BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF CAMDEN

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS--FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

> FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020



BLACK HORSE PIK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Black Horse Pike Regional School District County of Camden, 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 Black Horse Pike Regional School District, in the County of Camden, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, which were separately issued in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report dated February 2, 2021.

As part of our audit, we also 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 issued in conjunction with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Board of Education of the Black Horse Pike Regional School District, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and is intended for the information of the 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Bowman - Company 141

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Michael D. Cesaro Certified Public Accountant Public School Accountant No. CS 01191

Voorhees, New Jersey February 2, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator, 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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the School District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

Name

Position

Amount

Frank Rizzo

Board Secretary / School Business Administrator

\$350,000.00

Additionally, the School District is covered with employee dishonesty coverage in the amount of \$100,000.00 per loss with a \$500.00 deductible.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The School District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-17.1(f)3.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the School District were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator.

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

Payroll Account (Cont'd)

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Employee Position Control Roster

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated that it was in satisfactory condition and was approved by the county office submission with the 2019-2020 budget review checklist.

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

<u>Travel</u>

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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 randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

The E.S.S.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, II, III and IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

The audit of compliance for E.S.S.A. did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The School District's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample 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 other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for School District employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's final report(s) 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 and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$40,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000.00 (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 \$19,000.00 for 2019-20.

The School District's 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 solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our audit, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements 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

COVID-19 Emergency

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID 19 Virus all public, charter, non-public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, school food authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to free and reduced price eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with food service management companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A.18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing cost reimbursable or fixed price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of free and reduced price meal eligible students.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and / or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000.00 in federal and / or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or 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.

The statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund net position (CAFR exhibit B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures / practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations.

Net cash resources did not not exceed three months average expenditures.

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID

Our audit procedures included a sample of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, low-income, and bilingual. We also performed an inspection of the School District procedures related to its completion. The information on the A.S.S.A. was compared to the School District workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The School District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

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

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION

Our audit procedures included a sample of on-roll status reported in the 2019-2020 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was reported 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 sample of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our sample, the School District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. No exceptions were noted in our sample of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continuing Disclosure Agreements

The School District complied with its most recent continuing disclosure agreements made in relation to prior year bond issuances.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The School District complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A: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

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all of the officials of the School District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael D. Cesaro Public School Accountant No.01191

BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2019

	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification				Private Schools for the Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll Full Share	Reported Workpap On Ro <u>d Full</u>	oers oll	Errors Full <u>Shared</u>	Sample Selected from Workpapers Full Shared	Verified per Registers On Roll <u>Full Share</u> d	Errors per Registers On Roll d Full Shared	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private <u>Schools</u>	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample <u>Verified</u>	Sample <u>Errors</u>	
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.)	<u>Full</u> <u>Share</u> 757 726 704 712	757 757 726 704 712	<u>snared</u>	<u>-uii Shared</u>	<u>Full</u> <u>Shared</u> 247 217 245 234	<u>Full</u> <u>Shared</u> 247 217 245 234	<u>s Full Shared</u>	Schools	<u>cation</u>	venined	Errors	
Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)	· ·				<u> </u>					·		
Subtotal	2,899	2,899			943	943		. <u> </u>				
Special Educa ion-Elementary Special Educa ion-Middle School Special Educa ion-High School	663	663			250	250		53	41	41		
Subtotal	663	663			250	250		53	41	41		
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Subtotal												
Totals	3,562	3,562			1,193	1,193		53	41	41		

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2019

	Resident Low Income		Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification			
Half Day Preschool	Reported on A.S.S A. as Low <u>Income</u>	Reported on Workpapers as Low <u>Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	Verified to Application and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Low <u>Income</u>	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low <u>Income</u>	Errors	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	Verified to Application, Test Score and Register	Sample <u>Errors</u>
Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five												
Six Seven Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate	249 253 225 218	249 253 225 218		77 84 77 71	77 84 77 71		7 12 8 8	7 12 8 8		6 11 7 7	6 11 7 7	
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14CR.) Subtotal	945	945		309	309		35	35		31	31	
Special Education-Elementary Special Education-Middle School Special Education-High School	352	352		91	91		5	5			4	
Subtotal	352	352		91	91		5_	5		4	4	
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Subtotal												
Totals	1,297	1,297		400	400		40	40		35	35	
Percentage Error												
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/County	Reported on DRTRS by <u>District</u>	Transı <u>Errors</u>	oortation <u>Tested</u>	Verified	Errors					<u>Reported</u>	Re- <u>Calculat</u>
Reg Public Schools, Col. 1 Reg SpEd, Col. 4 Transported - Non-Public, Col. 3 Special Needs, Col. 6	1,112 74 277 87	1,112 74 277 87		188 13 47 15	188 13 47 15		Reg. Avg. (Milea		uding Grade	PK students (Part A) PK students (Part B Needs	5.5	5
Totals	1,550	1,550		263	263							
Percentage Error			<u> </u>									

BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Application for State School Aid Summary Schedule of Audited Enrollments Enrollment as of October 15, 2019

		sident LEP NOT Low Income	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from <u>Workpapers</u>	Verified to Test Score <u>and Register</u>	Sample <u>Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten One Two Three Four Five Six Seven	income	income	LIIUIS	<u>woinpapers</u>		
Eight Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14CR.)	2 1 2 1	1		2 1 2 1	2 1 2 1	
Subtotal	6	6		6	6	
Special Education-Elementary Special Education-Middle School Special Education-High School						
Subtotal						
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Subtotal	. <u></u>					
Totals	6	66		6	6	
Percentage Error						

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-20 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on CAFR Exhibit C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$ 79,456,059.63 (B) (B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	9,377,169.90 (B2a) 268,515.00 (B2b) \$ 69,810,374.73 (B3)
2% of Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment * Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 1,396,207.49 (B4) 1,396,207.49 (B5) 568,044.00 (K) \$ 1,964,251.49 (M)
SECTION 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1) Decreased by: Year-End Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Other Restricted Fund Balances **** Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 17,071,227.40 (C) 2,213,458.56 (C1) - (C2) 2,981,506.77 (C3) 2,762,839.57 (C4) 3,145,622.00 (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	<u>\$ 5,967,800.50</u> (U1)
SECTION 3	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	<u>\$ 4,003,549.01</u> (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 2,981,506.77 (C3) 4,003,549.01 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	<u>\$ 6,985,055.78</u> (D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

Footnotes:

Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below is to be utilized when applicable for:

(H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve – General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);

(I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);

- (J1) Extraordinary Aid;
- (J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;
- (J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and
- (J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Federal Impact Aid	- (H)
Sale & Lease-back	- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 516,019.00 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	52,025.00 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	- (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	(J4)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	<u>\$ 568,044.00</u> (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2019 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2019-2020 general fund budget.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2020 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Amount for Other Restricted 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 another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	
Sale/lease-back reserve	-
Capital reserve	\$ 2,762,839.57
Maintenance reserve	-
Emergency reserve	
Tuition reserve	
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	-
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	-
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	-
Other state/government mandated reserves	-
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	<u> </u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 2,762,839.57 (C4)

BLACK HORSE PIKE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None

3. School Purchasing Programs

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

- 6. <u>Application for State School Aid</u> None
- 7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019.