

BOROUGH OF BRIELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

COUNTY OF MONMOUTH

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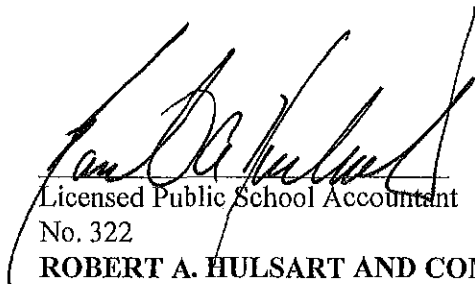
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Brielle School District
County of Monmouth, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and Government Auditing Standards issued by the comptroller General of the United States, the general purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Brielle School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2019 and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 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 for the information of the Brielle Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Licensed Public School Accountant
No. 322
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December 5, 2019

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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 Exhibit J-20; Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Officials Bond

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Eileen Gorga	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 360,000.00
David Tonzola	Treasurer	360,000.00

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond under the blanket policy covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.00.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil 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, certifications, 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/School Business Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

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. All exceptions were adjusted.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g)* 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-2.4*. 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 disclosed no reportable conditions.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in good order, all reconciliation's were prepared on a monthly basis.

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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title IIA and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

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 areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with 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

Effective July 1, 2015 N.J.S. 18A:18A-3 was amended to read as follows:

- a. When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$40,000 the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the board of education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the board of education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) 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 \$40,000.00. 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.

Eileen Gorga has been designated Certified Purchasing Officer by the Board of Education with the bid threshold at \$40,000.

Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. N.J.S. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

N.J.S. 18A:18A-4 is amended to read as follows:

- a. Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services, the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the board of education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law.

The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2018-2019.

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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

School Food Service Fund

The School Food Service Program has not been audited as a major program and has not expended \$100,000 or more in Federal and State Support.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed, and meals claimed agreed with meal count records.

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. The free and reduced price meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District deposited and expended program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

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

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. "Cafeterias" inventory records on food supply items were maintained and applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used. Inventories of commodities were reviewed for reasonableness as submitted, without verification. No inventories were on hand for district owned items.

No management was paid to "Cafeteria's" as provided in the contract, pending final review.

The 2018-19 operations produced a net gain of \$203 after a board subsidy of \$32,268.

All vendor discounts, rebates and credit from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

Scholarship Fund

These funds were maintained in savings accounts, which were administered by the Business Administrator's office.

Student Body Activities

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

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in October 15, 2018 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 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 districts 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 without exception. 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 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.

Travel & Attorney's Log

Travel Log

The log was examined and found to be properly kept, and all required supporting documentation was present.

Attorney's Log

The log was examined and found to be properly maintained.

Prior Year Recommendations

The prior year recommendation regarding the excess in Food Service was resolved.

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.

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the CAFR	\$ 15,085,257
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(1,361,273)</u>
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 13,723,984</u>
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 274,480</u>
Enter Above or \$250,000 Whichever is Greater	\$ 274,480
Increased by Allowable Adjustment	<u>210,658</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 485,138</u>

Section 2

Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-19	\$ 3,229,817
Decreased by:	
Reserved for Encumbrances	(411,105)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – General Fund	(160,257)
Maintenance Reserve:	
Regular	(559,396)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures	(132,291)
Capital Reserve	<u>(1,481,630)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 485,138</u>
Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 0</u>

Section 3**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Extraordinary Aid	\$ 197,253
Non-Public Transportation	<u>13,405</u>
	<u>\$ 210,658</u>

Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance

Maintenance Reserve	\$ 559,396
Capital Reserve	<u>1,481,630</u>
	<u>\$ 2,041,026</u>

BRIELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

Sheet 1 of 3

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	2019-20 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Handicapped				
	Reported On		Reported on		Errors		Sample Selected		Verified Per		Errors Per Registers		Reported On	Sample for	Sample	Sample	
	A.S.S.A. on Roll	Workpapers on Roll	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	from Workpapers	Registers on Roll	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	A.S.S.A. as	Verification	Verified	Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools				
Half Day Preschool - 3yrs	5		5				5		5								
Half Day Preschool - 4yrs	12		12				12		12								
Full Day Kindergarten	46		46				46		46								
One	48		48				48		48								
Two	43		43				43		43								
Three	42		42				42		42								
Four	57		57				57		57								
Five	59		59				59		59								
Six	45		45				45		45								
Seven	55		55				55		55								
Eight	57		57				57		57								
Nine																	
Ten																	
Eleven																	
Twelve																	
Subtotal	469	0	469	0	0	0	469	0	469	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed - Elementary	29		29				29		29								
Special Ed. - Middle School	23		23				23		23				6	6	6		
Special Ed. - High School													2	2	2		
Subtotal	52	0	52	0	0	0	52	0	52	0	0	0	8	8	8	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																	
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																	
Totals	521	0	521	0	0	0	521	0	521	0	0	0	8	8	8	0	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%					0%

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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

LOW INCOME STUDENTS

	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
Grade 1	5	5		5	5	
Grade 2						
Grade 3	2	2		2	2	
Grade 4	3	3		3	3	
Grade 5	2	2		2	2	
Grade 6	3	3		3	3	
Grade 7	3	3		3	3	
Grade 8	2	2		2	2	
Special Ed - Elementary	3	3		3	3	
Special Ed - Middle	2	2		2	2	
Totals	25	25	0	25	25	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

LEP STUDENTS - NOT LOW INCOME

	Reported on ASSA as LEP - Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP - Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
	Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1
Totals	1	1	0	1	1	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

LEP STUDENTS - LOW INCOME

	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Grade 3	1	1		1	1	
Grade 8	1	1		1	1	
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1	
Totals	3	3	0	3	3	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

TRANSPORTATION

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools	68.5	68.5		68.5	68.5	
Transported - Non-Public	57	57		57	57	
Special Education - Public School	10	10		10	10	
Special Needs - Public & Private	10	10		10	10	
Totals	145.5	145.5	0	145.5	145.5	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students
 Avg. Mileage - Special Ed. With Special Needs

Reported	Recalculated
8.9	8.9
25.4	25.4

BRIELLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

Recommendations:

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
There were no prior year recommendations.