CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2021

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Carlstadt Board of Education Carlstadt, 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 Carlstadt Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 25, 2022

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 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 25, 2022

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 Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR").

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

Name	Position	<u>Amount</u>
Megan Slamb	Board Secretary/School	
-	Business Administrator	\$200,000

There is Public Employees' Dishonesty coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with coverage of \$500,000 per loss.

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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls tested were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator.

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

Payrolls were delivered to the Secretary of the Board who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification (E-CERT1) of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation of certain employees.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

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 and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the year end 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.

Travel

The District had an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

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.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Finding – Our audit revealed a balance due at June 30, 2021 from the Borough for the fiscal year 2021 tax levy in the amount of \$1,046,393. The amount was subsequently received on July 7, 2021; therefore no recommendation is warranted.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

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

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 Fund of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I through Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our examination of the E.S.E.A. 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 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 are contained with the Special Revenue section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

TPAF 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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

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 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 \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (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 \$19,600 for 2020-21.

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 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.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

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.

During SY 2020-2021 the public health emergency was still applicable. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA's) were required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) option.

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 all children throughout the age 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

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 state support. Accordingly, 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.

We also 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.

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

We inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific cost applicable to the emergency operations. We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan and whether the funds were used to pay for costs applicable to the Food Service Programs.

Student Body Activities

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

The financial records of the student body activity funds were maintained in good condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2020 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 noted. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with immaterial exceptions noted. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The District has adequate written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2020-21 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 Audit 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 the transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding the contracts for eligible facilities construction.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The school 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 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 On Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings.

CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NOT APPLICABLE – INFORMATION IS NOT REQUIRED

CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Net Cash Resources:			;	Food Service
CAED *	Current A	aaata		
CAFR * B-4	Cash & Ca		\$	23,726
B-4		Other Gov'ts	Ψ	17,796
B-4		Other Funds		8,119
CAFR	Current L	iabilities		
B-4		ounts Payable		(13,388)
B-4	Less Defe	rred Commodities		-
	Net Cash	Resources	\$	36,253
Net Adj. Total Operating Expense	<u>e:</u>			
B-5	Tot. Opera	ating Exp.		239,626
B-5	Less Depr	• ,		(5,986)
	Adj. Tot. C	Oper. Exp.		233,640
Average Monthly Operating Expe	ense:		\$	23,364
Three times monthly Average:			\$	70,092
NET CASH RESOURCES	\$	36,253		
LESS THREE TIMES MONTHLY		·		
AVERAGE EXPENSES	\$	70,092		
NET	\$	(33,839)		

CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2020

	2021-2022					Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled					
	Repo	rted on	Repo	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		
	On	Roll	On	Roll	En	rors	Work	papers	On Roll		On Roll		Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
_	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	23	-	23	-	-	-	23	-	23	-	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 4 years		-		-	-	-		-		-	-	-				
Half Day Kindergarten		-		-	-	-		-		-	-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	43	-	43	-	-	-	43	-	43	-	-	-				
1st Grade	50	-	50	-	-	-	50	-	50	-	-	-				
2nd Grade	37	-	37	-	-	-	37	-	37	-	-	-				
3rd Grade	46	-	46	-	-	-	46	-	46	-	-	-				
4th Grade	40	-	40	-	-	-	40	-	40	-	-	-				
5th Grade	45	-	45	-	-	-	45	-	45	-	-	-				
6th Grade	49	-	49	-	-	-	49	-	49	-	-	-				
7th Grade	62	-	62	-	-	-	62	-	62	-	-	-				
8th Grade	45	-	45	-	-	-	45	-	45	-	-	-				
9th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-					
10th Grade	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
12th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Subtotal	440	-	440	-		-	440	-	440		-	-	-	-	_	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	52	-	52	_	-	-	45	-	45	-	_	-	-	_	_	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	25	-	25	-	-	-	21	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	77	-	77	-	-	-	66	-	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	517		517	_		-	506		506	-						
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CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2020

