

**RIVER DELL REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS**

FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

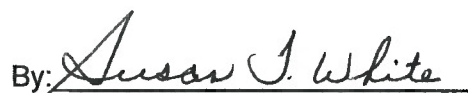
Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Education
River Dell Regional School District
County of Bergen
River Edge, New Jersey

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 Board of Education of River Dell Regional School District in the County of Bergen, State of New Jersey, for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated February 16, 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 and use of the management of the River Dell Regional Board of Education and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


Smolin, Lupin & Co., P.A.
Certified Public Accountants

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Public School Accountant
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Fairfield, New Jersey
February 16, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

Scope of Audit

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

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

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Irwin S. Cohen	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$ 300,000
Thomas L. Bonfiglio	School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary	100,000

The Board has coverage in the amount of \$500,000, for employee dishonesty with faithful performance with School Alliance Insurance Fund.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges were made. The District made a proper 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 did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or 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.

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

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (continued)

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

An examination of employee contracts indicated that employees were paid their approved contract amounts.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15th due date.

No exceptions were noted in our examination of the accounts.

Employee Position Control Roster

A sample of the Employee Position Control Roster indicated it was in satisfactory condition.

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. No exceptions were noted.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedures pertaining to travel and reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and the Superintendent and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending. No exceptions were noted in our review of the travel expense and reimbursement policy.

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 maintained in satisfactory condition with no exceptions.

Treasurer's Records

There were no exceptions noted on the Treasurer's records.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A) as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (E.S.S.A.)

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, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated there was no areas of noncompliance and no areas of questioned costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's special projects were approved as listed on Exhibit K-3 (Schedule A) and Exhibit K-4 (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 special projects indicated there were no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the semimonthly 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.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were no salaries identified as being paid from federal funds that required reimbursement to the State for TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the District. The report was timely filed, and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

Effective July 1, 2020 and thereafter 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 Board appointed the School Business Administrator as Purchasing Agent. The bid threshold 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 Solicitor'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 goods or services, the results of such an accumulation could not be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (continued)

The results of our procedures indicated that there were no individual payments, contracts or agreements made for the performance of any work or goods or service, 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, as amended.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-37, for all contracts that in the aggregate are less than the bid threshold but 15 percent or more of that amount, the purchasing agent shall award the contract after soliciting at least two competitive quotations, if practicable. The award shall be made to a vendor whose response is most advantageous, price and other factors considered. The purchasing agent shall retain the record of the quotation solicitation and shall include a copy of the record with the voucher used to pay the vendor. No exceptions were noted.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" as 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. 1988; therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our procedures did reveal, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the public health emergency all Public, Charter, and 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 2020-2021 the public health emergency was still applicable. As a result, SFAs were required to provide meals in accordance with the regulations governing the National School Nutrition Seamless Summer Option or the Summer Food Service Program 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.

The Board of Education had a contract with an outside catering firm to provide the service in the cafeteria for the 2020-2021 school year. The financial records of the outside caterer were subject to various audit tests. The Board did not participate in the Child Nutrition Programs and received no federal or state subsidies. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Food Service Program operations are included in the CAFR entitled Enterprise Fund - Food Service Fund, Exhibit B.

Athletics and Student Body Activities

A review of the athletics and student body activities funds was performed, and 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 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 with a few exceptions. The information included as part of the workpapers was verified with a few exceptions. 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.

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 with no exceptions. 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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

A review of the capital assets fund was performed, and no exceptions were noted.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The 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 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 Findings

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

Acknowledgment

We wish to express our appreciation for the cooperation and assistance extended to us by Patrick J. Fletcher, Superintendent, Gertrude Engle, School Business Administrator/Board Secretary, and the Business Office staff, during the course of our audit.

