

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS-FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

JUNE 30, 2021

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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Hopewell Valley Regional School District County of Mercer, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District, County of Mercer for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2022.

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 report is intended for the information and use of the Hopewell Valley Regional School District's management and Board members, 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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February 17, 2022 Florham Park, New Jersey

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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, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Education.

Administrative Practices and Procedures

Insurance

Insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>A</u>	mount
Robert Colavita	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$	120,000
James Bartolomei	Treasurer of School Moneys		400,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the increase or decrease 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 indicated no 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 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 benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

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No exceptions were noted during our testing of payroll.

Employee Position Control Roster

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify and inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records and the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted.

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 exceptions were identified.

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, a transaction error rate of 0% overall was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the Board Secretary's records did not identify any exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

Our review of the Treasurer's records did not identify any exceptions.

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 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR). This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no instances of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Schedules A (K-3) and B (K-4) located in the ACFR.

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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 ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects. The study of compliance for the other special projects indicated no instances of noncompliance or questioned costs that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance or State Circular NJ OMB 15-08. However, the following was identified:

Finding 2021-001:

During our testing of the Extraordinary Aid program, we noted that the District did not always maintain support for the total costs reported on the State Extraordinary Aid Application for one student tested and in other instances, we noted that students were not charged the full amount they were entitled to.

Recommendation:

We suggest that management review the reported amounts included on the Extraordinary Aid application and ensure agreement with the internal records prior to final submission to the State.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for District employees who are members of the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The school district was not required to reimburse the state for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State onbehalf of the school district as no employee's salaries were identified as being paid from federal funds.

Non-Public State Aid

Our review of Nonpublic State Aid completion reports disclosed no exceptions.

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 (the Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A.* 18A:39-3 is \$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 contract year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or

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agreement might result in violation of the statute, the solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not note any individual payments, contracts, or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions 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.

School Food Service

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency 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 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 (SFAs) 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 of 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 students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (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 noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the B-4 through B-6 section of the ACFR.

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The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Position (ACFR Schedule B-5) does separate program and non-program revenue 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 costs 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. We also inquired if the PPP loan was subsequently forgiven and the FSMC refunded or credited the applicable amounts to the SFA.

Student Body Activities

During our testing of the student activity funds, no exceptions were identified.

Application for State School Aid

Because the General State Aid cluster was not tested as a major program in the 2021 fiscal year, our audit procedures did not include 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 handicapped, low-income and bilingual. We did agree the ASSA summary report to the underlying District working papers without exception. We also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion.

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

Because Transportation Aid was not tested as a major program in the 2021 fiscal year, our audit procedures did not include a test of on-roll status reported in the 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). We did agree the information presented on the DRTRS by the County/NJDOE and compared to the information presented by the District without exception.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our testing, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

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Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreement for consistency with recording NJSDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the General Fund or from the capital reserve account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No current year NJSDA activity was 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's Findings

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2021 fiscal year.

Acknowledgment

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the School District and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

Note: Detailed testing over ASSA, DRTRS and Non-public transporation was not performed for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as the General State Aid Cluster and Transportation Aid were not tested as a major program in the current year for Single Audit purposes.

