LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF SUSSEX AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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October 15, 2021

The Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Lenape Valley Regional High School District County of Sussex, 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 Lenape Valley Regional High School District in the County of Sussex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated October 15, 2021.

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 October 15, 2021, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments, if any, during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed any comments 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, or to assist you in implementing the recommendations, if any.

This report is intended for the information of the Lenape Valley Regional High 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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Certified Public Accountant

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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer, 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	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Kerry A. Keane	Treasurer	\$ 250,000
Gregory Brennan	Interim School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	250,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the change 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 tested were approved by the Superintendent and certified by the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator, and the Superintendent.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Cont'd)

Year-End 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 year-end encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of General and Administrative 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-8.2. Overall compliance was noted.

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.

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.

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.

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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, 2021. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

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"

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 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.

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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. None were 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 program was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in total federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or the 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. None 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 not purchased, prepared or offered for sale.

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 received a PPP loan.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Student Activities 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.

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Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, bilingual and low income. We also performed a review of the District procedures related to its completion. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Finding 2021-001:

During our review of enrollment reported on the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid it was noted that the on-roll registers did not agree to what was reported on the application. Errors were also noted in the number of low-income resident students and resident LEP students reported on the Application for State School Aid.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that greater care be taken to ensure that student enrollment data by grade level and low income and resident LEP student counts are accurately reflected on the Application for State School Aid.

Management Response:

Administration will ensure that the District student enrollment data by grade level and low income and resident LEP student counts are accurately reflected on the Application for State School Aid.

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 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with no exceptions. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures also included a review of transportation related contracts and purchases. Based on our review, the District complied with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts.

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 School Development Authority Projects for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

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<u>Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy</u>

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal travel policy and procedure pertaining to travel expenses and reimbursements for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account for these expenses within a separate account in the budget to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved by the Board prior to the event and that the approval list the event, total event cost and the individuals attending. Employees and board members attending an event are then required to complete a post event report to be submitted to a designated person within the District. No exceptions were noted.

Management Suggestions

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements

GASB Statement No. 87, *Leases*, is effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022. Under this statement, the District will be required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use asset for each lease agreement with a lease term in excess of 12 months. This statement will enhance the comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring the reporting of leases under a single model. Additionally, certain leases that are currently not reported will be under this statement.

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is likely that the District will undergo some review of its COVID-19 federal funding if only at a desk review level by state and/or federal agencies. We strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are accounted for in the state account numbers designated by the NJ Department of Education and that any applicable Board policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Sick and Vacation Leave

It is suggested that the District consult with its attorney to ensure that its negotiated labor contracts, individual employee agreements and employee policies, as applicable, are in accordance with New Jersey statutes regarding unused sick and vacation leave.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings/recommendations.

LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

NOT APPLICABLE

LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOOD SERVICE FUND ENTERPRISE FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

NOT APPLICABLE

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LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

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Grade Eleven	33	2	1	1	1	
Grade Twelve	1		1			
Subtotal	7	5	2	2	2	
Special Ed - High School	1		1			
Subtotal	1		1			
Totals	8	5	3	2	2	-0-
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LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

			Transp	Transportation		
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	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	394	394		16	16	
Regular - Special Education	94	94		4	4	
Transported - Non Public	22	22		2	2	
Aid in Leu - Non Public	6	6		1	1	
Special Needs - Public	1	П		1	1	
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LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Projects Fund	\$ 18,438,729 (B) \$ -0- (B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$ -0- (B1b) \$ 2,771,032 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	\$\frac{3}{2,771,032} \text{(B2a)} \\ \frac{3}{206,570} \text{(B2b)}
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$ 15,361,127 (B3)
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .04]	\$ 614,445 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	\$ 614,445 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	\$ 254,000 (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]	\$ 868,445 (M)
Section 2	
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2021	\$ 4,035,633 (C)
(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	·
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	\$ -0- (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -0- (C2)
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 1,270,178 (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ 297,165 (C4)
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 230,180 (C5)

LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 1,369,665 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 1,270,178 (C3)
Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 1,369,665 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 2,639,843 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid	_\$ -0(H)
Sale and Lease Back	\$ -0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 245,960 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 8,040 (J2)
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)]	\$ 254,000 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
Statutory Restrictions	\$ -0-
Approved Unspent Separate Proposal	\$ -0-
Capital Outlay for a District with a Capital Outlay SGLA	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Sale/Lease-Back Reserve	
Capital Reserve	\$ 248,274
Maintenance Reserve	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Tuition Reserve	
Unemployment Reserve	\$ 48,891
Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve	\$ -0-
Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 297,165

LENAPE VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

It is recommended that:

1.	Administrative Practices and Procedures
	None
2.	Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
	None
3.	School Purchasing Program
	None
4.	School Food Service
	None
5.	Student Body Activities
	None
6.	Application for State School Aid
	Finding #2021-001 - Greater care be taken to ensure that student enrollment data by grade level and low income and resident LEP student counts are accurately reflected on the Application for State School Aid.
7.	Pupil Transportation
	None
8.	Facilities and Capital Assets
	None
9.	Miscellaneous
	None
10.	Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings or recommendations.