Atlantic Highlands Board of Education

Auditor's Management Report

County of Monmouth

June 30, 2022

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ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Atlantic Highlands School District County of Monmouth, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the general purpose financial statements of the Board of Education of the Atlantic Highlands School District in the County of Monmouth for the year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated February 15, 2023.

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 for the information of the Atlantic Highlands Board of Education's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

ROBERT A. HULSART AND COMPANY

Licensed Public School Accountant No. 322

February 15, 2023

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

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 Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in district's ACFR.

Officials Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Janet G. Sherlock	Board Secretary/School	
	Business Administrator/Treasurer	\$ 175,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C 6A:23-3.1(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 Net 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 Board in the bill lists in the minute records and were certified by the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and the Superintendent.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

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. No exceptions were noted.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed no reportable conditions. The records of the Board Secretary were maintained in a satisfactory manner.

The Board Secretary's records were compared to the Treasurer's records and they were in agreement for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary for the period July 1, 2021 until June 30, 2022.

The Treasurer's cash balances for all accounts were in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit for the above period.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.2(g) 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-2.4. As a result of the procedures performed, a transaction error rate of 0% was noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

<u>Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by the Every Student</u> Succeeds Act (E<u>SSA)</u>

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title IIA and Title IV.

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questionable costs.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and Schedule B located in the ACFR.

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 ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

The study of compliance for the special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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.

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 law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under *N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3* is \$19,600 for 2021-22.

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 contact 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 examination, 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 agreement for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

School Food Service Fund

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.

The food services for 2021-22 were awarded to Maschio's Inc. on their proposal of a management fee of \$8,240 with a guaranteed break even to the district.

The operating results provision has been net. All vendor discounts, rebates and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Service Fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school by school basis. The free and reduced price meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completeness and availability.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

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

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education. No exceptions were noted.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. Districts with food services management companies are depositing and expending program monies in accordance with <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school food service.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds, Section B of the ACFR.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, New Jersey school districts were being reimbursed by the Federal Government at the free meal reimbursement rate for all lunches served, regardless of being free, reduced or at full price. This resulted in districts receiving an unprecedented amount of revenue in 2021-2022.

The district could not reasonably or responsibly spend this level of funding in a single fiscal year. To address this, the district has a plan in place to expend the funding responsibly over the next year. In our opinion it is unreasonable to cite the school districts management for a situation they had no control over.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2021 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. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2021-2022 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 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. The bid specifications for the purchase of buses were in compliance with applicable statutes. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Follow-Up on Prior Year's Findings

There were no prior year findings.

Acknowledgment

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

<u>4% Calculation of Excess Surplus</u> 2021-22 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 6,839,597
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(1,634,422)
Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 5,205,175</u>
4% of Adjusted 2021-22 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 208,207</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000	\$ 250,000
Increased by Allowable Adjustments	6,960
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 256,960</u>
Section 2	
Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-22	\$ 1,535,339
Decreased by:	
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Excess Surplus	(363,214)
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – BOE	(12,677)
Reserved for Unemployment	(17,226)
Other Reserves	_(444,895)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 697,327</u>
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 440,367</u>
Section 3	
Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures - Excess Surplus	\$ 363,214
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	440,367
	<u>\$ 803,581</u>
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Extraordinary Aid	\$
Non-Public Transportation	<u> 6,960</u>
Total Detail of Allowable Adjustments	<u>\$ 6,960</u>
Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance	
Maintenance Reserve	\$ 263,590
Capital Reserve	181,305
Total Other Reserved Fund Balance	<u>\$ 444,895</u>

