THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX EAST BRUNSWICK, NEW JERSEY

MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

JUNE 30, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical High Schools County of Middlesex, East Brunswick, 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 basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District in the County of Middlesex for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued the 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 report is intended for the information and use of the Middlesex County Vocational and Technical School District 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.

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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

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit 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
Karl J. Knehr	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 285,000
Joseph Greco	Treasurer of School Moneys	285,000

There is a Public Employee's Dishonesty Blanket Bond issued by the Zurich-American Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than or less than estimated costs. The District 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.

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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 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 premium withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of school monies with a warrant made for the full amount of each payroll.

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.

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 and no exceptions were noted.

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, we also selected a sample of 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, 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.

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Treasurer's Records

No exceptions were noted during our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer.

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 the projects under Titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no instances 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 the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

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

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Reports for all applicable federal awards for the school district 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 was made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditures were reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and 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 2018-19.

The District 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.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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 SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, there were no exceptions 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 A.S.S.A. was compared to the District work papers without exception as presented in the accompanying Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The information included as part of the work papers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained work papers 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

The District is a receiving district and, therefore, is not required to file a District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS).

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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreements for consistency with recording the NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the capital reserve, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were identified.

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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).

Follow-up on Prior Year's Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. There were no prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2018-2019 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.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	2019-20 Application for State School Aid (10/15/18 data)					Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled				
	A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Half Day Kindergarten		_					_									
Full Day Kindergarten		_			_		_									
One		_			_		_									
Тwo	-	-		-	-		-			-		-				
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Adult H.S. (15 + CR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR)		-	-	-		-		-	-	-		-				
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Special Education Elementary School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Education Middle School	-	89.0	-	89.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Education High School	489.0	84.0	489.0	84.0			25.0		25.0							
Subtotal	489.0	173.0	489.0	173.0	-	-	25.0	-	25.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Vocational - Regular	1,527.0	11.0	1,527.0	11.0	-	-	253.0	-	253.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Vocational - First Post Secondary	440.0		440.0				13.0		13.0				-			
Total	2,456.0	184.0	2,456.0	184.0			291.0	-	291.0	-		-		-		

Percentage Error

<u>0.00%</u> <u>0.00%</u>

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<u>0.00%</u>

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY (continued)

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Res	ident Low Income	ent Low Income Sample			on	Resid	ent LEP Low Incom	ne	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 Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Six Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eight Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Adult H.S. (15 + CR)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR)											·	-	
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Education Elementary School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Education Middle School	14.5	14.5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Education High School	243.0	243.0	-	39.0	39.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	257.5	257.5	-	39.0	39.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
County Vocational - Regular County Vocational - First Post Secondary	652.0	652.0	:	213.0	213.0	-	11.0	11.0		11.0	11.0	-	
Total	909.5	909.5		252.0	252.0		11.0	11.0		11.0	11.0	-	
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>	L		<u>0.00%</u>	

			Transpo	ortation					
	Reported on	Reported on						Reported	Recalculated
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by	F	Tested) (a sifi a sl	F	Average mileage - regular		
	DOE/County	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors	including Grade PK students	-	-
Regular - Public	-	-	-	-	-	-	Average mileage - regular		
Transported Non-Public	-	-	-	-	-	-	excluding Grade PK students	-	-
AIL - Non Public	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Special Education-Public	-	-	-	-	-	-	Average mileage - special		
Special Education Needs							education with special needs	-	-
Totals	-	-		-	-	-			
Percenta	ge Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			

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SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Reside	nt LEP NOT Low I	ncome	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 Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-			
One	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Adult H.S. (15 + CR)	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR)	-	<u> </u>	-		-	-			
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Special Education Elementary School	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Special Education Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Special Education High School	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-			
County Vocational - Regular	5.0	5.0	-	5.0	5.0	-			
County Vocational - First Post Secondary	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Total	5.0	5.0	-	5.0	5.0	-			
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>	<u>1</u>		<u>0.00%</u>			

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

June 30, 2019

SECTION 1 - County Vocational District

A. 6% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2018-19) expenditures of \$100 million or less) 2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on Exhibit C-1 \$ 47,898,677 (B) Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund - (B1a) \$ Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund \$ - (B1b) Decreased by: **On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security** 6,337,361 (B2a) Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases - (B2b) \$ Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B) + (B1s) - (B2s)] \$ 41,561,316 (B3) 6% of Adjusted 2018-19 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06] 2,493,679 (B4) Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 \$ 2,493,679 (B5) Increased by: Allowable Adjustment* \$ - (K) Maximum Unassigned/Unreserved - Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)] \$ 2,493,679 (M) SECTION 2 Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1) 5,578,156 (C) \$ Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances 774,837 (C1) \$ Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures - (C2) \$ Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for 81,788 (C3) Subsequent Year's Expenditures** \$ Other Restricted Fund Balances**** 950,100 (C4) \$

for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Total Unassigned Fund Balance

Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated

[(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]

\$ 2,553,219 (U1)

\$ 1,218,212 (C5)

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOLS COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

June 30, 2019

SECTION 3

*

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-		<u>\$</u>	59,540 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019			
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	<u>\$81,788</u> \$59,540	- ` '	
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	<u>\$ 141,328</u>	<u>B</u> (D)	
This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable	Э		

This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10), Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Aid and Transportation Aid. Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments Impact Aid \$ (H) Sales & Lease-back \$ (I) \$ Extraordinary Aid (J1) -Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ - (J2) Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized \$ - (J3) Family Crisis Transportation Aid \$ - (J4) Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)] \$ - (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2018 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included.

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

**** Amount for Other Reserved 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 any other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

June 30, 2019

Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ <u>-</u>
Sale/lease-back reserve	<u>\$</u>
Capital reserve	<u>\$ 950,100</u>
Maintenance reserve	<u>\$</u>
Emergency reserve	<u>\$</u>
Tuition reserve	<u>\$</u> -
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	<u>\$</u>
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	<u>\$</u>
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve	<u>\$</u>
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve	<u>\$</u>
Other state/government mandated reserve	<u>\$ -</u>
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	<u>\$</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 950,100</u> (C4)

RECOMMENDATIONS

June 30, 2019

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. <u>Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting</u> There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There are none.