PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2020

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Passaic Valley Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education Little Falls, New Jersey

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Passaic Valley Regional High School District No. 1 Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2021.

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 solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, 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 February 17, 2021

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 the insurance schedule (Exhibit J-20) contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Colin Monahan	Business Administrator /	
	Board Secretary	\$ 250,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the Insurance Corp of Hanover 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 any significant 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholdings due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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. 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.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(f) as part of our test of transactions of randomly selected expenditure items. 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-8.2. We also reviewed the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit testing procedures. As a result of the procedures performed, no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's was included in the minutes.

Finding – Our audit indicated that there were several receipts consisting of taxes, state aid and scholarships, which were deposited into the incorrect bank accounts.

Recommendation – It is recommended that procedures be enhanced to ensure monies collected are deposited into the proper bank accounts.

Finding — Our audit revealed that the original adopted budget was increased due to additional anticipated revenues that were not formally approved in the minutes. Furthermore certain adjustments were made to the adopted budget without proper supporting documentation.

Recommendation – It is recommended that additional anticipated revenues be formally approved in the minutes and all budget adjustments be properly supported.

Finding – The audit indicated that the District did not receive \$1,308,605 of its 2019/20 tax levy as of June 30, 2020. No recommendation is warranted since the amount was subsequently received by the District in July 2020.

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

The E.S.E.A./ESSA 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 Titles I and II 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

Our examination 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.

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting records were 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.

T.P.A.F. 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. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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 transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,000. The Board has designated the business administrator as the qualified purchasing agent and approved increasing the bid threshold to \$40,000.

The district 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 Board 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.

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.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

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 N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10,, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

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, program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or state support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims and as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. 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 financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

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

USDA Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a single inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

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

The cash disbursement 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.

School Food Service (Continued)

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds (Exhibits B4-B6).

Net cash resources do not exceed three months average expenditures.

The District contracted with Pomptonian, Inc. to manage the operations of the school food service program and deposited funds in accordance with applicable state statutes.

The Food Service Management Contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food services program will return a profit of at least \$5,000. The operating results have been met.

Student Body Activities

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained in good condition.

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 schools for the disabled related services and low-income. 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 isolated exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exceptions noted. 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 had 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 2019-20 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.

Our procedures 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, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Miscellaneous

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 Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action was taken on all prior year recommendations.

Suggestions to Management

The cash receipt and disbursements records of the Food Service Fund be maintained on a formal financial reporting system.

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES ENTERPRISE FUNDS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Nat Cook Bossess		 Food Service	
Net Cash Resources:			
CAFR *	Current Assets		
B-4	Cash	\$ 32,270	
B-4	Intergovernmental Receivables	2,564	
B-4	Accounts Receivable	2,483	
B-4	Due from Other Funds		
CAFR	Current Liabilities		
B-4	Less Accounts Payable	(1,590)	
B-4	Less Due to Other Funds	(28,716)	
B-4	Less Unearned Revenue	 (9,874)	
	Net Cash Resources	\$ (2,863)	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating Expe	ense:		
B-5	Total Operating Expenses	\$ 546,923	
B-5	Less Depreciation	 (11,698)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 535,225	(B)
Average Monthly Operating E	xpense:		
	B / 10	\$ 53,523	(C)
Three times monthly Average	Operating Expense:		
	3 X C	\$ 160,568	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$ (2,863)		
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$ (160,568)		
NET	\$ (163,431)		
Net Cash Resources Did Not E	xceed Three Months Expenditures.		
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PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.) SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

	201	9-20 Ap	plication	n for State	School	Aid			Sample for	Verification	n		Private	Schools	for Disab	led
-	Reporte	ed on	Repoi	rted on			Sar	mple	Verified per	,	Errors per		Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S	.A.	Work	papers			Select	ed from	Register		Registers		A.S.S.A. as	for		
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Half Day Preschool - 3 years Half Day Preschool - 4 years Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade	162		162			_	162		162		_					
10th Grade	214		214		_	_ 	214		214		_	_				
11th Grade	245	1	245	1	_	_	245	1	245	1	_	_				
12th Grade	277	'	277	•	٠.	. <u>-</u>	277	•	277	· -	_	_				
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PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.) SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

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7th Grade 8th Grade												
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	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Transpo Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	453	453		43	43							
Transported - Non-Public	153	153		14	14							
Regular - Spec.	51	51		5	5							
Special Needs - Public	22	22	<u>-</u>	3	3							
Totals	679	679		65	65	_						
		=	0.00%		=	0.00%						

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID (A.S.S.A.) SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2019

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PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

SECTION 1 - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures (Budgetary Basis) Per Schedule C-1 of the CAFR	\$	32,443,213
Increased by: Transfers from Capital Reserve		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		(3,642,175)
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$	28,801,038
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures	\$	576,021
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$	576,021
Increased by Allowable Adjustments*		224,855
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$</u>	800,876
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$	5,649,523
Decreased by: Restricted: Capital Reserve Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Assigned:		42,93 8 1,791,011
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Year-End Encumbrances		433,331 180,889
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	3,201,354
SECTION 3 Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	2,400,478
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus Excess Surplus Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	2,400,478 1,791,011
	<u>\$</u>	4,191,489
* <u>Detail of Allowable Adjustment</u> Extraordinary Aid	\$	224,855
Total Adjustments	<u>\$</u>	224,855

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I.	Administrative	Practices	and Proce	dures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

- 1. Procedures be enhanced to ensure monies collected are deposited into the proper bank accounts.
- 2. Additional anticipated revenues be formally approved in the minutes and all budget adjustments be properly supported.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Scholarship Fund

There are none.

VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

PASSAIC VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior years' recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received the complete cooperation from all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP

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