HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION
COUNTY OF BERGEN
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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December 2, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Haworth Board of Education County of Bergen, New Jersey

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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Haworth Borough School District in the County of Bergen for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 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 letter does not affect our report dated December 2, 2019, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments, recommendations and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations.

This report is intended for the information of the Haworth Borough School District's 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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#### 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

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

#### Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	Coverage
Paul Wolford	Business Administrator	\$ 200,000
Rebecca Overgaard	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000

#### **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 decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

#### Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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 certified by the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent, and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed in a timely manner.

#### Finding:

Although the District has made every effort to prepare a detailed analysis of the balance in the Payroll Agency account on a monthly basis, the analysis is not always prepared in a timely manner.

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#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

#### Payroll Account and Position Control Roster (Cont'd)

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that the District prepare a detailed analysis of the balance in the payroll agency account in a timely manner.

#### Management Response:

The District will prepare a detailed analysis of the balance in the payroll agency account in a timely manner.

#### Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

#### Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: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 testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting as 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 transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted below and on the following page.

#### Finding

We have noted that there were several receipts and disbursements which were not posted throughout the year to the District's records. This caused the District's records to be different from the reconciled cash balances on a monthly basis.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that all receipts and disbursements be posted to the accounting software system of the District by the Business Administrator.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

#### Board Secretary's Records (Cont'd)

#### Management's Response

The District will make every effort to ensure that all receipts and disbursements are posted to the accounting software system of the District.

#### **Finding**

We noted that the Treasurer of School Monies Reports and the Board Secretary Reports for December and June were not filed with the County Superintendent on a timely basis. This was caused by a delay in reconciling balances due to posting issues.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that the Treasurer of School Monies Reports and Board Secretary Reports for December and June are filed with the County Superintendent in a timely manner.

#### Management's Response

The District will ensure that the December and June Treasurer of School Monies Reports due to the County Superintendent are delivered in a timely manner.

#### Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted below.

#### **Finding**

It was noted that there were certain months which were unable to be reconciled by the Treasurer of School Monies. The Treasurer of School Monies was unable to perform the reconciliations due to a lack of information provided by the District

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that all reconciliations are performed promptly after the end of each month.

#### Management's Response

The District will ensure that the Treasurer of School Monies receives all necessary information to perform bank reconciliations on a monthly basis.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

#### 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.

#### T.P.A.F Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of 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 T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2019. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

#### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

#### N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

- 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 \$17,500, 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. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. 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.
- b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999, c. 440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school Districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made . . . . "

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "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 . . . ."

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter 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 currently \$19,000.

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 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. General compliance was noted.

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 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.

#### Finding

We have noted that there was equipment purchased during the year which was not charged to capital outlay line items.

#### Recommendation

It is recommended that all equipment purchased be posted to the appropriate line items within the budget.

#### Management's Response

The District will ensure that all purchases are charged to the proper budget line items.

#### School Food Service

The District does not participate in the Child Nutrition Program or receive related federal or state awards. The parent organization within the District provides lunches to students who wish to participate. There are no funds which pass through the school for school food service activities.

#### Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted under treasurer's records.

#### Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 13, 2018 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual and low income students. 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 on a test basis 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 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 2018-2019 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

#### Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending.

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

The District did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

#### Facilities and Capital Assets

There were no active facilities projects funded with a SDA grant during the current fiscal year.

#### Management Suggestions:

#### New Jersey Earned Sick Leave Law

The New Jersey Earned Sick Leave Law was effective October 29, 2018. This law allows employees to accrue 1 hour of earned sick leave for every 30 hours worked, up to 40 hours each calendar year. We suggest that Districts perform a review each year to determine if there are any employees not previously eligible to receive earned sick leave who are now entitled to under this law and that adequate records are maintained for the accrual of the earned sick leave.

#### Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

The next GASB Statement which will have an impact on the District's financial statements is GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which is effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. The Statement will likely have an impact on the financial statement presentation of the Payroll Agency Fund and may have an impact on the presentation of the Student Activities Agency Fund and Trust Funds such as the Private Purpose Scholarship Trust and Unemployment Trust Fund.

#### Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendation concerning an analysis of balance being maintained for the payroll agency account was not corrected during the year and is a recommendation within this audit.

