## AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS

 OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
## AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Area Vocational-Technical Schools
of Mercer County School District
County of Mercer
Hamilton, New Jersey 08690

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 Area Vocational-Technical Schools of Mercer County School District in the County of Mercer for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 14, 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 solely for the information of the Area Vocational-Technical Schools of Mercer County 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.


Scott A. Clelland Licensed Public School Accountant

No. 1049


XIS \& COMPANY, LLP
February 14, 2022
Florham Park, New Jersey

# Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance 

June 30, 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 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 school district ACFR.

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

| $\frac{\text { Name }}{}$ |  |  | Position |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  | Amount |  |
| Deborah Donnelly | School Business Administrator/Board Secretary |  | 190,000 |  |
| Thomas Venanzi |  | Treasurer | $\$$ | 215,000 |

## Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were greater than or less than estimated costs. The board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the 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 did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

## Payroll Account and Position Control Roster

The net salaries of all employees of the District 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 benefits premium amounts withheld due to the general fund.

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Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

An inquiry and subsequent review of the Position Control Roster did not identify any inconsistencies between the payroll records, employee benefit records (e.g. pension reports and health benefit coverage reports), the general ledger accounts to where wages are posted (administrative versus instruction), and the Position Control Roster.

## 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 and 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 financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary did not disclose any exceptions.

## Treasurer's Records

No exceptions were noted during our review of the records maintained by the Treasurer.

## Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

The ESEA financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary School Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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A federal Single Audit under the Uniform Guidance was not applicable during the 2021 fiscal year as federal expenditures did not exceed $\$ 750,000$.

## Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

Our audit of the 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 special projects indicated no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported in accordance with the State of New Jersey OMB Circular 15-08.

## 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.

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

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report(s) 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 transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,600 for 2020-21.

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The District 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 solicitor's opinion should be sought before a commitment is made.

Based on the results of our audit, 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 have 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.

## Student Body Activities

During our review of the student activity funds, no exceptions were noted.

## 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 handicapped, 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 as presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exceptions as presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. 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 appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

## Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the New Jersey Schools Development Authority ("NJSDA") grant agreements 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 exceptions were noted in our review of NJSDA expenditures.

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## Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational 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's Findings

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations including findings, where applicable. There were no prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance ("OFAC") audit reports issued during the 2020-21 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

|  | 2021-2022 Application for State School Aid |  |  |  |  |  | Sample for Verification |  |  |  |  |  | Private Schools for Disabled |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Reported on } \\ & \text { A.S.S.A. } \\ & \text { On Roll } \end{aligned}$ |  | Reported on Workpapers On Roll |  | Errors |  | Sample Selected from Workpapers |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Verified per } \\ & \text { Registers } \\ & \text { On Roll } \end{aligned}$ |  | Errors per Registers On Roll |  | Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools | SampleforVerifi-cation | Sample <br> Verified | Sample <br> Errors |
|  |  | Shared | Full | Shared | Full | Shared |  |  | Full |  | Full |  |  |  |  |  |
| Half Day Preschool |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Full Day Preschool | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Half Day Kindegarten | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Full Day Kindergarten | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| One | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Two | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Three | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Four | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Five | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Six | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Seven | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eight | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Nine | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Ten | 11 | - | 11 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Eleven | 14 | - | 14 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Twelve | 26 | - | 26 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Post-Graduate | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adult H.S. (15+CR.) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.) | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal | 51 | - | 51 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special Ed - Elementary | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special Ed - Middle School | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special Ed - High School | 23 | 303 | 23 | 303 | - | - | - | 195 | - | 195 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Special Ed - Alt Voc High | 36 | - | 36 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Subtotal | 59 | 303 | 59 | 303 | - | - | - | 195 | - | 195 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Co. Voc. - Regular | 248 | 441 | 248 | 441 | - | - | 106 | , | 106 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. | - | 113 | - | 113 | - | - | - | 113 | - | 113 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 358 | 857 | 358 | 857 | - | - | 106 | 308 | 106 | 308 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage |  |  |  |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |  |  |  |  | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |  |  |  | 0.00\% |

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT


## AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2021

## SECTION 1

## A. 6\% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2020-21 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

## 2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per CAFR, Ex. C-1

Increased by:
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund

Decreased by:
On-Behalf TPAF Pension \& Social Security
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases

Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]
6\% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06]
Enter Greater of (B4) or $\$ 250,000$
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*
\$ 13,819,022 (B)
\$
\$ -
$\$ \quad 1,624,826$
(B2a)
\$ 12,194,196 (B3)
$\$ \quad 731,652$
\$ 731,652
\$ (K)

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for: Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10), Extraordinary Aid, Additional Nonpublic School Aid and Transportation Aid; and School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized during the current year. Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.


## SECTION 2

## Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6-30-21

(Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)
\$ 9,011,212
(C)

Decreased by:
Assigned - Year End Encumbrances
\$ 338,718
(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures
\$ (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures**
Other Restricted Fund Balances****
\$ 1,345,507
(C3)
\$ 4,343,963
(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures
$\$$ (C5)

> Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]

## SECTION 3

## AREA VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOLS OF MERCER COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

JUNE 30, 2021
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures ** ..... \$ 1,345,507 (C3)
Reserve Excess Surplus *** [(E)] ..... $\$ \quad 2,251,372$ (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3) + (E)] ..... $\$ \quad 3,596,879$ ..... (D)

* Detail of Allowable Adjustments
Impact Aid ..... \$ - ..... (H)
Sale \& Lease-back
Extraordinary Aid
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid ..... \$ - ..... (J1)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized ..... (J2)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid
Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)] ..... (J4)

\$ - ..... (K)
** This amount represents the June 30, 2020 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.
*** Amount must agree to the June 30, 2021 CAFR and Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

## Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances

## Statutory restrictions:

## Approved unspent separate proposal

Sale/lease-back reserve
Capital reserve
Maintenance reserve
Emergency reserve
Unemployment reserve
Tuition reserve
School Bus Advertising 50\% Fuel Offset reserve- current year
School Bus Advertising 50\% Fuel Offset reserve- prior year
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)
Other state/government mandated reserves
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above ****
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance

| $\$$ | - |
| :--- | ---: |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | $4,213,927$ |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | 130,036 |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | - |
| $\$$ | $4,343,963$ |

**** Amount for Other Reserved 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 an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

# Area Vocational-Technical Schools <br> of Mercer County School District 

# Administrative Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance 

June 30, 2021

## Audit Recommendations Summary

We suggest the following:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None
2. Financial Planning. Accounting and Reporting

None
3. School Purchasing Programs

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. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

Not applicable as there were no prior year findings.