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
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. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected From Workpapers On Roll		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors Per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared			
Seven	231		231					231							
Eight	240		240					240							
Nine	182	1	182	1			1	182	1						
Ten	234		234					234							
Eleven	211		211					211							
Twelve	223		223					223							
Subtotal	1,321	1	1,321	1			1	1,321	1						
Special Ed - Middle School	97		97					97		1		4	4		
Special Ed - High School	160	2	160	3	-1		3	161	3	-1		16	15	15	
Subtotal	257	2	257	3	-1		3	257	3			20	19	19	
Totals	1,578	3	1,578	4	-1		4	1,578	4			20	19	19	

Percentage Error -33.33%

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTS by DOE	Reported on District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg - Public Schools, col. 1	91.0	91.0		73.0	73.0	
Reg - Special Ed, col. 4	31.0	31.0		27.0	27.0	
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	84.0	84.0		64.0	64.0	
Special Ed Special Needs, col. 6	31.0	31.0		28.0	28.0	
Totals	237.0	237.0		192.0	192.0	

Percentage Error

Re-
Reported
Calculated

Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK students (Part A) 4.3
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK students (Part B) 4.3
Average Mileage - Special Ed with Special Needs 11.9

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP Low Income			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 Application and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1	
Eight		1			1							
Nine	1	2	-1	2	2							
Ten		1	-1	1	1							
Eleven	1		1		2		1	1		1	1	
Twelve	2	3	-1	3	2							
Subtotal	5	8	-3	8	7		2	2		2	2	
Special Ed - Middle School	4	1	3	1	1							
Special Ed - High School												
Subtotal	4	1	3	1	1							
Totals	9	9		9	8		2	2		2	2	

Percentage Error

11.11%

SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

	Resident LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Seven	2	2		2	2	
Eight	2	2		2	2	
Nine	4	4		4	4	
Ten	2	2		2	2	
Eleven	2	2		2	2	
Twelve	2	2		2	2	
Subtotal	14	14		14	14	
Special Ed - Middle School	4	4		4	4	
Special Ed - High School						
Subtotal	4	4		4	4	
Totals	18	18		18	18	

Percentage Error

RIVER DELL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Excess Surplus Calculation
June 30, 2021

SECTION 1

A. 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-2021 Total General Fund expenditures per the CAFR, Exhibit C-1	\$	38,830,430	(B)
Increased by:			
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund			(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund			(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular			(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion			(B1d)
Decreased by:			
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		6,697,438	(B2a)
Assets acquired under capital lease		<u> </u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$	<u>32,132,992</u>	(B3)
4% of adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund expenditures [(B3 x 4%)]	\$	1,285,320	(B4)
Enter greater of (B4) or \$250,000		1,285,320	(B5)
Increased by : Allowable adjustment *		<u>135,958</u>	(K)
Maximum unassigned/undesignated-unreserved fund balance [(B5 + K)]	\$	<u>1,421,278</u>	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - fund balances @ 6-30-21 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Exhibit C-1)	\$	4,603,773	(C)
Decreased by:			
Year-end encumbrances		133,275	(C1)
Legally restricted - designated for subsequent year's expenditures			(C2)
Legally restricted - excess surplus - designated for subsequent year's expenditures		325,000	(C3)
Other restricted fund balances		2,399,220	(C4)
Assigned fund balance - unreserved - designated for subsequent year's expenditures		<u> </u>	(C5)
Total unassigned fund balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$	<u>1,746,278</u>	(U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted fund balance - excess surplus (U1 - M) If negative enter -0-. \$ 325,000 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Reserved excess surplus - designated for subsequent year's expenditures	\$ 325,000 (C3)
Reserved excess surplus (E)	<u>325,000</u> (E)
Total excess surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ <u>650,000</u> (D)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$ - (H)
Sale & Lease-back	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	110,728 (J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	25,230 (J2)
Current year school bus advertising revenue recognized	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	<u>(J4)</u>
Total adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$ <u>135,958</u> (K)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Sale/lease-back reserve	
Capital reserve	\$ 2,160,761
Maintenance reserve	
Emergency 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 reserve	
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	238,459
Other restricted fund balance not noted above	<u>(K)</u>
Total other restricted fund balance	\$ <u>2,399,220</u> (C4)

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

None

School Purchasing Programs

None

School Food Service

None

Athletics and Student Body Activities

None

Application for State School Aid

None

Pupil Transportation

None

Facilities and Capital Assets

None

Miscellaneous

None

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings/Recommendations

There were no findings/recommendations in the prior year.