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September 30, 2020

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Roseland Board of Education County of Essex, 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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Roseland Borough School District in the County of Essex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated September 30, 2020.

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 letter does not affect our report dated September 30, 2020, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments, recommendations and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters.

This report is intended for the information of the Roseland Borough School District's management 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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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

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

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	Position	<u>Coverage</u>
Gordon E. Gibbs	Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	\$ 180,000
Michael Halik	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 180,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were less than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the decrease in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C.6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of 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 certified by the President of the Board and the School Business Administrator, and the Chief School Administrator.

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

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

System and Organization Controls Report (SOC 1)

During the course of our audit, it was noted that Ameriflex, the third-party administrator of the District's Flexible Spending Account, had not had a recent SOC report issued. It was noted that the most recent audit was for the period of July 1, 2018 to November 30, 2018. It is recommended that the District request that the third-party administrator obtain a current SOC report.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis 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: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 testing procedures. In addition to randomly selecting as 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. As a result of the procedures performed, no transaction errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

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 District's CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Titles I, II and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for the E.S.E.A. did not indicate any area of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements 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 T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2020. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

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.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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

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 \$17,500, 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. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. 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.

b. 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 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.A. 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. 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"

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 law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A 18A:39-3 is currently \$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 Attorney's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

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. General compliance was noted.

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.

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 Ch. 114, P.L. 1977, therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained.

School Food Service

The school food service was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. We inquired of school management, or the 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 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.

Non-program foods were purchased, prepared or offered for sale. The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position in the CAFR Schedule B-5 does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible students, maintenance of all applicable production records, meal counts, noncompetitive procurements, modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities account for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

<u>ROSELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> <u>ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE</u> <u>FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020</u>

(Continued)

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2019 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, bilingual 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 with no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis with no exceptions. 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 2019-20 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report. 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.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending.

Our review of the travel policies and records revealed that the District is in compliance with the travel regulations.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The District did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the NJ Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Facilities and Capital Assets

There were no SDA Grant funds received or expended in the current year.

Management Suggestions

Fixed Assets Appraisal

During the course of our audit, it was that the fixed asset appraisal is not always reporting assets at historical value. It was also noted that ending balances from the prior year appraisal does not agree to that of the current year. It is suggested that the District request the fixed asset appraisal company to report all assets at their historical value and provide a recapitulation of current year ending balance from the prior year ending balance.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

Due to COVID-19, the GASB postponed the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, until the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. Based on guidance from the NJ Department of Education and GASB, the activity for student activities, payroll agency, unemployment compensation trust, flexible spending trust and private purpose scholarship trust funds will no longer be reported in the Fiduciary Fund financial statements. This activity will now be reported in the General (payroll agency, flexible spending and unemployment compensation) and Special Revenue (student activities and scholarship) Funds.

Effect on Internal Controls due to COVID-19

With the increase in employees working remotely due to COVID-19 especially those in the Business Office it is vital that the District routinely reviews the internal controls in place especially with respect to security of passwords as well as access rights to accounting software and bank information including bank wire transfers and the timely back-up of records.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

All prior year recommendations have been corrected during the current fiscal year and are not included as recommendations in the current year audit.

		2020-2021 Application for State School Aid	Applicatio	n for State :	School Aic	ц		Š	ample for [`]	Sample for Verification	-	
	Repoi	Reported on	Repoi	Reported on			San	Sample	Verified per	ed per		
	AS	ASSA	Work	Workpapers			Selecte	Selected from	Regi	Registers		
	On	On Roll	On Roll	Roll	Err	Errors	Work	Workpapers	On Roll	Roll	Errors	OTS
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	5		5				5		5			
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	6		6				6		6			
Full Day Kindergarten	49		49				49		49			
Grade One	54		54				54		54			
Grade Two	59		59				59		59			
Grade Three	56		56				56		56			
Grade Four	56		56				56		56			
Grade Five	50		50				50		50			
Grade Six	60		60				60		60			
Subtotal	398		398				398		398			
Special Education:												
Elementary	61		61				9		9			
Middle	6		6				2		7			
Subtotal	70		70				8		8			
Totals	468	-0-	468	-0-	-0-	-0-	406	-0-	406	-0-	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

<u>ROSELAND BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019</u> ROSELAND BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

