed no exceptions.

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 the bidding for public school transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2018-19.

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.

Based on the results of our audit, 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.

During our review of the District purchasing process, no exceptions were identified.

School Food Service

The District does not participate in the federal or state Child Nutrition Program.

Exhibits reflecting the food service enterprise fund are included in the B-4 through B-6 section of the CAFR.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Student Body Activities

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

Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2018 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) 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 ASSA was compared to the District workpapers without exception. The information included as part of 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 written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2018-19 District Report of Transported Resident Students ("DRTRS"). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with certain immaterial exceptions as identified in the Application for State School Aid Summary, as the District could not provide proper forms, including the B-6T and B-7Ts. 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. The District did not purchase any buses during the 2018-19 school year. 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 agreements 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 exceptions were noted.

Miscellaneous

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 $N.J.A.C.\ 6A:26-12.4(g)$.

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Capital Asset Records

Although the District is internally maintaining all capital asset records, we suggest the District consider soliciting the services of an outside appraisal company to perform a full inventory and valuation of all District capital assets.

Information Technology

We suggest the District strengthen some of its policies related to information technology, including:

- District employees' passwords to include additional number of characters and include a combination of numbers, symbols and case, as well as requiring that they be changed more frequently, rather than every twelve months.
- The District should consider performing annual security testing, rather than bi-annual vulnerability assessment.
- The District should implement a money wiring policy.

Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

There were no prior year findings.

There were no audit reports issued by the Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance (OFAC) during the 2019 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.

$\underline{\textbf{BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT}}$

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	2019-20 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on A.S.S.A.		•	ted on			Samp		Verified	•	Error	•	Reported on	Sample		
				papers			Selected from		Registers		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	for		
		Roll	On Roll			rors	Workpapers		On 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																
Full Day Preschool																
Half Day Kindegarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	266		266				58		58							
One	269		269				71		71							
Two	309		309				88		88							
Three	330		330				80		80							
Four	334		334				76		76							
Five	360		360				70		70							
Six	391		391				391		391							
Seven	378		378				378		378							
Eight	358		358				358		358							
Nine	398	3	398	3			398	3	398	3						
Ten	408	4	408	4			408	4	408	4						
Eleven	383	3	383	3			383	3	383	3						
Twelve	401	2	401	2			401	2	401	2						
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	4,585	12	4,585	12	-	-	3,160	12	3,160	12	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	238		238				102		102				2	2	2	
Special Ed - Middle School	190		190				190		190				4	4	4	
Special Ed - High School	256	5	256	5			256	5	256	5			19	19	16	
Subtotal	684	5	684	5	-		548	5	548	5			25	25	22	
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	5,269	17	5,269	17	_		3,708	17	3,708	17			25	25	22	
_ 5000			0,207				2,700	<u></u> -	2,700	<u></u>						
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018</u>

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for V	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	
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Half Day Preschool													
Full Day Preschool													
Half Day Kindegarten													
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		2	2		2 2	2		1	l .		
One Two	5 6	5		4 5	4		2	2		1	1		
Three	7	7		3 7	3 7		1	1		1	1		
Four	8	8		6	6		1	1		1	1		
Five	5	5		4	4		1	1		1	1		
Six	2	2		2	4								
Seven	1	1		1	1								
Eight	4	4		3	3		2	2		1	1		
Nine	3	3		2	2		1	1		1	1		
Ten	2	2		2	2.		1	1		1	1		
Eleven	5	5		4	4		2	2		1	1		
Twelve	2	2		2	2		2	2		1	1		
Post-Graduate	2	2		2	2								
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)													
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)													
Subtotal	53	53		44	44		11	11		7	7		
Special Ed - Elementary	6	6		3	3								
Special Ed - Middle	7	7		5	5								
Special Ed - High	5	5		2	2								
Subtotal	18	18	-	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Co. Voc Regular													
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.													
Totals	71	71		54	54		11	11		7	7		
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Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%	
	D l	Decree Leave	Transp	ortation									
	Reported on	Reported on											
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by	E	Tantad	V:-:	E						Damantad	D! 1
	DOE/county	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	D == A == (3.47)	nes) December I	line Cond. Di	V		Reported	Recalcul
Dan Dahlin Cahanla	2.219	2.210		214	21.4			age) = Regular Includ				4.6	4.6
Reg Public Schools	2,218	2,218 213	-	214 21	214 21	-	Spec Avg. (Miles	age) = Regular Exclu	umg Grade P Needs	K students		4.6 5.2	4.6
Reg -SpEd Transported - Non-Public	213 387	387	-	37	31	6	spec Avg. = Sp	ecial Ed with Specia	i ineeus			3.2	5.2
			-			O							
Special Ed Spec	3,057	239 3,057		23 295	23 289	-							
Totals	3,05/	3,03/		295	289	6							
Percentage Error			0.00%			2.03%							

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Resident	LEP 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	9	9		7	7			
One	7	7		5	5			
Two	10	10		8	8			
Three	4	4		3	3			
Four	3	3		2	2			
Five	6	6		5	5			
Six	5	5		5	5			
Seven	5	5		4	4			
Eight	3	3		2	2			
Nine	1	1		1	1			
Ten	2	2		1	1			
Eleven								
Twelve								
Post-Graduate								
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)								
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)								
Subtotal	55	55	-	43	43	-		
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle	1	1		1	1			
Special Ed - High Subtotal	1	- 1	-	1	1			
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	56	56		44	44			
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$ 108,254,661	(B)
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ 902,833	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular		(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ - \$ -	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ 14,631,695	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 56,485	(B2b)
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B) + (B1s) - (B2s)]	\$ 94,469,314	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures		
[(B3) times .02]	\$ 1,889,386	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 1,889,386	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 1,580,726	(K)
$Maximum\ Unassigned Undesignated\ \text{-}\ Unreserved\ Fund\ Balance\ [(B5)+(K)]$	\$ 3,470,112	(M)
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at 6-30-19		
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 23,082,530	(C)
Decreased by:		
Assigned Year End Encumbrances	\$ 240,982	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ -	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**	\$ 2,128,932	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 14,047,951	
Assigned Fund Balance-Unreserved- Designated for Subsequent		` /
Year's Expenditures	\$ 165,861	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		
[(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]	\$ 6,498,804	(U1)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 3,028,692	(E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019		
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ 2,128,932	
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 3,028,692	(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 5,157,624	(D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Impact Aid	\$ _	(H)
Sales & Lease-back	\$ 	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 1,468,786	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 111,940	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ _	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ _	(J4)
Total Adjustments $[(H)+(J)+(J)+(J)+(J)+(J)]$	\$ 1,580,726	(K)

^{**} This amount represents the June 30, 2018 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

**** 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.

^{***} Amount must agree to the June 30, 2019 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2019

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions: Approved unspent separate proposal Sale/lease-back reserve \$ Capital reserve 8,551,224 Emergency reserve 910,333 Maintenance reserve 4,586,394 Tuition reserve School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-current year School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset-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 \$ [Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]**** Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 14,047,951 (C4)

Bernards Township School District

Audit Recommendations Summary

June 30, 2019

	Julie 50, 2017
Recomm	nendations:
1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures
	None
2.	Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting
	None
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

N/A – no prior year audit findings.