GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees Glen Ridge Public Schools Glen Ridge, New Jersey

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 Glen Ridge Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 1, 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 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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Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 1, 2023

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 Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report "ACFR".

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

Name	Position	Amount
Barbara Murphy	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$300,000
John Calavano	Treasurer of School Moneys	\$300,000

There is a Public Employees' Blanket Position Bond with Selective American Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

<u>P.L. 2020, c44</u>

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 of audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

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

The school district data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. Tuition charges were established by the Board of Education and are not subject to adjustment.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification and approvals of 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 and the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and approved by the Chief School Administrator.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

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

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to her order for the full amount of each payroll.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The District maintained an updated employee position control roster.

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, 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.

Classification of Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:23-16.2(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 additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Finding – Our audit revealed certain Special Revenue Fund expenditures were not classified and charged to the proper budget line accounts in accordance with The Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

Recommendation – Procedures be enhanced to ensure expenditures are charged to the proper budget line accounts in accordance with the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

Travel Policy

The District has an approved Board travel policy as required by NJAC 6A:23A-6.13 and NJSA 18A:11-12. No exceptions were noted pertaining to travel expense reimbursement payments tested.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Board Secretary's Records

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

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the Board on a timely basis 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).

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all District accounts.

The Treasurer's bank reconciliations were in agreement with the records of the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

The Treasurer's cash balances were in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

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

Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General Fund in accordance with GASB 84.

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

The E.S.E.A./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 projects under Titles I, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's 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 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.

I.D.E.A. PART B

Separate accounting was maintained for each approved project.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

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 the 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 prior 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 (as amended) and 18A:18A-3 are \$44,000 (with a qualifying purchasing agent) and \$29,000 (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 for 2022/23.

The District's Board Secretary/Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agency and the Board has designated him as the QPA with a bid threshold of \$44,000.

The Glen Ridge Public Schools has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal 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 service, the result 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 did not indicate any individual payments, contracts or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:18A-4, as amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" 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. 1977. Therefore, the extent of such purchases could not reasonably be ascertained. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

Food Service Fund

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch Program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school's Food Service Program were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Expenditures were separately recorded. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

There was no inventory at June 30, 2023.

The cash disbursements records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expenditure records were maintained in order to substantiate the non-profit status of the school's Food Service Program.

Student Activity and Athletic Association Accounts

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records for all students were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, related services, 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 isolated exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified with isolated 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 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 2022-23 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 information that was included on the workpapers was verified 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 did comply with proper bidding procedures and award of contracts.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the transfer of local funds from the Capital Reserve Account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted. Capital assets financial records were prepared by a third party service provider.

The capital asset records were updated for the additions and disposal of capital assets made throughout the year.

Miscellaneous

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.

Suggestions to Management

Monies collected for student activities and athletics be deposited in a timely manner.

Purchases for student activities should be delivered to the respective schools.

Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings

In accordance with government auditing standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations.

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS/MILKS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

_	2023-24 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verification					Private Schools for Disabled						
	Reporte Origi A.S.S On R Full	nal .A.	Reporte Workpa On R Full	pers	Erro Full	ors Shared	Sample Selected fro Workpaper Full S	om	Verified Registe On Rol Full	r	Errors p Registe On Ro Full	rs	Reported or A.S.S.A. as Private Schools		Sample Verified	Sample Errors
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)																
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)																
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)																
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)	74.0	_	74.0	-	_	_	21.0	_	20.0	_	1.0	_				
Half Day Kindergarten	74.0		74.0			-	21.0	-	20.0		1.0	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	103	-	103	-	_	-	32	_	31	_	1	-				
Grade 1	102		105	-	_	-	42	_	41	_	1	-				
Grade 2	120		120	-	_	-	40	-	39	-	1	-				
Grade 3	118		118	-	-	-	118	-	118	-	-	-				
Grade 4	101		101	-	-	-	101	-	102	_	(1)	-				
Grade 5	119		119	-	-	-	119	-	119	-	-	-				
Grade 6	117	-	117	-	-	-	117	-	117	-	-	-				
Grade 7	118	-	118	-	-	-	118	-	116	-	2	-				
Grade 8	124	-	124	-	-	-	124	-	125	-	(1)	-				
Grade 9	112	-	112	-	-	-	112	-	112	-	-	-				
Grade 10	101	-	101	-	-	-	101	-	99	-	2	-				
Grade 11	125	-	125	-	-	-	125	-	124	-	1	-				
Grade 12	121	-	121		-		121	-	127	-	(6)	-				
Subtotal	1,575	-	1,575	-	_	-	1,291	-	1,290	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Sp Ed- Elementary	99	-	99	-	-	-	14	-	16	-	(2)	-	3	1	1	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	59	-	59	-	-	-	18	-	18	-	-	-	5	1	1	-
Sp Ed - High School	85	2	85	2	-		85	2	81	-	4	2	10	3	3	-
Subtotal	243	2	243	2	-	-	117	2	115	-	2	2	18	5	5	-
Totals	1,818	2	1,818	2	-	-	1,408	2	1,405	-	3	2	18	5	5	_
Percentage Error				_	0.00%	0.00%				_	0.21%	100.00%			_	0.00%

