ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2021

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We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Oradell Board of Education in the County of Bergen as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 3, 2022.

As part of our audit, we performed procedures required by the Office of School Finance, Department of Education, State of New Jersey 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 and use of management, the Board of Education, others within the District and the New Jersey State Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey February 3, 2022

#### **Scope of Audit**

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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule (Exhibit J-20) contained in the district's CAFR.

#### Officials Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
John M. Marmora	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$200,000	
Angelo DeSimone	Treasurer of School Monies	\$236,000	

There is a Public Employee Dishonesty Crime Coverage with the Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000 per employee (primary) and \$500,000 per loss (excess).

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

#### **Examination of Claims**

An examination of claims paid or incurred during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to each of signature, certification, proper itemization and 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.

Payrolls tested were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator.

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

The District maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

#### Reserve for Encumbrances, and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30, for goods not yet received or services not yet rendered and it was determined that no blanket purchase orders were included in the balance of the reserves for encumbrances. Also, unpaid purchase orders included in the balance of accounts payable were reviewed for propriety and to determine that goods were received and services were rendered, as of June 30.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in good condition.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

#### Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all district accounts as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

The Treasurer's cash balances were in agreement with the cash balances per the Board Secretary's report.

#### 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 included 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 additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

#### Elementary and Secondary School 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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under the Title I, II, III 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 Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit K-4 located in the CAFR.

Our examination 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 contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

#### Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

#### T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursement forms filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. Immaterial 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 Reports 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 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. This law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under NJSA 18A:39-3 is \$19,600.

If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (c.40A:11-9), the board of education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000, effective July 1, 2020. 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. The Board has designated the School Business Administrator as the qualified purchasing agent and established the bid threshold at \$44,000.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal year. Where question arises as to whether any contract or agreement might result in violation of the statute, the Board 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.

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.

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.

#### **Food Service Fund**

The School Food Service Program did not operate in the 2020/2021 school year due to the COVID-19 pandemic and therefore did not receive any federal funds under the Special Milk Program for the 2020/2021 school year.

#### **Extended Year Summer Program Fund**

The Extended Year Summer Program did not operate in the summer of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### **Student Body Activities**

The Board has a policy which clearly establishes the regulation of student activities.

Cash receipt and disbursement records were maintained in good condition.

Receipts tested were deposited in a timely manner and disbursements tested had supporting documentation.

#### **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 disabled, 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 without exception. This information that was included on the workpapers was verified, with minor exceptions noted. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district maintained workpapers on the prescribed state forms of 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 without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Our procedures 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.

#### **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.

• Finding 2021-1 – Our audit revealed that the District's capital asset accounting records were not updated for the current and prior two school years. The financial statements were adjusted to reflect these capital assets and related depreciation.

**Recommendation** – The District's capital asset accounting records be updated on an annual basis.

#### 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).

#### Suggestions to Management

• The District should review the unexpended balances of its local grants in the Special Revenue Fund and determine eligible costs chargeable to these programs.

#### Follow-Up on Prior Years' Findings

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations.

# ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

#### SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED

FOOD SERVICE FUND
NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

**NOT APPLICABLE** 

### ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	2021-22 Application for State School Aid					Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled						
	Reported on A.S.S.A. Workpapers On Roll On Roll		ported on orkpapers		Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private	Reported Per District		Sample for Verifi-	Sample	Sample	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Work papers	Errors	cation	Verified	Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	82		82			_	82		82		_	-						
1st Grade	95		95			_	95		95		_	_						
2nd Grade	111		111			_	111		111		_	_						
3rd Grade	89		89			-	89		89		-	-						
4th Grade	98		98			_	98		98		-	-						
5th Grade	91		91			-	91		88		3	_						
6th Grade	93		93			-	93		92		1	_						
Subtotal	659	-	659	-			659	-	655	<u> </u>	4	_	-			-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	61		61				46		44		2	_	3	3	_	3	2	1
Spec Ed- Middle School	14		14				11		11		-	-	-	_	_	_	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-		-				-		-		_	-	_	-	-	-	-	_
Subtotal	75	-	75	-		-	57	-	55	-	2	-	3	3	-	3	2	1
T-4-1-	724		724				71/		710					2				
Totals	734		734	-			716		710		6		3	3	-		2	1
Percentage Error				_	0.00	<u>%</u>				=	0.84%	:					=	33.33%

## ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLEMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification				Resid	ent LEP Low Inco	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low	Reported on Workpapers as Low		Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application	Sample		Reported on A.S.S.A as LEP Low	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low		Sample Selected from	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample	
	Income	Income	Errors	workpapers	and Register	Errors		Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-		_	-	-	-	-	-	
1st Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
2nd Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
3rd Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		•	-	-	-	-	-	
4th Grade 5th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	
6th Grade	-	-	-	_	_	-		-	-	_	_	_	-	
Subtotal		-										_	_	
Spec Ed - Elementary			_			-		_	-	_	_	_	-	
Spec Ed - Middle School	1	1	-	1	-	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spec Ed - High School	-				-	-			<u>-</u>		-			
Subtotal	1	1	-	1	-	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals		1	0.000/	1		1				-		-		
Percentage Error		-	0.00%		=	100.00%			=	0.00%		=	0.00%	
			Transport	ation										
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors								
Regular - Public Schools			-			-								
Transported - Non-Public			-			-								
Regular - Spec.			-			-								
Special Needs - Public	8	8	-	8	8									
Totals	8	8	_	8	8									
		=	0.00%		=	0.00%								

# ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident	LEP Not Low Inco	ome	Sample for Verification
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Not Low	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low		Sample Verified to Selected from Application Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers and Register Errors
Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade	11 9	11 9	-	10 10 - 7 7 -
2nd Grade	10	10	-	9 9 -
3rd Grade 4th Grade	1	1	-	- 1 1 -
5th Grade	1	1	-	1 1 -
6th Grade			-	
Subtotal	32	32	-	- 28 28 -
Spec Ed - Elementary	3	3	-	2 2 -
Spec Ed- Middle School	-	-	-	
Spec Ed - High School		-		
Subtotal	3	3	~	2 -
Totals	35	35	-	30 30 -
Percentage Error		=	0.00%	0.00%

#### ORADELL BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

#### **SECTION 1**

Four Percent (4%) - Calculation of Excess Surplus				
2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$	14,107,391		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		(2,362,299)		
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	11,745,092		
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	\$	469,804		
Enter Greater of 4% of \$250,000		469,804		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments		293,250		
SECTION 2		,	\$	763,054
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2021 (Budgetary Basis)	\$	4,133,953		
Decreased by: Restricted Fund Balance: Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Emergency Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Unemployment Compensation Reserve Assigned Fund Balance: Year End Encumbrances Unassigned Fund Balance: Restricted Fund Balance: Restricted Fund Balance - Reserved Excess Surplus (June 30, 2021)  SECTION 3		(1,221,280) (643,157) (117,755) (100,000) (478,757) (25,717) (384,233)	\$ <u>\$</u>	1,163,054 400,000
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021				
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures			\$	400,000 478,757
Detail of Allowable Adjustments			<u>\$</u>	878,757
Unbudgeted Extraordinary Aid Unbudgeted Non Public School Transportation Aid			\$ <u>\$</u>	288,320 4,930 293,250

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

#### II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

There are none.

#### III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

#### IV. School Food Services

There are none.

#### V. Extended Year Summer Program Fund

There are none.

#### VI Student Body Activities

There are none.

#### VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

#### VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

#### IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

\* 1. It is recommended that the District's capital asset accounting records be updated on an annual basis.

#### X. Miscellaneous

There are none.

#### XI. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on all prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all items except the item denoted with an asterisk.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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