

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

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

**FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Honorable President and  
Members of the Board of Education  
River Dell Regional School District  
County of Bergen  
River Edge, 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 River Dell Regional School District in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, for the year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated February 2, 2021.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, New Jersey 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 the management of the River Dell Regional Board of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Fairfield, New Jersey  
February 2, 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 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 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR).

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Irwin S. Cohen	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$ 300,000
Thomas L. Bonfiglio	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	100,000

The Board has coverage in the amount of \$500,000, for employee dishonesty with faithful performance with School Alliance Insurance Fund.

#### **Tuition Charges**

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges were made. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the adjustment 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**

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 President of the Board, the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Chief School Administrator.

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

No exceptions were noted in our examination of the account.

## **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)**

### Employee Position Control Roster

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated it was in satisfactory condition.

### 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. No material exceptions were noted.

### 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, no errors were noted.

### Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's records were maintained in satisfactory condition with no exceptions.

### Treasurer's Records

There were no exceptions noted on the Treasurer's records.

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

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 Titles I, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated there was no areas of noncompliance and no areas of questioned costs.

### 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 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 there were no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.

## T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the semimonthly 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

There were no salaries identified as being paid from federal funds that required reimbursement to the State for TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the District. The report was timely filed, and no exceptions were noted.

## **School Purchasing Programs**

### Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2015 and thereafter 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 Board appointed the School Business Administrator as Purchasing Agent. The bid threshold for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2019-20.

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

The results of our procedures indicated that there were no individual payments, contracts or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or service, 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, as amended.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37, for all contracts that in the aggregate are less than the bid threshold but 15 percent or more of that amount, the purchasing agent shall award the contract after soliciting at least two competitive quotations, if practicable. The award shall be made to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The purchasing agent shall retain the record of the quotation solicitation and shall include a copy of the record with the voucher used to pay the vendor. No exceptions were noted.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" as 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 Ch. 114, P.L. 1988; therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our procedures did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

## **School Food Service**

The Board of Education had a contract with an outside catering firm to provide the service in the cafeteria for the 2019-2020 school year. The financial records of the outside caterer were subject to various audit tests. The Board did not participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and received no federal or state subsidies. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Food Service Program operations are included in the CAFR entitled Enterprise Fund - Food Service Fund, Exhibit B.

## **Athletics and Student Body Activities**

A review of the athletics and student body activities funds was performed, and no exceptions were noted.

## **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, 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 with no exceptions. The information included as part of 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's 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 with no exceptions. 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.

## **Facilities and Capital Assets**

A review of the capital assets fund was performed, and no exceptions were noted.

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities**

The 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 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 included a review of all prior year findings and recommendations. Corrective action was taken on the prior year finding with no exception.

### **Acknowledgment**

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and assistance extended to us by Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent, and Thomas L. Bonfiglio, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Business Office staff, during the course of our audit.



**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	2020-21 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 On Roll			Registers per Register On Roll			Errors Per Register On Roll			Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools						
	Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Full	Shared		Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
Seven	246			246			246					246													
Eight	211			211			211					211													
Nine	234			234			234					234													
Ten	212	1		212	1		212	1				212	1									1			
Eleven	226			226			226					226													
Twelve	229	1		229	1		229	1				229	1									1			
Subtotal	1,358	2		1,358	2		1,358	2				1,358	2									2			
Special Ed - Middle School	81			81			81					81													
Special Ed - High School	152	1		152	1		152	1				152	1									1			
Subtotal	233	1		233	1		233	1				233	1									1			
Totals	1,591	3		1,591	3		1,591	3				1,591	3									3			

Percentage Error

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTS by DOE	Reported on District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg - Public Schools, col. 1	98.0	98.0		80.0	80.0	
Reg - Special Ed, col. 4	23.0	23.0		19.0	19.0	
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	48.0	48.0		42.0	42.0	
Special Ed Special Needs, col. 6	31.0	31.0		26.0	26.0	
Totals	200.0	200.0		167.0	167.0	

Percentage Error

Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A)  
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)  
Average Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs

	Reported	Re-Calculated
	4.9	4.9
	4.9	4.9
	12.3	12.3

**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.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.A. as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	3	3		3	3		1	1		1	1	
Eight	1	1		1	1							
Nine	2	2		2	2		2	2		2	2	
Ten	3	3		3	3							
Eleven							1	1		1	1	
Twelve	4	4		3	3							
Subtotal	13	13		12	12		4	4		4	4	
Special Ed - Middle School	1	1		1	1							
Special Ed - High School												
Subtotal	1	1		1	1							
Totals	14	14		13	13		4	4		4	4	
Percentage Error												

**SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY  
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Resident LEP Not Low Income		Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	4	4	4	4	
Eight					
Nine	2	2	2	2	
Ten	3	3	3	3	
Eleven	4	4	4	4	
Twelve					
Subtotal	13	13	13	13	
Special Ed - Middle School	1	1	1	1	
Special Ed - High School					
Subtotal	1	1	1	1	
Totals	14	14	14	14	
Percentage Error					

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Schedule of Excess Surplus Calculation  
June 30, 2020

**SECTION 1**

**A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus**

2019-2020 Total General Fund expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$	38,215,589	(B)
Increased by:			
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund			(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund			(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular			(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion			(B1d)
Decreased by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		5,467,264	(B2a)
Assets acquired under capital lease		<u>                    </u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$	<u>32,748,325</u>	(B3)
2% of adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund expenditures [(B3 x 2%)]	\$	654,967	(B4)
Enter greater of (B4) or \$250,000		654,967	(B5)
Increased by : Allowable adjustment *		<u>4,031</u>	(K)
Maximum unassigned/undesignated-unreserved fund balance [(B5 + K)]	\$	<u>658,998</u>	(M)

**SECTION 2**

Total General Fund - fund balances @ 6-30-20 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$	3,011,624	(C)
Decreased by:			
Year-end encumbrances		105,239	(C1)
Legally restricted - designated for subsequent year's expenditures			(C2)
Legally restricted - excess surplus - designated for subsequent year's expenditures		275,000	(C3)
Other restricted fund balances		1,647,387	(C4)
Assigned fund balance - unreserved - designated for subsequent year's expenditures		<u>                    </u>	(C5)
Total unassigned fund balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$	<u>983,998</u>	(U1)

**SECTION 3**

Restricted fund balance - excess surplus (U1 - M) If negative enter -0-	\$	<u>325,000</u>	(E)
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**Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020**

Reserved excess surplus - designated for subsequent year's expenditures	\$	275,000	(C3)
Reserved excess surplus (E)		<u>325,000</u>	(E)
Total excess surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$	<u>600,000</u>	(D)

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Impact Aid	\$	-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back			(I)
Extraordinary Aid			(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid		4,031	(J2)
Current year school bus advertising revenue recognized			(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid			(J4)
		<u>          </u>	
Total adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$	<u>4,031</u>	(K)

**Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance**

Statutory restrictions:

Sale/lease-back reserve			
Capital reserve	\$	1,647,387	
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 reserve			
Other restricted fund balance not noted above			
		<u>          </u>	
Total other restricted fund balance	\$	<u>1,647,387</u>	(C4)

## AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

### Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

### School Purchasing Programs

None

### School Food Service

None

### Athletics and Student Body Activities

None

### Application for State School Aid

None

### Pupil Transportation

None

### Facilities and Capital Assets

None

### Miscellaneous

None

### Follow-up on Prior Year Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year recommendation. Corrective action was taken on the prior year finding.