	Sample	Errors									0.00%
	Verified to Application and	Register				1	4	¢	7	9	
Resident Low Income	Sample Selected from	Workpapers				1	4	¢	7 7	9	
Resident I		Errors									0.00%
	Reported on Workpapers as Low	Income	20	- 7	1	1	8	C	7 7	10	
	Reported on ASSA as Low	Income	7 7	5	1	1	8	ç	7 7	10	
	Sample	Errors									0.00%
q	Sample	Verified						.	1	1	
Private Schools for Disabled	Sample for	Verficiation						.	1	1	
ivate Schoo		Errors									0.00%
P1	Reported on Workpapers as Private	Schools						~	<i>.</i>	Э	
	Reported on ASSA as Private	Schools						(n n	С	
			Full Day Kindergarten Grade Two	Grade Four	Grade Five	Grade Six	Subtotal	Special Education: Elementary School	Subtotal	Totals	Percentage Error

<u>ROSELAND BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY - LEP LOW INCOME</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019</u>

		Ι	Resident LEF	Low Income		
	Reported on ASSA as	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to Test Scores,	
	LEP Low Income	as LEP Low Income	Errors	from Workpapers	Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Totals	1	1		1	1	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

<u>ROSELAND BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019</u>

	_	Res	ident LEP N	ot Low Income		
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample		
	ASSA as	Workpapers		Selected	Verified to	
	LEP Not	as LEP Not		from	Test Scores	Sample
	Low Income	Low Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Grade One	1	1				
Grade Two	2	2		1	1	
Grade Six	2	2		1	1	
Subtotal	5	5		2	2	
Totals	5	5		2	2	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

<u>ROSELAND BOROUGH BOARD OF EDUCATION</u> <u>SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT</u> <u>APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY</u> <u>ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019</u>

			Transpo	ortation		
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	129	129		14	14	
Regular - Special Education	19	19		3	3	
Special Needs - Public	12	12		2	2	
Special Needs - Private	3	3		1	1	
Totals	163	163		20	20	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Recalculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	2.8	2.8
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	2.8	2.8
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	6.4	6.4

ROSELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Regular District

Section 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2019-20 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by:	\$	9,611,385	_ ` ´			
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$		(B1a)			
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$	-0-	(B1b)			
Decreased by:						
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$	1,213,697	- ` ´			
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$	-0-	(B2b)			
Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures						
[(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$	8,397,688	(B3)			
2% of Adjusted 2019-20 General Fund Expenditures			-			
[(B5) times .02]	\$	167,954	(B 4)			
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$	250,000	• · · ·			
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$	86,128	• ` ´			
	Ψ	00,120	_(11)		226120 0	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]				\$	336,128 (1	M)
Section 2						
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/20	\$	3,379,991	(C)			
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)			_			
Decreased by:			_			
Year-end Encumbrances	\$	518,289	(C1)			
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent			_			
Year's Expenditures	\$	40,851	(C2)			
Legally Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent			-			
Year's Expenditures	\$	1,931	(C3)			
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$	2,086,135	(C4)			
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent						
Year's Expenditures	\$	65,712	(C5)			
Additional Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent						
Year's Expenditures July 1, 2020- August 1, 2020	\$	-0-	(C6)			
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]				\$	667,073 (1	U)
Section 3						

Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$	330,945 (E)
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ROSELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 1,931 (C3) \$ 330,945 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 332,876 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid Sale & Lease-back	<u>\$ -0-</u> (H) \$ -0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 86,128 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	<u>\$ -0-</u> (J2)
Total Adjustments (H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)	<u>\$ 86,128</u> (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances	
Statutory Restrictions:	
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -0-
Sale/Lease-back Reserve	\$ -0-
Capital Reserve (N-1)	\$ 1,641,931
Maintenance Reserve (N-2)	\$ 444,204
Tuition Reserve (N-3)	\$ -0-
Emergency Reserve (N-4)	\$ -0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,086,135</u> (C-4)

ROSELAND BOARD OF EDUCATION SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

It is recommended that:

1. <u>Administrative Practices and Procedures</u>

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

The District request that the third-party administrator obtain a current SOC report.

3. <u>School Purchasing Program</u>

None

4. <u>School Food Service</u>

None

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

None

6. <u>Application for State School Aid</u>

None

7. <u>Pupil Transportation</u>

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. <u>Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations</u>

All prior year recommendations have been corrected during the current fiscal year and are not included as recommendations in the current year audit.