# WALLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2021

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Wallington Board of Education Wallington, 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 Wallington Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 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 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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# **Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and 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 contained in the Statistical Section of the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

## Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Joseph Brunacki III	Board Secretary	\$200,000
Dorothy B. Siek	Treasurer of School Monies	250,000

There is an employee blanket dishonesty bond, including faithful performance for elected officials with coverage of \$500,000 per loss.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

## Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review revealed no 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 tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium withholdings due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators to the New Jersey Department was filed by the March 15 due date.

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

## Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund.

## Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

### 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.

Finding 2021-1 (CAFR Finding 2021-001) – The audit of the outstanding accounts payable report revealed certain outstanding purchase orders were invalid.

**Recommendation** – The outstanding purchase order report be periodically reviewed for validity of obligations and cancellations be made accordingly.

## <u>Travel</u>

The District has an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C.6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Payments made to employees for travel were in accordance with the approved travel policy.

### **Classification of Expenditures**

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:23-2.2(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 NJAC 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 records of the Board Secretary and Treasurer were in agreement.

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the Board and were submitted to the Executive County Superintendent as prescribed by N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

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 the general operating account and payroll accounts.

The Treasurer's records were 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 Titles I, IIA, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended, and reauthorized.

Our examination of the Federal 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.

# Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

# I.D.E.A Part B

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

## 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 single audit section of 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 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.

## 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.

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

The reimbursement to the State for the amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the school district to reimburse the State for 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 subsequent 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 District's Business Administrator is qualified and the bid threshold of \$44,000 has been established by Board resolution. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,600.

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 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.

Based on the results of our examination, we did not indicate 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, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

### School Food Service

### **Public Health Emergency**

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.

Therefore, 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 free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or State program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs. No exceptions were noted. In addition, non-program foods were not purchased, prepared, sold or offered for sale.

Non-program foods were not purchased, prepared, sold, or offered for sale by the District.

**Finding** – The Food Service Fund net cash resources exceeded the maximum amount permitted by the New Jersey State Department of Education. No recommendation is warranted as a result of the effects of COVID-19.

#### **Student Body Activities**

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records were maintained and bank reconciliations were performed.

All receipts were promptly deposited.

Cash disbursements were supported by proper 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 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 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 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

The District had no SDA grant projects during the year.

The District maintained financial records pertaining to its capital assets with a third-party provider.

Finding 2021-02 (CAFR Finding 2021-002) – Our audit of the District's capital assets revealed the capital assets report provided for audit did not accurately reflect all current year additions.

Recommendation – All current year additions be properly reflected in the District's capital assets report.

#### Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all 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).

# WALLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

NOT APPLICABLE

### WALLINGTON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND CALCULATION OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

### Net Cash Resources

Current Assets	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 21,167
Due from Other Governments	18,104
Net Cash Resources	<u>\$ 39,271</u>
Adjusted Total Operating Expense:	
Total Operating Expenses Less Depreciation	\$ 114,331 (1,284)
Adjusted Total Operating Expense	\$ 113,047
Average Monthly Operating Expense:	<u>\$ 11,305</u>
Three Times Monthly Average:	\$ 33,914
Total Net Cash Resources	\$ 39,271
Three Times Monthly Average	33,914
Excess(Deficit) Cash Resources	<u>\$                                    </u>

#### WALLINGTON 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	l on	Report	ed on			San	ple	Verifie	d per	Errors	s per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.S.S.	A.	Workp	apers			Selecte	d from	Regis	ters	Regis	ters	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	On Ro	all and a second s	On I	Roll	Erro	ors	Work	oapers	On F	loll	On F	toll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sampl
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Error
Half Day Preschool																
Full Day Preschool																
Half Day Kindegarten																
Full Day Kindergarten	70		70	-			70		70		-	-				
One	76		76	_	_	-	54		54		-	-				
Гмо	75		75	-		_	54		54		_	_				
Three	83		83		_		44		44		-	_				
Four	77		77	_	-	-	77		77							
Five	82		82	-	-	-	82		82			-				
Six	82 99		82 99	-	-	-	82 99		82 99			-				
Seven	99		99 92	-	-	-	99 92		99 91		- 1	-				
			92 89	-	-	-	92 89		89			-				
Eight	89	,		-	-	-				1	2	-				
Nine	85	1	85	1	-	-	85	1	83	2	2	-				
Ten	82	2	82	2	-	-	82	2 1	82	2	-	-				
Eleven	82	1	82 74	3	-	-	82	1	80 75	3	2 (1)	-				
welve	74	3	74	3	-	-	74	3	/5	3		-				
Post-Graduate											-	-				
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)											-					
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)				<u> </u>	<u> </u>								<u> </u>		<u> </u>	
Subtotal	1,066	7	1,066	7		-	984	7	980	7	4		-			-
Special Ed - Elementary	54	-	54	-	-	-	20		20		-	-	3	3	3	
Special Ed - Middle Sch	37	-	37	-	-	-	14		14		-	-	-	-	-	
Special Ed - High Schoc	41	3	41	3		· -	15		15		-	-	6	6	6	
Subtotal	132	3	132	3	*	-	49	-	49		-	<u> </u>	9	9	9	
Co. Voc Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	1,198	10	1,198	10	-	-	1,033	7	1,029	7	· 4		9	9	9	
ntage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.39%	0.00%				0.0

