

**BRIDGETON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND**

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

**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2021**

BRIDGETON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
Auditor's Management Report on Administrative
Findings - Financial, Compliance and Performance

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

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
Bridgeton Public Charter School
County of Cumberland, New Jersey 08302

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 Trustees of the Bridgeton Public Charter School, in the County of Cumberland, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, which were separately issued in the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report dated March 8, 2022.

As part of our audit, we also 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 issued in conjunction with the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report of the Board of Trustees of the Bridgeton Public Charter School, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and is intended for the information of the Charter School's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Respectfully submitted,



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Voorhees, New Jersey
March 8, 2022

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**SCOPE OF AUDIT**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES**Insurance**

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on exhibit J-20, insurance schedule, contained in the Charter School's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR).

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Christina Murphy	Interim Board Secretary / School Business Administrator	\$175,000.00

There is a blanket dishonesty bond covering all other employees with the following coverage: \$500,000.00 per loss.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING**Examination of Claims**

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

The net salaries of sampled employees of the Charter School were deposited in the net payroll account. Employees' payroll deductions and the employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the payroll agency account.

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Executive Director and were certified by the President of the Board and the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator.

Sampled salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the general fund.

Sampled payrolls were delivered to the Board Secretary who then deposited with warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

Travel

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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 randomly sampled expenditure transactions. We also tested the coding of all expenditures included in our compliance and single audit sampling procedures. In addition, a sample was selected that specifically targeted administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-8.3. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

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

The E.S.S.A. financial exhibits are contained within the special revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I, Titles II and Titles IV of the Every Student Succeeds Act.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The Charter School's other special projects were approved as listed on exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

Our audit of the federal and state funds on a sample 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 ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned other special projects.

The audit of compliance for other special projects did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

TPAF Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a sample of the biweekly reimbursements employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's final report(s) for all federal awards for the Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter School 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 and N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90. The expenditure was inspected subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

<https://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

<http://www.njleg.state.nj.us/>

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) are \$44,000.00 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000.00 (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 \$19,600.00 for 2020-21.

The Charter School's Members of the Board of Trustees have 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.

Based on the results of our audit, we 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 Charter School consolidated their food service with another school in the year ending June 30, 2021.

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for student activities indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 15, 2020 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

FACILITIES AND CAPITAL ASSETS

Our audit of the financial and accounting records for facilities and capital assets indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

MISCELLANEOUS

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Education Facilities

The Charter School complied with all the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

The Charter School 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'S FINDINGS

There were no audit findings for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all of the officials of the Charter School and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,



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BRIDGETON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Sample												
		Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	6	6			6									
One	11	11			11		2	2		2		10	10	
Two	18	18			18		9	9		9		15	15	
Three	12	12			12		3	3		3		8	8	
Four	16	16			16		5	5		5		12	12	
Five														
Six														
Seven														
Eight														
Nine														
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	63	63	-	-	63	-	19	19	-	19	-	45	45	-

Percentage

BRIDGETON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2021

Grade	Submission to DOE reported On Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Sample			Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified	
							Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors				Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten	7	7			7		4	4		4				
One	13	13			13		1	1		1		11	11	
Two	16	16			16		9	9		9		12	12	
Three	11	11			11		5	5		5		10	10	
Four	16	16			16							14	14	
Five														
Six														
Seven														
Eight														
Nine														
Ten														
Eleven														
Twelve														
Total	63	63	-	-	63	-	19	19	-	19	-	47	47	-

Percentage

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

SECTION 1

4% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2020-21 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on ACFR Exhibit C-1	\$ 1,673,449.03 (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	_____ 217,287.35 (B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	_____ (B2b)
Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$ 1,456,161.68 (B3)
4% of Adjusted 2020-21 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .04]	\$ 58,246.47 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	_____ 250,000.00 (B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	_____ (K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	\$ 250,000.00 (M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2021 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1)	\$ 1,068,008.69 (C)
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	_____ (C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	_____ (C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	_____ 4,407.22 (C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	_____ (C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	\$ 1,063,601.47 (U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	\$ 813,601.47 (E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	\$ - (C3)
Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	_____ 813,601.47 (E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 813,601.47 (D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

Footnotes:

* Allowable adjustment to expenditures on line K must be detailed as follows. This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:

(H) Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c.46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve – General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4);

(I) Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10);

(J1) Extraordinary Aid;

(J2) Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid;

(J3) Recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and

(J4) Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

Notes to auditor: Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Federal Impact Aid	\$	-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back			(I)
Extraordinary Aid			(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid			(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized			(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid			(J4)
 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	 \$	 -	 (K)

** This amount represents the Excess Surplus (C3 above) generated during June 30, 2020 and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2021-2022 general fund budget.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2021 ACFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

Amount for Other Restricted Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Office of School Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	\$	-	
Sale/lease-back reserve			
Capital reserve			
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 reserves			
Restricted for Unemployment		4,407.22	
[Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****			
 Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	 \$	 4,407.22	 (C4)

BRIDGETON PUBLIC CHARTER SCHOOL
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. Charter School Enrollment System (CHE)
None
8. Pupil Transportation
None
9. Facilities and Capital Assets
None
10. Miscellaneous
None
11. Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings
None