		2019-2020 Application for State School Aid	Applicatio	n for State	School Ai	þ		Š	ample for	Sample for Verification	1	
	Repor	Reported on	Repor	Reported on			Sample	ple	Verified per	ed per		
	AS	ASSA	Work	Workpapers			Selected from	d from	Registers	sters		
	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	Roll	Err	Errors	Workpapers	apers	On Roll	Soll	Errors	ors
	Full	Full Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Kindergarten	31		31				31		31			
Grade One	47		47				47		47			
Grade Two	28		28				28		28			
Grade Three	40		40				40		40			
Grade Four	47		47				47		47			
Grade Five	44		44				44		44			
Grade Six	44		44				44		44			
Grade Seven	37		37				37		37			
Grade Eight	39		39				39	i	39			
Subtotal	357		357				357		357			
Special Education:												
Elementary	16		16				3		3			
Middle	22		22				$\epsilon$		Э			
Subtotal	38		38				9		9			
Totals	395	-0-	395	-0-	-0-	-0-	363	-0-	363	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

Private Schools for Disabled

Resident Low Income

NOT APPLICABLE

Resident LEP Low Income

NOT APPLICABLE

Resident LEP Not Low Income	Resident	LEP	Not I	ow Inc	ome
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	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	ASSA as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not	as LEP Not		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Low Income	Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1				
Grade One	2	2		1	1	
Grade Three	1	1				
Grade Four	2	2		1	1	
Grade Eight	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	7	7		3	3	
Special Education:						
Elementary School						
Middle School						
Subtotal						
				**************************************		
Totals	7	7	-0-	3	3	0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

			Transpo	ortation		
	Reported on DRTRS	Reported on DRTRS	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
	by DOE	by District	EHOIS		vermed	EHOIS
Transported - Non Public	3.0	3.0		1	1 .	
AIL - Non Public	14.0	14.0		4	4	
Special Needs - Public	6.0	6.0		2	2	
Special Needs - Private					-	
Totals	23.0	23.0	-0-	7	7	-0-

0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	5.0	5.0
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	5.0	5.0
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	4.0	4.0

Percentage Error

0.00%

#### HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### **Regular District**

#### Section 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus					
2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	_\$_	10,233,324	_(B)		
Increased by:		1.7.000	- - (D.)		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$	15,000	- '		
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by:	_\$_	324,845	-(B1p)		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$	1,311,006	(B2a)		
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$		(B2b)		
			_ (===)		
Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$	9,262,163	(B3)		
	<u>Ψ</u>	7,202,103	= (D3)		
2% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures					
[(B5) times .02]	\$	185,243	<b>-</b> ` ′		
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$	250,000	<b>-</b> ` ´		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment		147,264	_(K)		
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]				\$ 397,264	= <sup>(M)</sup>
Section 2					
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/19	\$	2,015,928	(C)		
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)			- ` ′		
Decreased by:			_		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$	5,212	(C1)		
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent	-		_		
Year's Expenditures	\$	-0-	(C2)		
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent	Ф.	210 427	(02)		
Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$	210,437 1,177,800	<b>-</b> ` ′		
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent	<u> </u>	1,177,800	- <sup>(C4)</sup>		
Year's Expenditures	\$	28,716	(C5)		
Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent		20,710	-(03)		
Year's Expenditures July 1, 2019 - August 1, 2019	\$	-0-	(C6)		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]			-	\$ 593,763	_(U)
Section 3					<del>-</del>
Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, E	ENTER	-0-	:	\$ 196,499	= (E)

#### HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	<u>\$</u>		-
Total $[(C3)+(E)]$	\$	406,936	(D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments			
Impact Aid	\$	-0-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$	-0-	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$	143,183	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$	4,081	(J2)
Total Adjustments (H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)	\$	147,264	(K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances			
Statutory Restrictions:			
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$	-0-	
Sale/Lease-back Reserve	\$	-0-	
Capital Reserve (N-1)	\$	1,177,800	
Maintenance Reserve (N-2)	\$	-0-	
Tuition Reserve (N-3)	\$	-0-	
Emergency Reserve (N-4)	\$	-0-	
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	_\$	-0-	
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	_\$	1,177,800	(C-4)

#### HAWORTH BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

#### It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

#### 2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

- a. The District prepare a detailed analysis of the balance in the payroll agency account in a timely manner.
- b. All receipts and disbursements be posted to the accounting software of system of the District by the Business Administrator.
- c. The Treasurer of School Monies Reports and Board Secretary Reports for December and June are filed with the County Superintendent in a timely manner.
- d. All reconciliations are performed promptly after the end of each month.
- 3. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

All equipment purchased be posted to the appropriate line items within the budget.

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. <u>Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations</u>

The prior year recommendation concerning an analysis of balance being performed with the payroll agency account was corrected during the year.