RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS
REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District Oakland, 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 basic financial statements of the Ramapo Indian Hills Regional High School District as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 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 Trustees, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey February 4, 2022

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

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on the Insurance Schedule (Exhibit J-20) of the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

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

| Name | <u>Position</u> | Amount |
|-----------------|--|----------|
| Thomas Lambe | Board Secretary/School Business Administrator (January 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021) | \$25,000 |
| Frank Ceurvels | Board Secretary/School Business Administrator (July 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020) | 25,000 |
| Joseph Amatuzzi | Treasurer of School Monies | 300,000 |

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$1,000,000.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The District was not required to make an adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the adjustment 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 indicated that the required signatures and certifications were obtained on the respective purchase orders and/or vouchers.

Payroll Account

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies including health benefit withholdings due to the General Fund.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

Finding 2021-1 – The Administration filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law regarding the reporting of compensation for certain employees ("E-CERT1") However, certain employees who separated from the District during the 2020 calendar year were inadvertently omitted on the certification. The E-CERT1 was subsequently revised and re-submitted for filing, therefore, no audit recommendation is warranted.

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

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 reserve 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.

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.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes were maintained by the School Business Administrator.

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's June 30, 2021 report was in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title IIa and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Our examination indicated that obligations and expenditures were incurred during the fiscal year or project period for which the project was approved.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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 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.

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. No exceptions were noted.

There was no TPAF employees' contractual salaries paid from federal funds during the current fiscal year. Therefore, there were no reimbursement amounts due to the State at June 30, 2021.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to the State by the required due date.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract or agreement for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies, the cost or the contract price whereof is to be paid with or out of school funds, not included within the terms of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3, shall be made and awarded only by the board of education after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law. No work, materials or supplies shall be undertaken, acquired or furnished for a sum exceeding in the aggregate the amount set forth in, or calculated by the Governor pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 except by contract or agreement".

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 currently \$19,600. The Board has designated the school business administrator/board secretary as the Qualified Purchasing Agent.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

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 goods or services, in excess of the statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, as 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. Our examination did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to eligible students during the period of school closures.

During 2020/21 the public health emergency was still applicable. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA's) were required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option (SSO) or the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) option.

SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18 as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all students during the emergency.

We also inquired of school management, as to whether the SFA's expenses of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs.

We also inquired of management about the emergency 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 cost applicable to the emergency operations. We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan ("PPP") 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 refunded or credited the applicable amounts to the SFA.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were reviewed. 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.

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

School Food Service (Continued)

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.

The District contracted with Aramark, Inc. ("FSMC") to manage the operations of the school food services and deposited funds in accordance with applicable state statutes. Provisions of the food service management contract/addendum were reviewed. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return a profit of at least \$74,063. The operating results provision was not met because of the financial impact of COVID-19.

The District does not participate in the State Child Nutrition Program.

Our audit noted that the District incurred an operating loss of \$262,370. This loss is related to the financial impact the COVID-19 pandemic had on the food service operations. The District's 2021/22 agreement with the food service management company guarantees a projected surplus of \$136,083. The Administrator has been closely monitoring the 2021/22 food service financial statements to ensure that sufficient funds are available at June 30, 2022. Therefore, an audit recommendation is not warranted.

Student Activity, Athletic Association and Scholarship Accounts

The District has a policy which clearly established the regulation of student activity funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained for student activity and athletic accounts.

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, related services, bilingual students 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 without exceptions noted. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exceptions noted. 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 without exceptions. 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 consistence 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.

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NOT APPLICABLE

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

| | | 2021-22 | Application | for State Scl | hool Aid | | | | Sample for | Verification | : | | Priv | ate Schools | for Disabled | |
|---|-----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------|--------|---------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|-------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|--------|
| | Repor A.S. On | | Repor Work On l | papers | Fn | rors | Sam Selecte Works | d from | Verifi Regi On J | sters | Reg | ors per gisters Roll | Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private | Sample for Verifi- | Sample | Sample |
| | Full | Shared | Full | Shared | Full | Shared | Full | Shared | Full | Shared | Full | Shared | Schools | cation | Verified | Errors |
| Nine Ten Eleven Twelve Subtotal | 410 447 475 489 1,821 | <u> </u> | 410 447 475 489 1,821 | 1 | | | 167 282 277 204 930 | <u>1</u> <u>1</u> | 167 282 277 204 930 | 1 1 | | | | | | |
| Special Ed - High School Subtotal | 380 | 1 | 380 | <u> </u> | | | 183 | <u> 1</u> 1 | 183 183 | <u>1</u> 1 | | | 31 | 24 24 | 24 | - |
| Totals | 2,201 | 2 | 2,201 | 2 | | | 1,113 | 2 | 1,113 | 2 | | _ | 31_ | 24 | 24 | |
| Percentage Error | | | | | 0.00% | 0.00% | | | | | 0.00% | 0.00% | | | | 0.00% |

