MENDHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

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November 27, 2019

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Mendham Township School District County of Morris, 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 Mendham Township School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated November 27, 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 November 27, 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 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 or suggestions, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Mendham Township 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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	Coverage
Liz George	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000
Donna Mosner	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	200,000

Tuition Charges

The District did not receive any tuition revenue from other school districts.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

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

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

The required certification (E-Cert1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15th due date.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

<u>Classification of Expenditures – General and Administrative</u>

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 as a test sample, we also reviewed 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 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 herein.

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 herein.

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

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 the bi-weekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State of Federal Salary Expenditures

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey after the required deadline of October 1, 2019. The reimbursement form was reviewed, and we have the following comments.

Finding

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was prepared prior to the required deadline but was remitted to the State of New Jersey after to the required deadline of October 1, 2019. Since the District has implemented procedures to ensure the Reimbursement is filed timely moving forward and since there was no liability from the District to the State of New Jersey, we will pass on a formal recommendation.

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.

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

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.

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

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 except for the finding below.

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

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:

The result of our examination indicated that payments were made to one vendor "for the performance of any work of 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.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that public school contract law requirements be followed in all instances in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Management's Response:

The District's Qualified Purchasing Agent will ensure that proper bidding procedures will be adhered to in all instances.

School Food Service

The School District did not participate in the Child Nutrition Program during the current fiscal year.

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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.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2018 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual education 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 with no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis with no exceptions. 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.

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. Bid specifications for the purchase of buses for compliance with applicable statutes.

Facilities and Capital Assets

The District did not have any facilities projects during the fiscal year.

<u>Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy</u>

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal travel policy and procedure pertaining to travel expenses and reimbursements for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account for these expenses within a separate account in the budget to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved by the Board prior to the event and that the approval list the event, total event cost and the individuals attending.

Our review of the travel policies and records revealed that the District is in general compliance with the travel regulations.

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).

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.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendations regarding all purchases being initiated through the purchase requisition and purchase order system, position control roster being updated, written job descriptions and duties reassigned for adequate segregation of duties, review of general ledgers, review of Board Secretary Reports, bank reconciliations being prepared and included in monthly Treasurer's reports, grant expenditures being charged to grants, grant reimbursements being done regularly, prior year receivables and unearned revenues being evaluated, student activities maintaining comprehensive cash receipt and disbursement records which indicate the amount received and disbursed, A.S.S.A. written procedures for recording the student enrollment data and accurate reporting were all corrected in the current year.

	20	2019-2020 Application for State School Aid	olication f	or State Sc	hool Aid			Sa	mple for V	Sample for Verification	_	
	Reported on	ed on	Reported on	ed on			Sample	ole	Verified per	d per	Errors per	s per
	ASSA	Ϋ́S	Workpapers	apers			Selected from	from	Registers	ters	Regi	Registers
	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	toll	Err	Errors	Workpapers	apers	On Roll	oll	on Roll	Roll
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	20		20				20		20			
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	15		15				15		15			
Full Day Kindergarten	72		72				72		72			
Grade One	54		54				54		54			
Grade Two	09		09				09		09			
Grade Three	46		46				46		46			
Grade Four	69		69				69		69			
Grade Five	09		09				09		09			
Grade Six	9/		9/				92		9/			
Grade Seven	61		61				61		61			
Grade Eight	<i>L</i> 9		<i>L</i> 9				<i>L</i> 9		<i>L</i> 9			
Subtotal	009		009				009		009			
Special Education:												
Elementary School	42		42				13		13			
Middle School	49		49				∞		∞			
Subtotal	91		91				21		21			
Totals	691	-0-	691	-0-	-0-	-0-	621	-0-	621	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%				"	0.00%	0.00%

		Sample	Errors					-0-	0.00%
	Verified to Application	and	Register		-		1		
Resident Low Income	Sample Selected	from	Workpapers		1				
Resident La			Errors					-0-	0.00%
	Reported on Workpapers	as Low	Income		-		1		
	Reported on ASSA	as Low	Income		_			1	
		Sample	Errors					-0-	0.00%
or Disabled		Sample	Verified		_	_	2	7	"
Private Schools for Disabled	Sample	for	Schools Verification Verified		_	1	2	2	
Pri	Reported on ASSA	as Private	Schools		2	2	4	4	
				Special Education:	Elementary	Middle School	Subtotal	Totals	Percentage Error

	Residen	t LEP Not Low I	ncome	Sam	ple for Verificat	ion
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores, and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Three	1	1		1	1	
Grade Six	1	1				
Grade Seven	1	1				***************************************
Totals	4	4	- 0 -	1	1	- 0 -
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Resid	ent LEP Low Inc	ome	Sam	ple for Verificat	ion
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified to	
	ASSA as	Workpapers		Selected	Test Scores,	
	LEP Not	as LEP Not		from	Application	Sample
	Low Income	Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Totals	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -	- 0 -
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

			Transp	Transportation		
	Reported on DRTRS	Reported on DRTRS				
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	346	346		25	25	
Regular - Special Education	99	99		7	7	
Transported - Non Public	40	40		9	9	
AIL - Non Public	55	55		9	9	
Special Needs - Public	29	29		4	4	
Special Needs - Private	4	4		1	-	
	539	539	-0-	49	49	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%		п	%00.0

Recalculated	4.7	4.7	4.5
Reported	4.7	4.7	4.5
	Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2018-2019 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on Exhibit C-1	_\$19,454,491_(B)
Increased by:	
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	(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 and Social Security	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	82,719 (B2b)
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$17,150,822 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$ 343,016 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	343,016 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments	260,917 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 603,933 (M)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)] <u>SECTION 2</u>	\$ 603,933 (M)
<u> </u>	\$ 603,933 (M)
SECTION 2	
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019	
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by:	2,832,186 (C)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances	2,832,186 (C) (C1)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	2,832,186 (C) (C1) (C2)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	2,832,186 (C) (C1) (C2) 906,111 (C3)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance	2,832,186 (C) (C1) (C2) 906,111 (C3)
SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for	2,832,186 (C) (C1) (C2) 906,111 (C3) 422,142 (C4)

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

SECTION 3 - All Districts

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 900,000 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	906,111 (C3) 900,000 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$1,806,111 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale and Lease Back Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized Family Crisis Transportation Aid	(H) (I) \$ 234,449 (J1) 26,468 (J2) (J3) (J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)]	\$ 260,917 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances	
Statutory Restrictions: Approved unspent separate proposal Sale/lease-back reserve Emergency reserve	
Capital reserve Maintenance reserve	\$ 285,813 136,329
Tuition reserve	
Total Other Restricted/Reserved Fund Balance	\$ 422,142 (C4)

MENDHAM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

3. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

Public school contract law requirements be followed in all instances in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

4. School Food Service

None

5. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None -

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

The prior year recommendations were corrected.