SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' 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 Trustees Saddle Brook Board of Education Saddle Brook, 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 Saddle Brook Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 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 22, 2021

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Moneys, 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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's CAFR.

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

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Raymond Karaty, CPA, PSA	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 250,000
Peter Bellani, CPA	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 250,000

There is an Employees' Dishonesty Faithful Performance coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America, covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$400,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board 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:23-3.1(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, certifications 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 tested were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and approved by the Chief School Administrator.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Employee Position Control Roster

The District maintained an employee position control roster.

Travel

The District has adopted a policy regulating district travel.

Payments made to employees for a travel event were in accordance with the approved travel policy.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:20-2A.2(m) 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:23-8.2. As a result of the procedures performed, there were no errors.

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 reserve 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.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Finding – Our audit revealed a \$162,275 lease-purchase account with American Capital Financial Services for the purchase of network servers and switches where the financial transactions of the account are not being recorded in the District's accounting records. In addition, the payments made by American Capital Financial Services (Fiscal Agent) to vendors from this account were not included on the bills list and approved by the Board in the official minutes.

Recommendation – The District record all transactions of the network services and switches lease-purchase account in their financial accounting records. In addition payments to vendors relating to this lease-purchase account be included on the bills list presented to the Board, approved by Board action and be part of the official minutes prior to payment by the Fiscal Agent.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Treasurer's Records

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

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliation's for the general operating account and payroll accounts (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the Board Secretary's records.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Expendable Trust Fund.

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

The E.S.E.A./IASA financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Fund of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title IIA, Title III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting was maintained for each approved project.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 and K-4 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 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. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly 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 reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

federal awards for the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project) to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district (or charter school or renaissance school project)

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.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to Department by the due date.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 are \$40,000 (with a qualified purchasing agent) and \$29,000 (without a qualified purchasing agent), respectively. The District has appointed Raymond Karaty as a qualifying purchasing agent. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under NJSA 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 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.

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.

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.

Food Service Fund (Continued)

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. We 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 good condition.

The District utilizes a 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 contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will have a profit. The operating results provision has not been met due to COVID.

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 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.

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

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

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.

Community Programs Fund

Cash receipts and cash disbursements were maintained in good condition and in accordance with established Board policy.

Student Activity Fund and Athletic Account

The District had a policy and procedures in place for regulating the student activity funds.

Cash receipts and cash disbursements were maintained in good condition.

Finding – Our audit of the student activity accounts revealed the following:

- Deposit slips were not available for our review for both Smith and Long Elementary Schools.
- Pre-numbered receipts were not issued for cash collections for both Smith and Long Elementary Schools and the High School.
- Deposits were not being made timely; one deposit in the Smith Elementary School and seventeen deposits in the High School/Middle School.

Student Activity Fund and Athletic Account (Continued)

• Certain scholarships are being run through the student activity account.

Recommendation – It is recommended that deposit slips be utilized for all collections, pre-numbered receipts are issued for all cash collected, deposits are made timelier and all scholarship are run through the scholarship fund.

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, related services 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 with isolated exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with isolated exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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 with isolated 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

Our procedures included a review of 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 contracts for eligible facilities construction.

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

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations, and corrective action has not been taken in the Student Activity Fund.

Suggestions for Management

The Boards internal fixed asset report be updated for the prior years and current years unrecorded additions and adjustments.

SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Current Assets

Cash & Cash Equiv.	\$	29,001	
Due from Other Gov'ts		7,988	
Accounts Receivable		9,155	
Investments			
Current Liabilities			
Less Accounts Payable		2,214	
Less Accruals			
Less Due to Other Funds			
Less Lease Payable		10,242	
Less Deferred Revenue	 	24,569	
Net Cash Resources	\$	9,119	(A)
oense:			

Net Adj. Total Operating Expense:

Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$ 519,083	(B)
Less Depreciation	 (18,368)	
Tot. Operating Exp.	\$ 537,451	

Average Monthly Operating Expense:

B / 10	\$ 51,908	(C)

Three times monthly Average:

3 X C	\$ 155,725	(D)

NET	¢	(146,606)
LESS TOTAL IN BOX D	\$	155.725
TOTAL IN BOX A	\$	9,119

From above:

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

D is greater than A, cash does not exceed 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2019

		2019-20	Applicatio	n for State :	School Aid			Sample for Verification				Private Schools for Disabled						
-	Reporte	ed on																
	Origin	al	Report	ed on				Samp	ole	Verif	fied per	Erro	rs per	Reported on	Sample			
	A.S.S	S.A.	Workp	apers			Sel	ected t	from	Re	gister	Reg	isters	A.S.S.A. as	for			
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_	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Fu	9	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors	
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	14		14		-	-		14		14		-	-					
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)	4		4		-	-		4		4		~	-					
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)	5		5		-	-		5		7		(2)	-					
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)	6		6		-	-		6		6		-	-					
Half Day Kindergarten					-	-						-	-					
Full Day Kindergarten	101		101		-	-		38		38		-	-					
Grade 1	114		114		-	-		40		40		_	_					
Grade 2	113		113		~	-		45		45		_	-					
Grade 3	108		108		_	_		34		34		_	-					
Grade 4	93		93		_	-		28		28		_	_					
Grade 5	99		99		_	-		37		37		_	-					
Grade 6	105		105		-	-		24		24		_	_					
Grade 7	116		116		-	-		116		116		_	-					
Grade 8	115		115		-	-		115		114		1	_					
Grade 9	103	3	103	3	-	-		103	3	103	3	_	_					
Grade 10	96	3	96	3	_	-		96	3	96		_	_					
Grade 11	108	1	108	1	_	-		108	1	108	1	_	_					
Grade 12	104	3	104	3	-	-		104	3	104		-	-					
Subtotal	1,404	10	1,404	10	_	-		917	10	918	**	(1)	-					
Sp Ed- Elementary	155		155		-	-		22		22	-	-	-	8	6	6	-	
Sp Ed - Middle School	89		89		-	-		15		15		-	~	4	3	3	-	
Sp Ed - High School	98	5	98	5	-	-		17		17	-	_	-	18	17	17	-	
Subtotal	342	5	342	5	-	-		54	-	54		-	-	30	26	26	-	
Totals	1,746	15	1,746	15	-	-		971	10	972	10	(1)		30	26	26		
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SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15,2019

