MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Moonachie Board of Education Moonachie, 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 Moonachie Board of Education for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated December 15, 2020.

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 for the information 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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Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 15, 2020

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies 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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Laurel Spadavecchia	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$200,000
Ernest Turner	Treasurer	\$250,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the president of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies.

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.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium amounts withheld due to the General Fund. The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The Board has implemented and 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 reserves 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.

Finding – Our audit of the General Fund revealed several instances where open purchase orders at year-end were classified as encumbrances, which were determined to be accounts payable, as the goods and services were rendered prior to June 30, ,2020 and also deemed invalid.

Recommendation – It is recommended that open encumbrances be reviewed to determine proper classification between encumbrances and accounts payable as well as validity.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-16.2(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. 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:23-16.2(f) as part of our test performed no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the proprietary of expenditure classification.

Travel

The district has adopted a policy regulating District travel in compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11.12.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Acknowledgement of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Finding – The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were in agreement however the cash balance for the general operating account was not in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

Recommendation – It is recommended the Board Secretary and Treasurer reconcile the cash records with the reconciled bank statements.

Bids received are summarized in the minutes.

The prescribed contracted order system was followed.

Monthly Board Secretary's report and certifications were approved by the Board in a timely manner.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account, payroll agency account and the food service accounts. The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

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

The E.S.E.A./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 projects under Title I, II and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

Our examination of the E.S.E.A./ESSA 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.

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting was maintained for each approved project.

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

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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The reimbursement to the State for 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 subsequent to the end of the 60 day grant liquidations period, but prior to 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:18-4 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 thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) is \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent). The District has appointed Ernes Turner as a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-20.

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 Treasurer of School Monies 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 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 or goods or service, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements and aggregate amounts for similar services/goods were made for the performance of work or purchased 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 <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service Fund

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 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate 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 financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The District has contracted with Carlstadt-East Rutherford Regional School District as its food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34 and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC cost reimbursable for fixed price contract/addendum were reviewed and audited.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were correctly maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food supplies used.

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 disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

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

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets (CAFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

Finding – Net cash resources exceeded three months average expenditures.

Recommendation – It is recommended that the Board take efforts to reduce the net cash resources.

Student Body Activity Fund

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

All receipts tested were deposited in a timely manner. All cash disbursements tested had proper supporting documentation.

Application for 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 school for the handicapped, low income and bilingual education. 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

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 with one 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.

Miscellaneous

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.

Follow Up On Prior Year Findings

Corrective action has been taken.

Suggestions to Management

All interfunds balances be liquidated.

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL/MILK COUNT ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOT APPLICABLE

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MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2020

Net Cash Resources:

*	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investments	\$ 97,026 5,630	
	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds Less Deferred Revenue	(33,393)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$ 69,263	(A)
<u>Net Adj. Total Operating Expense:</u>			
	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation	213,811	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 213,811	(B)
Average Monthly Operating Expens	se:		
	B / 10	\$ 21,381	(C)
Three times monthly Average:			
	3 X C	\$ 64,143	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	\$ 69,263 \$ 64,143 \$ 5,120		

A is greater than D, cash does exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2020-21 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled					
-	Repo A.S	rted on .S.A.	Workpapers		Select	Sample Reported on Selected from Workpapers					Reported on Reported on Sample A.S.S.A. as Workpapers for				******		
		Roll		Roll		rors		papers	On F			rors	Private	Private	Verifi-	Sample	
-	Full	Shared	Fuli	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	22		22		-		22		22		-						
Full Day Kindergarten	38		38		-		38		· 38		-						
1st Grade	25		25		-		25		25		-						
2nd Grade	40		40		-		40		40		-						
3rd Grade	31		31		-		31		31		-						
4th Grade	24		24		-		24		24		-						
5th Grade	26		26		-		26		26		-						
6th Grade	23		23		-		23		23		-						
7th Grade	35		35		-		35		35		-						
8th Grade	28		28		_		28		28		-						
Subtotal	292	-	292	-	-		292	-	292			-			-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	26		26				26		26				4	1	4	1	
Spec Ed - Middle School	18		18		-		18		18		-		1	1	1	1	-
Spec Ed - High School	10		10		_		10		10				1	1	2	3	-
Subtotal	44	-	44				44		44		-				5	5	
Subtotal		-	****		-						-		0	0	J	5	
Totals	336	_	336	-	_		336	-	336	-	~		6	6	5	5	-
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MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Resident Low Income Sample for Verification				ion		ent LEP Low Inco	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	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 Preschool - 4 years												
Full Day Kindergarten	24	24	-	5	5		1	1	-	1	1	-
1st Grade	. 14	14	-	3	3	-	2	2	-	2	2	_
2nd Grade	15	15	-	3	3		2	2	-	2	2	-
3rd Grade	23	23	-	5	5	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
4th Grade	13	13	-	3	3	-			-			-
5th Grade	12	12	-	3	3	-			-			-
6th Grade	12	12	-	3	3	-			-			-
7th Grade	24	24	-	5	5	-	4	4	-	3	3	-
8th Grade	18	18	-	4	4	-			-			-
9th Grade	16.5	16.5	-	4	4	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
10th Grade	12	12		3	3	-			-			-
11th Grade	10	10	-	2	2	-			-			-
12th Grade	8	8	-	2	2	-	3	3	-	2	2	-
Subtotal	201.5	201.5	-	45	45	-	15	15	-	13	13	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	20	20	-	5	5	-			-			-
Spec Ed - Middle School	13	. 13	-	3	3							
Spec Ed - High School	11	11	-	2	2	-			-			-
Subtotal	44	44	-	10	10	-	-	_	-	-		
Totals	246	246	-	55	55		15	15	-	13	13	
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation									
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors				
Regular - Public Schools	69	69	-	47	47	-				
Transported - Non-Public			-			-				
Regular - Spec.	29	29	-	20	20	-				
Special Needs - Public	19	19		13	13					
Totals	117	117	-	80						
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MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

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	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Register	Sample Errors			
Full Day Preschool - 4 years Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade	1 1	1 1	- - - - - - - - - - - - -	1	1 1				
11th Grade 12th Grade	2 1	2	-	1	1	-			
Subtotal	7	7	-	6	6				
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School Spec Ed - High School Subtotal			- - -						
Totals	7	7	-	6	6				
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures		\$ 9,316,379		
Increased by: Transfer to Special Revenue Fund Pre-K		 86,803		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		 854,826		
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		8,548,356		
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		 170,967		
or \$250,000		250,000		,
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment		 69,196		
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance			<u>\$</u>	319,196
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020		\$ 2,795,225		
Decreased by: Restricted: Reserved Excess Surplus Designated Subsequent Year Expenditures \$ Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Assigned: Year End Encumbrances	302,657 1,674,000 317,197 83,301			
Total Unassigned Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation		 2,377,155	<u>\$</u>	418,070
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			<u>\$</u>	98,874
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020				
Reserved Excess Surplus Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures			\$ 	98,874 302,657
			<u>\$</u>	401,531

MOONACHIE BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Open encumbrances be reviewed to determine proper classification between encumbrances and accounts payable as well as validity.
- 2. The Board Secretary and Treasurer reconcile the cash records with the reconciled bank statements.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

* It is recommended that the Board take efforts to reduce the net cash resources.

V. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Miscellaneous

There are none.

IX. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

Prior year findings were reviewed and corrective action was taken on all items except the item denoted with an asterisk (*).

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

and

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