

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
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YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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October 8, 2021

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Mendham Borough School District
County of Morris, NJ

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 Mendham Borough School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 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 8, 2021, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments 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 suggestions.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mendham Borough School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Scope of Audit

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Felicia Kicinski	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 200,000
Judy Favino	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 200,000

The District also has Employee Dishonesty and Faithful Performance coverage through the New Jersey School Insurance Group as detailed on Exhibit J-20 of the CAFR

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of employees of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and certified by the President of the Board, the School Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

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

The required certification (E-CERT 1) of compliance with all documentation prepared for income tax related purposes of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) complying with the requirements of federal and state laws and regulations, was completed and submitted to the NJ Department of Treasury by due March 15.

Finding:

Our review of the June 30th bank reconciliations for the Net Payroll and Payroll Agency accounts revealed that there are a number of older reconciling items. As the total is not material, a formal recommendation is not deemed warranted. However, it is suggested that older reconciling items be reviewed for cancellation.

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Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, 2021 for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6:23A-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, we reviewed administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.2*. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement 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 upon these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)

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 Title I, Title II A, and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act Consolidated Grant.

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.

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.

Inasmuch as the system of records did not provide for an accumulation of payments for categories for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed. General compliance was noted.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, amended.

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

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 District does not participate in the Child Nutrition Program.

Student Body Activities

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

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 handicapped, low income and bilingual students. 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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

The District's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

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 without exception. 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.

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Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the 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 of contracts for eligible facilities construction. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to account that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be approved prior by the Board of Education and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending. During the course of our testing, we have noted that the travel expenses and reimbursements for employees and board members were in accordance with the guidelines set forth by the State of New Jersey.

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).

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 audit findings or recommendations.

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	2021-2022 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification							
	Reported on		Reported on		Errors		Sample		Verified per		Errors per			
	A.S.A. On Roll	Shared	Full	Shared	On Roll	Shared	Full	Shared	Workpapers Full	Shared	Registers On Roll	Shared	Registers On Roll	Shared
Full Day Preschool 3 Yrs	3		3						3					
Full Day Preschool 4 Yrs	3		3						3					
Full Day Kindergarten	43		43						43					
Grade One	42		42						42					
Grade Two	40		40						40					
Grade Three	38		38						38					
Grade Four	52		52						52					
Grade Five	46		46						46					
Grade Six	59		59						59					
Grade Seven	49		49						49					
Grade Eight	58		58						58					
Subtotal	433		433						433					
Special Ed - Elementary	27		27						4					
Special Ed - Middle School	23		23						3					
Subtotal	50		50						7					
Totals	483		483						440					
Percentage Error					0.00%						0.00%			0.00%

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	Private Schools for Disabled				Resident Low Income				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Grade One					2	2	1	1	
Grade Three					1	1			
Grade Four					1	1	1	1	
Grade Six					1	1			
Grade Seven					1	1			
Grade Eight					1	1			
Subtotal					7	7	2	2	
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	1		1	1	1	1	
Special Ed - Middle School	2				2	2			
Subtotal	3	1	1		3	3	1	1	
Totals	3	1	1		10	10	3	3	
Percentage Error					0.00%				0.00%

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	Resident LEP Low Income					
	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 Scores, Application and Register	Sample Errors
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Totals	1	1		1	1	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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	Resident LEP Not Low Income					
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as LEP Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores and Register	Sample Errors
Grade Two	1	1		1	1	
Grade Three	1	1				
Subtotal	2	2		1	1	
Totals	2	2		1	1	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	17	17		4	4	
Regular - Special Education	2	2		2	2	
Transported - Non Public	4	4		2	2	
AIL - Non Public	38	38		6	6	
Totals	61	61		14	14	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%
				Reported	Re- calculated	
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students				6.3	6.3	
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students				6.3	6.3	
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs				N/A	N/A	

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

Section 1 - REGULAR DISTRICT

4% Calculation of Excess Surplus:

2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	<u>\$ 11,754,566</u> (B)	
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1a)	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1b)	
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 1,926,715</u> (B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B2b)	
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 9,827,851</u> (B3)	
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures [(B5) times .04]	<u>\$ 393,114</u> (B4)	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 393,114</u> (B5)	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ 130,060</u> (K)	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u>\$ 523,174</u> (M)

Section 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/2021 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	<u>\$ 6,475,295</u> (C)	
Decreased by:		
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 538,941</u> (C1)	
Legally Restricted:		
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C2)	
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ 895,385</u> (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,631,253</u> (C4)	
Assigned Fund Balance:		
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		<u>\$ 1,409,716</u> (U1)

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Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0- \$ 886,542 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures \$ 895,385 (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ 886,542 (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)+(F)] \$ 1,781,927 (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid \$ -0- (H)

Sale and Lease Back \$ -0- (I)

Extraordinary Aid \$ 118,177 (J1)

Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid \$ 11,883 (J2)

Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)] \$ 130,060 (K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory Restrictions: \$ -0-

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal \$ -0-

Sale/Lease-Back Reserve \$ -0-

Capital Reserve \$ 2,506,740

Maintenance Reserve \$ 1,072,717

Tuition Reserve \$ -0-

Unemployment Compensation \$ 51,796

Other State/Governmental Mandated Reserve \$ -0-

Other Restricted Fund Balance not Noted Above \$ -0-

Total Other Restricted Fund Balance \$ 3,631,253

MENDHAM BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
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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
None
7. Pupil Transportation
None
8. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
9. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
There were no prior year audit findings or recommendations.