		Low Income		Sample for Verification			Resid	ent LEP Low Incom	ne	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors		
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)			-	-	-	-	=		-	-	-	-		
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)			_	-	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-		
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)			-	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-		
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)		1	(1)	1	-	1	-	-	-			-		
Half Day Kindergarten						-			-			-		
Full Day Kindergarten	17	17	-	8	7	1	1	1	-			-		
Grade 1	14	14	-	10	9	1	3	3	_	2	1	1		
Grade 2	22	22	-	12	12	_	4	4	-	4	3	1		
Grade 3	13	13	-	5	5	_			_	•	-	-		
Grade 4	20	20	_	11	11	_	2	2	_	2	1	1		
Grade 5	12	13	(1)	6	6	_	- 1	ī	-	1	•	1		
Grade 6	27	26	1	14	14	_	•	•	-	•		-		
Grade 7	21	21	-	10	10	_			_			_		
Grade 8	16	14	2	7	7	_	1	1	_	1	1	_		
Grade 9	20	20		10	10		1	1	_	i	1	_		
Grade 10	22	21	1	11	11	_	1	1	_	1	1	_		
Grade 11	17	17		8	8		*		_	*	1	_		
Grade 12	10	10	_	5	5				_			_		
Subtotal	231	229		118	115	3	14	14		12	8	4.0		
Subtotal	231	223	2	113	113	3	14	14	_	12	3	4.0		
Sp Ed - Elementary	25	23	2	11	10	1			-			-		
Sp Ed - Middle School	22	23	(1)	12	12	-	1	1	-	1	1	-		
Sp Ed - High School	13	13		7	7									
Subtotal	60	59	1	30	29	1	1	1	+	1	1	-		
Totals	291	288	3	148	144	4	15	15	-	# 13	9	4.0		
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Reg. - Public Schools

SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15,2019

•	Resident	LEP Not Low Incor	me	Sample for Verification					
				Sample	Verified to				
	Reported on	Reported on		Selected from	Application	Sample			
	A.S.S.A	Workpapers	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors			
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	-	-	_			
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)	-	-	-	•	-	-			
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)			-			-			
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)			-			-			
Half Day Kindergarten			-			-			
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3	-	3	3	-			
Grade 1	4	4	-	4	4	-			
Grade 2	1	1	-	1	1	-			
Grade 3			-			-			
Grade 4	1	1	-	1	1	-			
Grade 5			-			-			
Grade 6			-			-			
Grade 7			-			-			
Grade 8			-			-			
Grade 9			-			-			
Grade 10	1	1	-	1	1	-			
Grade 11	1	1	-	1	1	-			
Grade 12	4	4	-	4	4	-			
Subtotal	15	15	-	15	15	-			
Sp Ed - Elementary						-			
Sp Ed - Middle School	2	2							
Sp Ed - High School	1	1							
Subtotal	3	3	-		_	-			
Totals	18	18	-	- 15	15	-			
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SADDLE BROOK BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

2019-2020 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR		\$	39,060,289	
Decreased by:				
Assets Acquired by Capital Lease			162,275	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			4,826,333	
Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	34,071,681	
2% of Adjusted 2019-2020 General Fund Expenditures		\$	681,434	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments- Extraordinary Aid			268,744	
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance				\$ 950,178
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2020		\$	1,554,417	
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)				
Decreased by:				
Year End Encumbrances	\$ 116,232			
Legally Restricted- Unexpended Additional Spending Proposal	1,785			
Maintenance Reserve	39,019			
Capital Reserve	 447,203			
			604,239	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance				\$ 950,178
Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus				\$ -
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2020				
Reserved Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures				
Reserved Excess Suruplus				
Total Excess Surplus				\$ _

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that the District record all transactions of the network services and switches lease-purchase account in their financial accounting records. In addition payments to vendors relating to this lease-purchase account be included on the bills list presented to the Board, approved by Board action and be part of the official minutes prior to payment by the Fiscal Agent.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

V. Community School Fund

There are none.

VI. Student Activity Fund and Athletic Account

It is recommended that deposit slips be utilized for all collections, pre-numbered receipts are issued for all cash collected, deposits are made timelier and that all scholarships run through the scholarship fund.

VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

X Miscellaneous

There are none.

XI. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

Corrective action has been taken.

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,

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Public School Accountant Certified Public Accountant