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TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
COUNTY OF WARREN  
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON  
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,  
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE  
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November 8, 2019

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Board of Education  
Warren County Vocational-Technical School District  
County of Warren, New Jersey

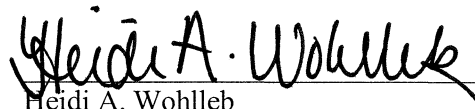
We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Warren County Vocational-Technical School District in the County of Warren for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated November 8, 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 8, 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 if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Warren County Vocational-Technical School District's Board of Education, 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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WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE  
AND PERFORMANCE  
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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>	<u>Coverage</u>
Nancy DeRiso	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000
Maureen Joyce	School Business Administrator	200,000

Tuition Charges:

A comparison of tuition charges and actual receipts and receivables was made. It appears, from our testing, that tuition charges appear to be valid revenues of the District.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting:

Examination of Claims:

An examination of claims paid on a test basis, during the period under review revealed overall compliance with respect to signatures, certification and 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. Salary withholdings were remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholdings due to the General Fund.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and certified by the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Superintendent.

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.

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.

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

Classification of Expenditures:

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-2.2(g) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. Overall compliance was noted.

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.

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.

No Child Left Behind (N.C.L.B.) 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 herein 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects:

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedules A and 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 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.

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School Purchasing Program:

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 . . . ."

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.

As per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, the Board passed a resolution, authorizing the Superintendent as a qualified purchasing agent and increasing the bid threshold to \$40,000.

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. None were noted.

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School Purchasing Program: (Cont'd)

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.

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 the appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

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

Non-program foods were purchased, prepared or offered for sale. The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position in the CAFR Schedule B-5 does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

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 herein.

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 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's procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

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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 with no exceptions. 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 SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Travel Expenses and Travel 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 include requirements for the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel must be preapproved by the Board of Education and Superintendent and that a brief report detailing the key issues addressed at the travel event must be submitted after the travel event has occurred. No exceptions were noted in our testing.

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

Purchasing Compliance

It has come to our attention that a number of school districts in New Jersey are being cited by the State Department of Education for the purchasing of goods or services prior to the issuance of an approved purchase order. We are taking this opportunity to reiterate to our clients that a valid, approved purchase order must be prepared prior to obligating the District to a purchase of goods or services to be in compliance with requirements of the State.

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.



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Management Suggestions (Cont'd)

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

There were no prior year recommendations.

WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	2019-2020 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification							
	Reported on		Reported on		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per			
	A.S.S.A.		Workpapers		On Roll		Selected from		Registers		Registers			
	On Roll	Shared	Full	On Roll	Shared	Full	On Roll	Shared	Full	On Roll	Shared	Full	On Roll	Shared
County Vocational - Regular	372		372				372		372					
County Vocational - Post Secondary	24		24				24		24					
Subtotal	396		396				396		396					
Special Ed - High School	94		94				8		8					
Subtotal	94		94				8		8					
Totals	490	-0-	490	-0-	-0-	-0-	404	-0-	404	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%		0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

		Resident Low Income				
	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
County Vocational- Regular	75	75		12	12	
Subtotal	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>		<u>12</u>	<u>12</u>	
Special Ed - High School	28	28		3	3	
Subtotal	<u>28</u>	<u>28</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
Totals	<u>103</u>	<u>103</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

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ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	362	362		19	19	
Regular - Special Education	89	89		5	5	
Special Needs	1	1		1	1	
Totals	452	452	-0-	25	25	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

**6% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2018-2019 Expenditures of \$100 million or less)**

2018/2019 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	<u>\$ 10,531,342</u> (B)	
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1a)	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ 3,335</u> (B1b)	
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1c)	
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1d)	
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 1,272,199</u> (B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B2b)	
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 9,262,478</u> (B3)	
6% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06]	<u>\$ 555,749</u> (B4)	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 555,749</u> (B5)	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ -0-</u> (K)	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u>\$ 555,749</u> (M)

**Section 2 - All Districts**

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2019 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	<u>\$ 2,714,488</u> (C)	
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 11,906</u> (C1)	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C2)	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$ 2,146,833</u> (C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)-(C6)]		<u>\$ 555,749</u> (U)

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION  
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019  
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**6% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2018-2019 Expenditures of \$100 million or less)**

**Section 3 - All Districts**

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-                   \$       -0- (E)

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

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures                   \$       -0- (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]   \$       -0- (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)]   \$       -0- (D)

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid   \$       -0- (H)

Sale and Lease Back   \$       -0- (I)

Extraordinary Aid   \$       -0- (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid   \$       -0- (J2)

Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized   \$       -0- (J3)

Family Crisis Transportation Aid   \$       -0- (J4)

Total Adjustments ((H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4))   \$       -0- (K)

**Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal   \$       -0-

Sale/lease-back reserve   \$       -0-

Capital reserve   \$ 2,146,833

Emergency reserve   \$       -0-

Maintenance reserve   \$       -0-

Tuition reserve    \$       -0-

School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve – current year                                 \$       -0-

School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve – prior year                                     \$       -0-

Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)   \$       -0-

Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)   \$       -0-

Other state/governmental mandated reserve   \$       -0-

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance   \$ 2,146,833 (C4)

WARREN COUNTY VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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  
None
3. School Purchasing Program  
None
4. School Food Service  
None
5. Student Body Activities  
None
6. Application for State School Aid  
None
7. Pupil Transportation  
None
8. Facilities and Capital Assets  
None
9. Travel Expenses and Travel Reimbursement Policy  
None.
10. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations  
There were no prior year recommendations.