		2021-22 A	2021-22 Application for State School Aid	or State Sch	nool Aid			Š	Sample for Verification	erification			Private Se	Private Schools for Disabled	Disabled	
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Full Day Preschool							,	,	,							
Half Day Kindegarten									ı							
Full Day Kindergarten	189		189				1	,	1							
One	196		196				1	,	1	1						
Two	218		218				1		,							
Three	201		201				1	,	1							
Four	208		208				1	,	1							
Five	198		198				1		,							
Six	234		234				1	,	1							
Seven	231		231				,	,	,	,						
Eight	223		223				ı	,	1	1						
Nine	210		210				,	,	,	1						
Ten	218		218				1	,	1							
Eleven	233	4	233	4			ı	,	1	1						
Twelve	223	11	223	11			•	,		,						
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	2,809	15	2,809	15		'	'		 -	 -	 -	 -	 -	-	'	'
Special Ed - Elementary	246		246				1		1							
Special Ed - Middle School	132		132					,								
Special Ed - High School	180	17	180	17			,	'	,							
Subtotal	558	17	558	17	' 	, j	 - 						 -	·	'	1
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Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	3,367	32	3,367	32											1	
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		Resident Low Income		Sam	Sample for Verification		Residen	Resident LEP Low Income	n.	Sample for Verification	rification	
	Reported on A.S.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.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
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Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle Special Ed - High Subtoral	16 9 21 46	16 9 21 46	1		1 1 1 1							'
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	114	114			,		,				,	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%		. "	0.00%			0.00%
	6	C	Transi	Transportation								
	Reported on DRTRS by District	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Reg Public Schools RegSpEd Transported - AIL	1,576.0 280.5	1,576.0 280.5					Reg Avg.(Mileage Reg Avg.(Mileage	Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A) Reg Avg.(Mileage) = Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B)	ng Grade PK	students (Part A) students (Part B)	Reported 4.6 4.6	Recalculated
Transported - Non-Public Special Ed Spec Totals	288.0 130.5 2,275.0	288.0 130.5 2,275.0	1				Spec Avg. = Spec	Spec Avg. = Special Ed with Special Needs	Needs		% v	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%						

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	Resident	Resident LEP NOT Low Income	4)	Sam	Sample for Verification	
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten						
Full Day Kindergarten One	m m	ოო	1 1			
Two	4 -	4 -	1 1		1 1	
Four	3 2	3			1	
Five Six		1 1		1 1	1 1	
Seven	1	ı	•	1	ı	
Eight Nine					1 1	
Ten			1	1		
Eleven	0.5	0.5	1	•	•	
Twelve Post-Graduate	0.5	0.5		•	ı	
Adult H.S. (15+CR.) Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						
Subtotal	15	15		•	ı	
Special Ed - Elementary Special Ed - Middle	1 1		1 1		1 1	
Special Ed - High Subtotal			- -			
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	15	15	1		1	1
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

HOPEWELL VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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SECTION 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$ 95,042,283	(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	\$ 15,181,456	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$ 1,200,000	(B2b)
Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)-(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 78,660,827	(B3)
4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ 3,146,433	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 3,146,433	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	\$ 863,253	(K)
$Maximum\ Unassigned/Undesignated-Unreserved\ Fund\ Balance\ [(B5)+(K)]$		\$ 4,009,686 (M)

This adjustment line (line (K) as detailed below) is to be utilized for Federal Impact Aid, Sale, Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid, Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue and Family Crisis Transportation Aid, if applicable. Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid for 2020-21 received after June 30 is limited to the amount of revenue recognized in the audit year that was not appropriated.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

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SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2021	\$ 18,218,678 (C)	
Decreased by:		
Year-end Encumbrances	\$ 1,350,638 (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	<u>\$</u> - (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures**	\$ 28,212 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances****	\$ 10,271,116 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures	\$ 1,917,826 (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		\$ 4,650,886 (U1)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	\$
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$ <u>-</u>
Capital reserve	\$ 10,179,839
Maintenance reserve	\$ 91,277
Emergency reserve	\$ <u>-</u>
Tuition reserve	\$ <u>-</u>
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	\$ <u>-</u>
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	\$ <u>-</u>
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ _
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ <u>-</u>
Other state/government mandated reserve	\$ <u>-</u>
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	\$ -

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 10,271,116 (C4)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus ***		
[(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 641,200	(E)
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's		
Expenditures **	\$ 28,212	(C3)
Reserved Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	\$ 641,200	(E)
Total $[(C3)+(E)]$	\$ 669,412	(D)

Line

- This amount represents the June 30, 2021 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031.
- *** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2020 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and

Finance prior to September 30.

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Audit Recommendations Summary

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

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Finding 2021-001:

We suggest that management review the reported amounts included on the Extraordinary Aid application and ensure agreement with the internal records prior to final submission to the State.

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

None

4. School Food Service

None

5. Student Body Activities –

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. **Pupil Transportation**

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. <u>Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations</u> – Prior year finding was corrected.