TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2019

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Tenafly Board of Education Tenafly, 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 basic financial statements of the Tenafly Board of Education in the County of Bergen as of and for the fiscal 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 Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 and use of management, the Board of Education, others within the District, and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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PSA Number CS002314

Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 5, 2019

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, 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 the Insurance Schedule in Exhibit J-20 of the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Yas Usami	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$50,000
Joanne Wilson	Treasurer of School Monies	350,000
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There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with Selective Insurance covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

Tuition Charges

The District has entered into a five year contract with the Alpine Board of Education to receive Alpine's high school students. The tuition charges for the 2018/19 school year, by contract, are the State certified rates for the 2017/18 school year. The final tuition rate was calculated as a tuition adjustment in accordance with NJAC 6A:23A-17.1. The tuition rate for all other students are determined annually by the Board, and are not subject to adjustment.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any discrepancies with respect to each of signature, 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

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

The District filed the required certificate (E-CERTI) of compliance with requirements for income tax compensation of certain administrators with the NJ Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Employee Position Control Roster

The District maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserve for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

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, a separate test was made to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3 as it relates to administrative coding classification.

Finding (CAFR Finding 2019-001) — Our audit noted that certain expenditures charged to construction services in the Capital Projects Fund were in fact, expended for the acquisition of equipment and supplies.

Recommendation – It is recommended that expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund be charged in the subsidiary budget reports to the correct appropriation object area in accordance with <u>The Uniform Minimum</u> Chart of Accounts.

Travel

The Board of Trustees has adopted a travel policy that complies with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and cash reconciliation monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly reports were presented to the Board on a timely basis and were submitted to the Executive County Superintendent as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36.

Finding – Our audit revealed that certain individual budget appropriation lines entered into the District's internal accounting budget report for the General Fund and the Special Revenue Fund were not in agreement with the adopted budget.

Recommendation – The adopted annual budget appropriations be properly entered into the District's internal accounting budget report.

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 Titles I, II and III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our examination 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.

IDEA Part B

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly 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.

T.P.AF. Reimbursements to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all 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 expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project Completion Reports were finalized and transmitted to the State by the due date.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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.

If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b 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. 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. The Board has designated the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as the qualified purchasing agent.

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 Board 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.

The results of our examination indicated that no 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. 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. Our examination did reveal that purchases were made through the use of state contracts.

School Food Service

The District does not participate in the School Nutrition Program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good condition. The financial accounts were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The food service management company is depositing and expending 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.

The District contracted with Pomptonian, Inc. to manage the school food services operations. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed. The Food Service management company contract includes an operating result provision which guarantees that the food service program will generate a profit of \$5,500. The operating results provision has been met. All vendor discounts, rebates and credits from vendors and/or FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

Student Body Activity

The Board has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained in good condition.

Finding- Our audit of the High School Student Organization account and the Athletic account noted instances where checks contained only one authorized signature.

Recommendation- It is recommended that two signatures be obtained on all checks issued from the Athletic account and the High School Student Organization account.

Finding – Our audit revealed numerous outstanding checks and other reconciling items from prior years reported on the bank reconciliations for the High School Organization, High School Class and Athletics accounts.

Recommendation – Prior years' outstanding checks and other reconciling items on student activity bank accounts reconciliations be reviewed and cleared of record.

SACC (School Age Childcare) Program

Separate cash receipts and disbursement journals and billing records were maintained for the SACC program.

Tiger Tots Program

The financial records were maintained in good condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2018 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for handicapped, low-income and bilingual 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 with exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with 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.

The District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

Finding – Our audit of district workpapers for students sent to Private Schools for the Disabled noted certain students sent to out-of-state facilities and unapproved nonpublic schools pursuant to Chapter 15 Laws of 1989 (NAPLES) were not reported on A.S.S.A.

Recommendation – It is recommended that students included on district workpapers who are attending out-of-state and NAPLES facilities be properly reported on the ASSA.

Finding – Our audit of Resident Low Income students revealed free/reduced lunch applications of certain students reported were not available for audit.

Recommendation - All free/reduced lunch applications be retained and made available for audit.

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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the Capital Reserve Account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOT APPLICABLE-DISTRICT DOES NOT PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2018