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

Sheet 1 of 2

		2022-23	Application	for State Sc	hool Aid		Sample for Verification			Private Schools for Handicapped						
	_	rted On	-	rted on				e Selected		ied Per		r Registers	Reported On			
		. on Roll		ers on Roll		rrors		orkpapers		rs on Roll		Roll	A.S.S.A. as	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	_Full	Shared	_Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3yrs.																
Full Day Preschool - 3yrs.																
Half Day Preschool - 4yrs.																
Full Day Preschool - 4yrs.									22							
Full Day Kindergarten	33		33				33		33							
One	38		38				38		38							
Two	26		26				26		26							
Three	34		34				34		34							
Four	22		22				22		22							
Five	30		30				30		30							
Six	32		32	0			32		32							
Subtotal	215	0	215	0	0	<u> </u>	215	0	215		0	0	0	0	0	
Special Ed - Elementary	37		37				37		37							
Special Ed - Middle School	6		6				6		6							
Special Ed - High School																
Subtotal	43	0	43	0	0	0	43	0	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Totals	258	0	258	0	0	0	258	0	258	0		0	0	0	0	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%				0%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021

I.

		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	
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1		1	1		
Опе	5	5		5	5		
Two	1	1		1	1		
Three	3	3		3	3		
Four	1	I		1	1		
Five	1	I		1	1		
Six Subtotal	12	12	0	12	12	0	
Special Ed - Elementary	3	3		3	3		
Special Ed - Middle	1	1	_	1	1		
Subtotal	4	4	0	4	4	0	
Totals	16	16	0	16	16	0	
Percentage Error			0%			0%	

LEP STUDENTS-LOW INCOME

	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected fro <u>m</u> Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
One	3	3		3	3	
Special Ed - Elementary	1	1		1	1	
Total	4	4	0	4	4	0
Percentage Error			0%			0%

	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day K	2	2		2	2	
One	1	1		1	1	
Three	2	2		2	2	
	5	5	0	5	5	0
Percentage E	rror		0%			0%

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TRANSPORTATION

INALSI OKTATION	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Sample Errors
Reg Public Schools	0	0		0	0	
Transported - Non-Public	0	0		0	0	
Special Needs - Public	2	2		2	2	
Totals	2	2	0	2	2	0
Percentage Error						0%

	Reported	Recalculated
Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK. Students	6.9	6.9
Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	6.9	6.9
Avg. Mileage - Special Ed. With Special Needs	15.2	15.2

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS SCHOOL DISTRICT

FOOD SERVICE FUND

NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM

ENTERPRISE FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Meal Category	Meals Claimed	Meals Tested	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	(Over)/ Under Claim
<u>Program</u>					·		<u>.</u>
National School Lunch							
(High Rate)	Paid				-	\$ 0.470	-
	Reduced				-	3.385	-
	Free	25,083	7,816	7,816	<u> </u>	3.785 *	
Total Net Overclaim		25,083	7,816	7,816			
School Breakfast Program							
(Regular Rate)	Paid					\$ 0.330	
	Reduced					1.670	
	Free	814	814	814		1.970 *	
Total Net Overclaim		814	814	814	-		_

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* - Seamless Summer Option

** The District also receives \$0.07 for HHFKA Meals

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

NET CASH RESOURCES DID NOT EXCEED 3 MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES

PROPRIETARY FUNDS - FOOD SERVICE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

<u>Net Cash Resourc</u>	Food Service B 4/5		
CAFR	Current Assets		
B-4	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	33,814
B-4	Accounts Receivables		11,754
	Current Liabilities		
B-4	Less Accounts Payable		(5,893)
	Net Cash Resources	\$	39,675 (A)
<u>Net Adjustment T</u>	otal Operating Expense:		
B-5	Total Operating Expenses		118,745
B-5	Less Depreciation	<u></u>	(1,320)
	Adjusted Total Operating Expenses		<u>117,425</u> (B)
Average Monthly	Operating Expense:		
	B / 10	\$	<u>11,743</u> (C)
<u>Three Times Mon</u>	thly Average		
	3 X C	\$	35,228
Total in (A)		\$	39,675
Less Total in (D)			(35,228)
Net		\$	4,448

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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. Pupil Transportation

None

8. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

9. Miscellaneous

None

10. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.