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

| | R | esident Low Income | | Samp | ole for Verification | 1 | Resid | lent LEP Low Income | e | Sample for Verification | | | |
|---|---|---|---------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|---|--|--------|---------------------------------------|---|------------------|--|
| | Reported on A.S.S.A. as Low Income | Reported on Workpapers as Low Income | Errors | Sample Selected from Workpapers | Verified to Application and Register | Sample Errors | 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 Score and Register | Sample Errors | |
| Nine Ten Eleven Twelve | 5.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 | 5.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 | | 5.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 | 440 | 5.0 2.0 3.0 5.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | | 1.0_ | 1.0 | | |
| Subtotal | 15.0 | 15.0 | | 15.0 | | 15.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | | 1.0 | 1.0 | - | |
| Special Ed - High Subtotal | 10.0 | 10.0 | | 10.0 | | 10.0 | 1.0 | 1.0 | | - | | - | |
| Totals | 25.0 | 25.0 | | 25.0 | - | 25.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 1.0 | 1,0 | - | |
| Percentage Error | | | 0.00% | | | 100.00% | | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% | |
| | <u> </u> | | Transpo | rtation | | | | | | | | | |
| | Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county | Reported on DRTRS by District | Errors | Tested | Verified | Errors | | | | | | | |
| Reg Public Schools Reg -SpEd Transported - Non-Public | 1,057.0 145.0 166.0 | 1,057.0 145.0 166.0 | | 52.0 8.0 9.0 | 52.0 8.0 9.0 | | | | | | | | |

2.0

0.00%

Special Ed Spec

Percentage Error

Totals

30.0

1,398.0

30.0

1,398.0

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

| | Resident | LEP NOT Low Inco | ome | Sample | e for Verification | <u> </u> |
|-------------------|---|--|--------|---------------------------------------|--|------------------|
| | 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 |
| Nine | | | | | | |
| Ten | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Eleven | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Twelve | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Subtotal | 4.0 | 4.0 | | 4.0 | 4.0 | |
| Special Ed - High | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Subtotal | 2.0 | 2.0 | | 2.0 | 2.0 | |
| Totals | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 6.0 | 6.0 | 0.0 |
| Percentage Error | | | 0.00% | | | 0.00% |

RAMAPO INDIAN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

| 2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR | | \$62,645,196 | |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Increased by: Transfer to Special Revenue Fund | | 108,117 | |
| Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Capital Leases | \$8,933,796 2,635,885 | 62,753,313 | |
| | | 11,569,681 | |
| Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures | | <u>\$51,183,632</u> | |
| 4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures | | \$2,047,345 | |
| Increased by Allowable Adjustments | | | |
| Extraordinary Aid Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid | | 641,249 51,262 | |
| Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance | | | \$2,739,856 |
| | | | |
| Total General Fund – Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis) at June | 30, 2021 | \$31,760,493 | |
| Total General Fund – Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis) at June Decreased by: Encumbrances Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Other Restricted Fund Balance Emergency Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Unemployment Compensation Assigned Fund Balance – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Total Unassigned Fund Balance Fund Balance – Excess Surplus | \$507,882 1,000,000 559,363 19,302,050 5,912,013 962,651 400,350 | \$31,760,493 <u>28,644,309</u> | \$3,116,184 \$ 376,328 |
| Decreased by: Encumbrances Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Other Restricted Fund Balance Emergency Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Unemployment Compensation Assigned Fund Balance – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Total Unassigned Fund Balance | \$507,882 1,000,000 559,363 19,302,050 5,912,013 962,651 | | \$ 376,328 |
| Decreased by: Encumbrances Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Other Restricted Fund Balance Emergency Reserve Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Unemployment Compensation Assigned Fund Balance – Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Total Unassigned Fund Balance Fund Balance – Excess Surplus Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021 | \$507,882 1,000,000 559,363 19,302,050 5,912,013 962,651 | | |

Note: The District designated a total of \$1.4 million of excess surplus at June 30, 2021 based on 2% of expenditures, therefore, an additional \$1,023,672 is earmarked for tax relief in the 2022/23 budget on CAFR exhibits B-1 and C-1.

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. Student Body Activities/Athletic Account

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Miscellaneous

There are none.

IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were none.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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