

**MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL  
SERVICE COMMISSION**

**COUNTY OF MONMOUTH, NEW JERSEY**

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS**

**FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission  
County of Monmouth, 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 Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated November 2, 2020.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the New Jersey Department of Education, and the finding 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 Monmouth-Ocean Educational Services Commission'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,



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Public School Accountant  
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November 2, 2020

## **ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

### **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, 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 district's CAFR.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kathleen Mandeville	Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$ 300,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000/\$300,000.

#### **Tuition Charges**

Tuition charges made by the commission are based upon actual cost incurred by the Commission to effectively maintain the various programs servicing the member districts. A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. Our comparison revealed that tuition appeared to be charged correctly.

### **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. 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, the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the secretary of the board then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

### **Employee Position Control Roster**

A review of the Position Control Roster was made and found that proper and consistent financial reporting, and that employee benefits are offered only to current employees and their eligible relations.

### **Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable**

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, 2020 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

### **Travel**

No findings.

### **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, our sample selection specifically targeted 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 0.00 percent overall 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 the following items.

No findings.

### **Treasurer's Records**

The following items were noted during our review of the records of the Treasurer.

No findings.

### **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 the Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

### **Other Special Federal and/or State Projects**

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

### **Other Special Federal and/or State Projects (cont'd)**

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 quarterly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for 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 subsequent 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.

### **School Purchasing Programs**

#### **Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids**

*N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3* states:

1. 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 \$29,000, 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 possesses a qualified purchasing agent certificate 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.
2. 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 the 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.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.

**School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)**  
**Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (cont'd)**

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. of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

*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."

The bid threshold 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 2019-2020.

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 solicitor'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 of the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not be reasonably ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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.

The review of contract and agreements disclosed no areas of statutory noncompliance.

**School Food Service**

The District does not have a food service program.

The District does not participate in the Federal and State school lunch program.

**Student Body Activities**

No Student Activity Funds.

### **Application for State School Aid (ASSA)**

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported on 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 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 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 has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

### **Pupil Transportation**

We did not audit the on roll status reported in the 2019-2020 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS) as the district does not transport their own students.

Our procedures did include 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.

### **Facilities and Capital Assets**

There were no construction projects in the District.

### **Miscellaneous**

#### **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 Findings**

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures include a review of all prior year recommendations including 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 team.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2019-2020 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 Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3 yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	3	-	3	-	-	-	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	2	-	2	-	-	-	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	8	-	8	-	-	-	8	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	6	-	6	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6	-	6	-	-	-	5	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	14	-	14	-	-	-	13	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

**MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019**

	<b>Resident Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>			<b>Resident LEP Low Income</b>			<b>Sample for Verification</b>		
	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 - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Preschool - 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

	<b>Transportation</b>						<b>Reported</b>	<b>Recalculated</b>
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors		
	Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	-	-	-	-	-		
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Transported - AIL, col. 2 & Non-Public, Col. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>			

Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A)      -      -  
 Reg Avg. (Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)      -      -  
 Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs      -      -

MONMOUTH-OCEAN EDUCATIONAL SERVICES COMMISSION  
AUDIT RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

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. Miscellaneous  
None
10. Status of Prior Year Findings/Recommendations  
There were no prior year audit findings or recommendations.