OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Old Tappan Board of Education 277 Old Tappan Road Old Tappan, New Jersey 07675

We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Old Tappan Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated January 30, 2023.

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 Education, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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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) as reported in the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR").

Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Douglas Barrett, CPA	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$ 25,000
Antoinette Kelly	Treasurer of School Monies	250,000

There is an Employee Dishonesty coverage of \$100,000 with NESBIG.

P.L. 2020, c.44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A. 18A:16-13.3(Chapter 44) submitted for the year on audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted did include all health benefit plans offered by school district.

The school district data certification was completed by the Chief School Administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to each signatures, certifications and proper itemization.

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/Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to proper agencies, including employee health benefit premium contributions due to the General Fund. The District completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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 NJAC 6A:23A-8.3.

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, a sample of the 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.

Travel

The Board adopted a policy in compliance with New Jersey Statutes and Administrative Code and the Office of Management and Budget Circulars.

Board Secretary's Records

The financial records, books of account and minutes maintained by the Board Secretary were in excellent condition.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

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

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer performed cash reconciliations for the general operating, payroll account and payroll agency account (N.J.S.A 18A:17-36). The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the District's General Fund.

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 ACFR.

Our audit 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 in the Special Revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR reports the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the semi-monthly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

Salaries and wages were not charged to the Special Revenue Fund federal grants. Thus, the Board is not required to submit a TPAF/FICA reimbursement to the State.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 (as amended) and 18A:18A-3 are \$44,000 (with a qualifying purchasing agent) and \$32,000 (without a qualifying purchasing agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$20,200. The Board appointed the School Business Administrator as a qualified purchasing agent. The Board of Education has adopted a resolution increasing the bid threshold to \$44,000.

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 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 revealed no instances where the 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 provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, as amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 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.

Food Service Fund

The Board has discontinued the use of the School Food Service Program.

Student Activity Fund

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records for the elementary schools were maintained in good condition.

Cash disbursements tested had proper supporting documentation.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2021 Application for State School Aid (ASSA) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, bilingual students and low-income. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. The information on the ASSA was compared to the district workpapers without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with one minor exception. 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 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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

• Finding 2022-1 – Our audit revealed that the District's capital asset accounting records were not updated for the current school year. The financial statements were adjusted to report the current year capital assets and related depreciation.

Recommendation – The District's capital asset accounting records be updated on an annual basis.

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 did submit the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Suggestions to Management

• The unexpended Local Projects balances in the Special Revenue Fund be reviewed and cleared of record.

OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Not Applicable

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FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

Not Applicable

OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2021

	2022-23 Application for State School Aid					Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled						
-	Repo	rted on	Repo	rted on			Sam	nple	Repor	ted on			Reported on	Reported on	Sample		
	A.S	.S.A.	Work	papers			Selecte	d from	Work	papers			A.S.S.A. as	Workpapers	for		
	On	Roll	On	Roll	E	rrors	Workp	apers	On	Roll	Er	rors	Private	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
-	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	Schools	cation		Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	70		70		-		70		70		-						
1st Grade	52		52		-		52		52		-						
2nd Grade	67		67		-		67		67		-						
3rd Grade	73		73		-		73		73		-						
4th Grade	81		81		-		81		81		-						
5th Grade	69		69		-		69		69		-						
6th Grade	69		69		-		69		69		-						
7th Grade	91		91		-		91		91		-						
8th Grade	71		71		-		71		71		-						
Subtotal	643	-	643	-			643		643		-			-			
Spec Ed - Elementary	40		40		-		40		39		1		2	2	2	2	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	20		20		-		20		20		-		3	3	3	3	-
Subtotal	60		60		_	-	60	-	59		1		5	5	5	5	-
Totals	703	-	703	_			703	_	702		1	-	5	5	5	5	
Percentage Error				=	0.00%	<u></u>				=	0.14%	=					0.00%

OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2021

	Resident Low Income			Samp	le for Verificati	on	Resid	lent LEP Low Incor	ne	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers		Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A as Low Income		Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs) Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs) Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade 2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade 5th Grade 6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade Subtotal											-		
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School Subtotal										<u>_</u>			
Totals	- 	-			-	-		•			-	-	
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		:	0.00%			N/A			N/A	
	Reported on	Reported on	Transp	ortation									
	DRTRS by DOE	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors							
Regular - Public Schools	44	44	-	33	33	-							
Transported - Non-Public	13	13	-	9	9	-							
Regular - Spec.	1	1	-	1	1	-							
Special Needs - Public	8	8	<u> </u>	6	6								
Totals	66	66		49	49	-							
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OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS OCTOBER 15, 2021

		t LEP Not Low Ind	come	Sample for Verification				
	Reported on A.S.S.A as	Reported on Workpapers as		Sample				
	Low	Low		Selected from	Verified to	Sample		
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	Register	Errors		
Full Day Kindergarten	6	6	-	4	4	-		
1st Grade			-			-		
2nd Grade	2	2	-	2	2	-		
3rd Grade	6	6	-	5	5	-		
4th Grade	2	2	-	2	2	-		
5th Grade			-			-		
6th Grade	3	3	-	3	3	-		
7th Grade			-			-		
8th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	-		
Subtotal	20	20		17	17	**		
Spec Ed - Elementary	2	2	-	2	2	_		
Spec Ed - Middle School	- 1	- 1	-	- 1	1	-		
Subtotal	3	3	-	3	3	-		
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Totals	23	23	-	20	20			

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OLD TAPPAN BOARD OF EDUCATION EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION JUNE 30, 2022

2021-2022 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR (Exhibit C-1)		\$	18,375,339		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security			3,434,057		
Adjusted 2021-2022 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	14,941,282		
4% of Adjusted 2021-2022 General Fund Expenditures		\$	597,651		
Greater of 4% of Adjusted Expenditures, or \$250,000		\$	597,651		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments Extraordinary Aid - Unbudgeted Nonpublic Transportation Reimbursement			354,151 5,430		
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance				\$	957,232
Total General Fund - Budgetary Fund Balances, June 30, 2022		\$	26,129,097		
Decreased by: Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve Emergency Reserve Excess Surplus-Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Unemployment Compensation Year-End Encumbrances	\$ 20,345,784 715,950 250,000 1,640,889 612,013 26,675		23,591,311		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance				<u>\$</u>	2,537,786
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus				<u>\$</u>	1,580,554
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2022					
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget Excess Surplus				\$	1,640,889 1,580,554
Total Excess Surplus				<u>\$</u>	3,221,443

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration 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 Service

There are none.

V. <u>Student Body Activities</u>

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

It is recommended that the District's capital asset accounting records be updated on an annual basis.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no the prior year findings.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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