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Resident Low Income			Sampl	e for Verification		Reside	ent LEP Low Incom	e	Sample for Verification			
_	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
Half Day Pre K (3yrs)													
Full Day Pre K (3yrs)													
Half Day Pre K (4yrs)													
Full Day Pre K (4yrs)													
Half Day Kindergarten													
Full Day Kindergarten													
Grade 1													
Grade 2													
Grade 3													
Grade 4	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Grade 5	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	(1)	· -	-	-	
Grade 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Grade 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Grade 8	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1		
Grade 9 Grade 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Grade 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		-	1	-	-	-		_	_	-	-		
Grade 12	5	4				-	1	1		1	1		
Subiotal	5	4	I	1	I	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Sp Ed - Elementary	3	3	-	1	1	-							
Sp Ed - Middle School	1	1	-	-	-	-							
Sp Ed - High School	2	2		1	1	-							
Subtotal	6	6	-	2	2	-	- "		-	-	-	-	
Totals	11	10	1	3	3		1	1	-	1	1	-	
Percentage Error		=	9.09%		-	0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%	
		Transportati	on										
-	Reported on	Reported on			-								
	DRTRS by DOE	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors							
Reg Public Schools	DOL	District	-	Testeu	Vernied	-							
Transported - Non - Public			-			-							
Special Ed Public	3	3	-	1	1	-							
Special Needs - Public	42	42		12	12								
-	45	45	-	13	13								
Percentage Error		-	0.00%		=	0.00%							

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	Resident I	LEP Not Low Inco	me		Sample for Verification					
	Reported on A.S.S.A	Reported on Workpapers	Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Register	Sample Errors			
Half Day Pre K (3yrs) Full Day Pre K (3yrs) Half Day Pre K (4yrs) Full Day Pre K (4yrs) Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten Grade 1 Grade 2 Grade 3 Grade 3 Grade 4 Grade 5 Grade 5 Grade 6 Grade 7 Grade 8 Grade 9 Grade 10										
Grade 11 Grade 12	1	1	-		. 1	1	-			
Subtotal	1	1	<u> </u>		1	1				
Sp Ed - Elementary Sp Ed - Middle School Sp Ed - High School	1	1	-		1	1	-			
Subtotal	1	1	_		1	1	-			
Totals	2	2		-	2	2	-			
Percentage Error		-	0.00%				0.00%			

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2022-2023 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR			\$	43,208,323
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$.	650,000 1,700,000		
Decreased by:				2,350,000
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security				8,402,063
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures			<u>\$</u>	37,156,260
2% of Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures Increased by: Allowable Adjustment- Extraordinary Aid		743,125 458,594		
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance			<u>\$</u>	1,201,719
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023			\$	7,436,562
Decreased by: Legally Restricted Excess Surplus- Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Other Restricted and Assigned Fund Balances Year-End Encumbrances		1,394,588 2,681,663 119,786		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance			<u>\$</u>	3,240,525
Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus			<u>\$</u>	2,038,806
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus at June 30, 2023				
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Excess Surplus			\$	1,394,588 2,038,806
Total			<u>\$</u>	3,433,394
Analysis Other Restricted and Assigned Fund Balance Capital Reserve Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures Unemployment	\$	1,549,381 984,573 147,709		
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance			<u>\$</u>	2,681,663

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

1. It is recommended that procedures be enhanced to ensure expenditures are charged to the proper budget line accounts in accordance with the Uniform Minimum Chart of Accounts for New Jersey Public Schools.

III. School Purchasing Programs

There are none.

IV. Food Service Fund

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VII. Application of State School Aid

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

GLEN RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Respectfully submitted, LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP

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