		019-2020 Application for State School Aid Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled											
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		S.S.A.	Work	papers			Selec	ted from	Register		Registers	3	A.S.S.A. as	trict Workpaper	s	for		
	On	Roll	On	Roll	Er	rors	Worl	rpapers	On Roll		On Roll		Private	Private		Verifi-		Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Schools	Errors	cation	Verified	Errors
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	1	_	1	-	_	- -	1	_	1	_	_		-			_	_	_
Full Day Kindergarten	203	-	203	-	_		55	_	55	_			_			_	_	_
1st Grade	217	-	217	_	-		60		60	-			_			_	-	=
2nd Grade	226	-	226	_	_		61	-	61	_	_		_			-	_	_
3rd Grade	242		242	-	-		56	_	56	_	-		_			_	_	-
4th Grade	247	_	247	_	_		58		58	-	_		-			-	-	-
5th Grade	241	-	241	-	_		71	_	71	-			_			_	-	_
6th Grade	259	-	259	-			259	_	259	_			_			-	-	_
7th Grade	239	-	239	-	-	_	239		239	_		_	_			_	-	_
8th Grade	268	-	268	_	-		268		268	_		. <u>-</u>	_			-	_	-
9th Grade	255	-	255	_	-		255	-	255	-			-			-	-	-
10th Grade	271	-	271	-	-		271	-	271	-			-			-	_	-
11th Grade	256	-	256	_			256	-	256	-	-		-			-	-	-
12th Grade	238	-	238	-			238	-	238	-			_			-	-	
Subtotal	3,163	-	3,163	-	-		2,148	-	2,148	-		-	-			-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	173	_	173	_		. <u>-</u>	52	_	52	_			9	9	_	8	. 8	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	138	_	138	_			138		138	-			6	9	(3)	8	8	_
Spec Ed - High School	203	-	203	_			203		203				11	20	(9)	17	17	-
Subtotal	514	-	514	-			393		393	-		-	26	38	(12)	33	33	_
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	Res	sident Low Income	•	Sample for Verification			Resid	ent LEP Low Inco	me	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	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income		Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
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Full Day Kindergarten	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1st Grade	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
2nd Grade	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
3rd Grade	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	- 1.0	_	
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6th Grade	3.0	3.0	_	2.0	2.0	_	-	-	_	-	_	_	
7th Grade	4.0	4.0	_	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	_	1.0	1.0		
8th Grade	7.0	7.0	_	4.0	3.0	1.0	-	-	_	1.0	-	_	
9th Grade	5.0	5.0	-	3.0	2.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	
10th Grade	9.0	9.0		6.0	6.0	-		-	-	-	-	-	
11th Grade	5.0	5.0	-	3.0	3.0	-	-	-	-	**	-	-	
12th Grade	10.0	10.0	-	6.0	5.0	1.0_	-	-	-	-			
Subtotal	56.0	56.0	-	34.0	31.0	3.0	5.0	5.0	_	5.0	5.0	•	
Case Ed. Elementoni	10.0	10.0		6.0	6.0		1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0		
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School	9.0	9.0	-	6.0 5.0	6.0 4 .0	1.0	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	
Spec Ed - High School	6.0	6.0	_	4.0	4.0	1.0	_	-	_	_	_	_	
Subtotal	25.0	25.0		15.0	14.0	1.0	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0	-	
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Regular - Public Schools	67.0	67.0	-	38.0	36.0	2.0							
Transported - Non-Public	48.0	48.0	*	27.0	27.0	-							
Regular - Spec.	10.0	10.0	-	6.0	6.0	-							
Special Needs - Public	85.0	85.0	-	49.0	49.0								
Totals	210.0	210.0		120.0	118.0	2.0							
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TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2018

		Not Low Income		Sample	e for Verification	on
	Reported on	Reported on				
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample		
	Not Low	Not Low		Selected from	Verified to	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	24.0	24.0	_	6.0	6.0	_
1st Grade	13.0	13.0	_	3.0	3.0	_
2nd Grade	21.0	21.0	_	5.0	5.0	_
3rd Grade	15.0	15.0	_	4.0	4.0	_
4th Grade	21.0	21.0	_	5.0	5.0	_
5th Grade	17.0	17.0	_	4.0	4.0	_
6th Grade	23.0	23.0	-	6.0	6.0	_
7th Grade	22.0	22.0	_	5.0	5.0	_
8th Grade	12.0	12.0	_	3.0	3.0	_
9th Grade	13.0	13.0	_	3.0	3.0	-
10th Grade	17.0	17.0	-	4.0	4.0	-
11th Grade	4.0	4.0	-	1.0	1.0	_
12th Grade	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Subtotal	205.0	205.0		50.0	50.0	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Spec Ed - High School	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
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TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

2018-19 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR		\$77,496,693
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund		2,563,279
		80,059,972
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Reimbursed TPAF Social Security		10,582,630
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$69,477,342</u>
2% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures		\$1,389,547
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*		1,198,821
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$2,588,368</u>
Total General Fund – Fund Balance at June 30, 2019		\$10,727,493
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Restricted Fund Balances — Capital Reserve Restricted Fund Balances — Maintenance Reserve Restricted Fund Balances — Emergency Reserve Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Maintenance Reserve Capital Reserve Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures (Excess Surplus & Assigned)	\$ 106,055 2,268,196 602,850 300,900 350,000 1,442,225 2,098,506	<u>7,168,732</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	+	<u>\$3,558,761</u>
Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	·	<u>\$ 970,393</u>
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019		
Excess Surplus – Designated for 2019/2020 Budget Excess Surplus – Designated for 2020/2021 Budget		\$898,846 970,393
		<u>\$ 1,869,239</u>
Unbudgeted Extraordinary Aid Unbudgeted Nonpublic Transportation Aid		\$1,163,980 <u>34,841</u>
Total Allowable Adjustments		<u>\$ 1,198,821</u>

TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Expenditures in the Capital Projects Fund be charged in the subsidiary budget reports to the correct appropriation object area in accordance with <u>The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts.</u>
- 2. The adopted annual budget appropriations be properly entered into the District's internal accounting budget report.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

It is recommended that:

- 1. Two signatures be obtained on all checks issued from the Athletic account and the High School Student Organization account.
- 2. Prior years' outstanding checks and other reconciling items on student activity accounts reconciliations be reviewed and cleared of record.

VI. SACC Program/ Tiger Tots Program/ Voice IP Shared Service Program

There are none.

VII. Application for State School Aid

It is recommended that:

- 1. Students included in district workpapers who are attending out-of-state and NAPLES facilities be properly reported on the ASSA.
- 2. All free/reduced lunch applications be retained and made available for audit.

VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

X. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations. Corrective action was taken on the prior year recommendations.

TENAFLY BOARD OF EDUCATION

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted, LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

Donna L. Japhet

Certified Public Accountant

Public School Accountant