

Lavallette Board of Education
Auditor's Management Report
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AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

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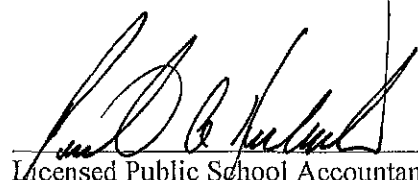
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Lavallette School District
County of Ocean, 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 general-purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Lavallette School District in the County of Ocean, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2021.

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 of the Lavallette 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.



Licensed Public School Accountant
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January 22, 2021

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20; Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Officials Bond

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Patricia Christopher	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 148,142
Joan Buczkowski	Treasurer	148,142

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of all employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employee's 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.

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.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A: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. In addition to randomly selecting a test sample, our sample selection specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C.* 6A:23A-2.4. 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 disclosed no reportable conditions.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

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 Title I, Title IIA and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated the following areas 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 special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi monthly reimbursement forms filed with Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2015 N.J.S. 18A:18A-3 was amended to read as follows:

- 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 \$40,000.00 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. (pending before the Legislature as section 15 of this bill) 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 \$40,000.00. 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. Effective July 1, 2015, the quotation threshold was increased to \$4,350 and \$6,000, respectively.

Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. N.J.S. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

N.J.S. 18A:18A-4 is amended to read as follows:

- a. 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.

The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-2020.

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 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 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 provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4.

Effective July 1, 2020, the maximum bid threshold was increased to \$44,000.00 with a Qualified Purchasing Agent and the quotation threshold was increased to \$4,800.00 and \$6,600.00 with a Qualified Purchasing Agent, respectively.

School Food Service Fund

The School Food Service Program has not been audited as a major program and has not expended \$100,000 or more in Federal and State support.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed, and meals claimed agreed with meal count records.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal and free milk policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. Districts with food service management companies are 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. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section B.

Application of State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) 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 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 written procedures appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2019-2020 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.

Pupil Transportation (Continued)

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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

There were no prior year findings.

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 staff.

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-20 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the CAFR	\$ 4,616,949
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(616,028)</u>
Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,000,921</u>
2% of Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 80,018</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000	\$ 250,000
Increased by Allowable Adjustment	<u>7,021</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 257,021</u>

Section 2

Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-20	\$ 1,934,830
Decreased by:	
Reserve for Encumbrances	(89,518)
Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – Maintenance Reserve	(35,000)
Designated for Subsequent Year’s Expenditures – Emergency Reserve	(40,000)
Other Reserves	<u>(1,513,291)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 257,021</u>
Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 0</u>

Section 3

Excess Surplus – Current Year	\$ 0
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Expenditures	<u>0</u>
Total Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 0</u>

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid	<u>\$ 7,021</u>
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Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Maintenance Reserve	\$ 410,958
Emergency Reserve	39,222
Capital Reserve	<u>1,063,111</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,513,291</u>

LAVALLETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

Sheet 1 of 2

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2020-2021 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported On 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 Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Full Day Kindergarten	15		15				15		15							
One	14		14				14		14							
Two	14		14				14		14							
Three	14		14				14		14							
Four	20		20				20		20							
Five	17		17				17		17							
Six	14		14				14		14							
Seven	20		20				20		20							
Eight	11		11				11		11							
Subtotal	<u>139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed. - Elementary	4		4				4		4							
Special Ed. - Middle School	8		8				8		8							
Special Ed. - High School												2	2	2		
Subtotal	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>151</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error					<u>0%</u>	<u>0%</u>					<u>0%</u>	<u>0%</u>				<u>0%</u>

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

Low Income

LEP Students - N/A

	Low Income			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
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2		2	2	
One	1	1		1	1	
Two	2	2		2	2	
Three	2	2		2	2	
Four	3	3		3	3	
Five	1	1		1	1	
Six						
Seven	4	4		4	4	
Eight	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed. - Elementary						
Special Ed. - Middle						
Subtotal	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

Transportation

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
	Reg. - Public Schools - Col. 1	32.5	32.5		32.5	32.5
Reg. Special Ed. - Col. 4	1	1		1	1	
Transported - Non-Public - Col. 3	2	2		2	2	
Special Needs - Col. 6	3	3		3	3	
Totals	<u>38.5</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

	Reported	Recalculated
Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	10.2	10.2
Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	10.2	10.2
Avg. Mileage - Special Education	14.8	14.8

LAVALLETTE 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. Application for State School Aid
None
7. Pupil Transportation
None
8. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
9. Miscellaneous
None
10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
There were no prior year recommendations.