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

	R	<b>Resident Low Income</b>			nple for Verificat	ion	Resi	dent LEP Low Inco	me	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
Half Day Preschool Full Day Preschool Half Day Kindegarten												
Full Day Kindergarten	20	20	-	3	3	-	7	7	-	6	6	-
One	23	23	-	3	3	-	8	8	-	7	7	-
Two	27	27	-	4	4	-	4	4	-	3	3	-
Three	24	24	-	4	4	-	3	3	-	3	3	-
Four	31	31	-	5	5	-	5	5	-	4	4	-
Five	33	33	-	5	5	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Six	34	34	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	33	33	-	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	36	36	-	5	5	-	4	4	-	3	3	-
Nine	18	18	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Ten	21	21	-	3	2	1	-	-	+	-		-
Eleven	17	17	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-		-
Twelve	19	19	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate Adult H.S. (15+CR.)									-			-
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)			-	<u> </u>	-		-	-	<u> </u>	-		
Subtotal	336	336	-	51	50	<u>I</u>	34	34		29	29	-
Special Ed - Elementary	28	28	-	4	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle	20	20	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High	21	21	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	69	69	-	10	10		3	3	-			
Co. Voc Regular Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec. Totals	405	405		61	60	 	37	37		29	29	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			1.64%			0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors			
Reg Public Schools, col. 1	35	35	-	22	22	-			
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	6	6	-	4	4	-			
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	-	-	-			-			
Special Ed Spec, col. 6	35	35	-	23	23	-			
Totals	76	76		49	49				
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			

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

	Reside	nt LEP NOT Low Inco	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on	Reported on					
	A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers as		Sample	Verified to		
	NOT Low	NOT Low		Selected from	Application	Sample	
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors	
Half Day Preschool							
Full Day Preschool							
Half Day Kindegarten							
Full Day Kindergarten	17	17	-	15	15	-	
One	6	6	-	5	5	-	
Two	6	6	-	5	5	-	
Three	5	5	-	4	4	-	
Four	2	2	-	1	1	-	
Five	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Six	3	3	-	3	3	-	
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Eight	4	4	-	3	3	-	
Nine	9	9	-	. 8	8	-	
Ten							
Eleven							
Twelve							
Post-Graduate							
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)							
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	53	53	-	45	45	-	
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Special Ed - Middle			-			-	
Special Ed - High			-			-	
Subtotal	1	1	<u></u>	1	1		
Co. Voc Regular							
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	54	54		46	46		
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%	

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

# SECTION 1

A 4% Calculation of Excess Surplus		
2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex. C-1	\$	25,034,086
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		(3,540,556)
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$</u>	21,493,530
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	\$	859,741
Enter Greater of 4% or \$250,000	\$	859,741
Allowable Adjustment - Extraordinary Aid (Excess Over Budget)		139,918
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	999,659
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2021Decreased by:Year End Encumbrances\$ 889,767Restricted for Capital Reserve149,198Restricted - Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures1,695,023Restricted for Unemployment Compensation106,168Assigned, FFCRA/SEMI - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures5,720Assigned, Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures14,482		5,607,824 2,860,358
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$	2,747,466
SECTION 3		
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$</u>	1,747,807
<u>Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021</u> Restricted for Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Restricted for Excess Surplus	\$	1,695,023 1,747,807
	<u>\$</u>	3,442,830

# RECOMMENDATIONS

# I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

## II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

1. It is recommended that the outstanding purchase order report be periodically reviewed for validity of obligations and cancellations be made accordingly.

### III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

### IV. School Food Services

There are none.

### V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

## VI. <u>Scholarships</u>

There are none.

# VII. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

## VIII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

## IX. Facilities and Capital Assets

2. It is recommended that all current year additions be properly reflected in the District's capital assets reports.

# X. Status of Prior Year Findings/Recommendations

Corrective action was taken on all prior year recommendations.

## 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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