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Half Day Preschool (3 Yrs) Full Day Preschool (3 Yrs)	-	-	-			-	-	_	-			-
Half Day Preschool (4 Yrs)	_	-	-			-	-	_	-			-
Full Day Preschool (4 Yrs)	-	-	-			-	-	-	-			-
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	•			-	-	-	-			-
Full Day Kindergarten	8	8	-	3	3	-	-		-	5	i	4
1st Grade 2nd Grade	15 8	15 8	=	6	6 3	-	6	6	-	3	4 4	(1)
3rd Grade	8	8	-	3	3	-	4	4	-	3	4	(1)
4th Grade	13	13	_	5	5	-	3	3	_	1	3	(2)
5th Grade	8	8	_	3	3	_	1	1	_	1	1	(2)
6th Grade	15	15	_	6	6	_	2	2	_	-	2	(2)
7th Grade	14	14	-	5	5	-	_	-	_	_		-
8th Grade	8	8	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	(1)
9th Grade	-	-	-			-	-	-	-			-
10th Grade	-	-	-			-	-	-	-			-
11th Grade	-	-	-			-	-	-	-			-
12th Grade		-							-			
Subtotal	97	97	-	37	37	-	19	19	-	17	20	(3)
Spec Ed - Elementary	23	23	_	9	9	_	8	8	_	7	3	4
Spec Ed - Middle School	7	7	-	3	3	_	•	•	-		-	_
Spec Ed - High School	-	_	-			-	-	-	-			-
Subtotal	30	30	-	12	12	-	8	8	-	7	3	4
Totals	s 127	127	-	49	49		27	27		24	23	
					1,				***************************************			
Percentage Error	r	=	0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%		:	4.17%
		D	Transpo	rtation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public		-	-			_						
Transported - Non-Public		-	-			-						
Regular - Spec.		-	-			-						
Special Needs - Public	11	11	-	11	11							
Totals	s <u>11</u>	11	-	11	11							
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CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2020

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Half Day Preschool (3 Yrs)	-	_	_			_		
Full Day Preschool (3 Yrs)	-	_	-			-		
Half Day Preschool (4 Yrs)	-	-	-			-		
Full Day Preschool (4 Yrs)	-	•	-			-		
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-			_		
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1	_	1	1	-		
1st Grade	1	1	-	1	1	_		
2nd Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-		
3rd Grade	3	3	-	3	3	-		
4th Grade	2	2	_	2	2	-		
5th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		
6th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	_		
7th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-		
8th Grade	2	2	-	2	2	-		
9th Grade	-	-	-			_		
10th Grade	_	-	-			-		
11th Grade	-	-	-			-		
12th Grade	-	-	-					
Subtotal	12	12	946	12	12	-		
Spec Ed - Elementary	3	3	_	2	2	_		
Spec Ed - Middle School	3	3	_	2	2	-		
Spec Ed - High School	-	_	_	-	_	_		
Subtotal	6	6	-	4	4	-		
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Totals	18	18	-	16	16	-		
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		:	0.00%		

CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SUPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR		\$	13,880,274
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			1,984,039
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	11,896,235
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	475,849
Enter Greater of 4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustments-Extraordinary Aid		\$	475,849 173,444
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$</u>	649,293
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2021 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)		\$	6,645,093
Decreased by: Year End Encumbrances Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Fund Balance - Capital Reserve Restricted Fund Balance - Maintenance Res-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted Fund Balance - Maintenance Reserve Restricted Fund Balance - Emergency Reserve Restricted for Unemployment Compensation Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 154,899 702,355 2,447,352 125,000 510,475 250,000 15,997 118,219		
			4,324,297
Total Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$</u>	2,320,796
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		<u>\$</u>	1,671,503
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021			
Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus		\$ —	702,355 1,671,503
Total Excess Surplus		\$	2,373,858

CARLSTADT BOARD OF EDUCATION RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI Application for State School Aid (ASSA)

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. 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 of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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Andrew D. Parente

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