NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP

SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NEW HANOVER SCHOOL DISTRICT

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education New Hanover Township School District Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562 County of Burlington

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the New Hanover Township School District in the County of Burlington for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 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 of the New Hanover Township School District Board of Education 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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February 15, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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, 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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the Statistical Section of the District's CAFR.

Adequacy of insurance coverage is the responsibility of the Board of Education.

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bernard Biesiada	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$175,000
Patrick Collum	Reconciling Agent	\$250,000

There is a Public Employees' Dishonesty Policy with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs did not vary significantly from estimated costs.

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 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 benefits withholding due to the general fund.

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

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

All encumbrances and accounts payable at June 30, 2021 were properly recorded and classified.

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, no errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

The Board Secretary's Records were found to be in order.

Treasurer's Records (optional position)

The Treasurer's Records were found to be in order.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act/Elementary and Secondary Act 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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. did not indicate any areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

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.

The study of compliance for the special projects did not indicate any areas of noncompliance.

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 Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. 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 \$19,000 for 2020-21.

Also, effective July 1, 2020, the maximum threshold for quotations for a board of education without a QPA is \$4,800; and for a board with a QPA the maximum threshold for quotations is \$6,600.

The district board of education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the contract year. Where questions arise 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 my examination, I 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 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.

School Food Service

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. Even though the program expenditures did not exceed \$100,000 in federal and/or State support, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the District's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The district utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will either break even, return a profit or incur a loss of not more than a specified amount. The operating results provision has been met.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal is uniformly administered throughout the school system. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

U.S.D.A. Food Distribution Program (food and/or commodities) were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

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

The school district maintains the detailed revenue and expenditure information necessary in order to execute the USDA mandated Non-Program Food Revenue Tool at least annually.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

Student Body Activities

During our review of the Student Activity Funds, we did not note any areas of non-compliance.

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, and low-income. 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. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified. Any errors or exceptions were rectified. 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 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. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments. No exceptions were noted, except for the following:

Finding 2021-1: Our audit tests and procedures include a review of the workpapers and other documentation supporting the number of students transported. The workpapers and other documentation did not adequately support the number of reported students transported.

Recommendation: The district should adequately report and substantiate the number of students transported.

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. 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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

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

<u>Acknowledgment</u>

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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BURLINGTON SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	2021-2022 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reporte		Report			-		mple		ed per		rs per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S		Workp		Г			ed from		sters		isters	A.S.S.A. as	for	Camanda	0
	on R Full	oli Shared	On F Full	Koll Shared	Err Full	ors Shared	vvork Full	papers Shared	Full	Roll Shared	Full	Roll Shared	Private Schools	Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
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Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool	7		7				7		7							
Half Day Kindegarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	14		14				14		14							
One	18		18				18		18							
Two	13		13				13		13							
Three	14		14				14		14							
Four	21		21				21		21							
Five	13		13				13		13							
Six	12		12				12		12							
Seven	17		17				17		17							
Eight	13		13				13		1							
Subtotal	142	0	142	0			142	0	130	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Education:																
Elementary School	17		17				17		17							
Middle School	7		7				7		7							
Subtotal	24	0	24	0	0	0	24	0_	24	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.							- 10-									
Totals	166	0	166	0	0	0	166	0	154	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0
Percentage Error					0.00%						0.00%					

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED)

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resider	nt LEP Low Inc	ome	Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income	Reported on	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors		Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	6	6		6	6		2	2		2	2	
One	10	10		10	10		3	3		3	3	
Two	5	5		5	5		1	1		1	1	
Three	10	10		10	10		1	1		1	1	
Four	12	12		12	12		4	4		4	4	
Five	12	12		12	12		5	5		5	5	
Six	6	6		6	6		1	1		1	1	
Seven	10	10		10	10		0	0		0	0	
Eight	5	5		5	5		0	0		0	0	
Subtotal	76	76	0	76	76	0	17	17	0	17	17	0
Special Education: Elementary School	8	8		8	8		1	1		1	1	
Middle School	4	4		4	4		2	2		2	2	
Subtotal	12	12	0	12	12	0	3	3	0	3	3	0
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	88	88	0	88	88	0	20	20	0	20	20	0
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%						
						Tra	nsportation					
	Reported	Reported										
	on	on										_
	DRTRS by	DRTRS by				_						Re-
	DOE	District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors					Reported	Calculated
AIL Non-Public	4.0	4.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0						
Regular - Public Schools	118.0	118.0	0.0	118.0	118.0	0.0				Grade PK students	6.8	6.8
Regular - Special Education	14.0	14.0	0.0	14.0	14.0	0.0				Grade PK students	6.8	6.8
Transported - Non-Public	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Average Mil	leage - Special	Ed with Sp	ecial Needs	10.9	10.9
Special Ed Spec	10.0	10.0	0.0	10.0	10.0	0.0						
Totals	146.0	146.0	0.0	146.0	146.0	0.0						
Percentage Error						0.00%						

BOARD OF EDUCATION NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT COUNTY OF BURLINGTON

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS (CONTINUED) APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resid	ent LEP NOT Low Inc	come	S	ample for Verification	1
	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	0	0		0	0	
One	0	0		0	0	
Two	0	0		0	0	
Three	0	0		0	0	
Four	1	1		1	1	
Five	0	0		0	0	
Six	1	1		1	1	
Seven	0	0		0	0	
Eight	0	0		0	0	
Subtotal	2	2	0	2	2	0
Special Education:						
Elementary School	0	0		0	0	
Middle School	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1	0	1	1	0
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	3	3	0	3	3	0
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

NEW HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION As of June 30, 2021

Section 1

A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	5,770,506
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired under Capital Leases Adjustment for Disallowed Expenditures per S1701	\$	736,981
Adjusted 19-20 General Fund Expenditures	\$	5,033,525
2% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures The greater of \$250,000 or 2% of Adjusted General Fund Expenditures Increased by Allowable Adjustment	\$	100,671 250,000 667,665
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	\$	917,665
Section 2		
Total General Fund Balances @ 06/30/21	\$	2,816,968
Decreased by: Year-end Encumbrances Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	28,371
Other Restricted Fund Balances Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated		1,943,379
for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Impact Aid Reserve		399,500
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Maintenance Reserve	\$	<u>50,000</u> 395,718
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	Φ	393,716
Increased by: Adjustment for Disallowed Transfers per S1701	\$	
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation	\$	395,718
Section 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	\$	
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021	\$	
· ·	\$	
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021 Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021 Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus	\$	
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021 Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus Total	\$	- 667,665
Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus Total Detail of Allowable Adjustments Impact Aid Sale and Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding	\$	667,665
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021 Reserved Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Reserved Excess Surplus Total Detail of Allowable Adjustments Impact Aid Sale and Lease-back Extraordinary Aid Additional Non Public School Transportation Aid Unbudgeted TPAF Wage Freeze Grant Funding Higher Expectations for Learning and Proficiency Aid Total Adjustments	\$ \$	
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New Hanover Township School District Audit Recommendations Summary For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

Recommendations:

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
	Recommendation : The district should adequately report and substantiate the number of students transported on the DRTRS report.
8.	Facilities and Capital Assets
	None
9.	Miscellaneous
	None
10). Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations
	Not Applicable