

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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November 6, 2023

The Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Hanover Township School District
County of Morris, NJ


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 financial statements of the Board of Education of the Hanover Township School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 6, 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 letter does not affect our report dated November 6, 2023, on the financial statements of the Board.

We will review the status of the comments during our next audit engagement. We have already discussed these comments and suggestions with various management personnel, and we will be pleased to discuss them in further detail at your convenience, to perform any additional study of these matters, or to assist you in implementing the suggestions.

This report is intended for the information of the Hanover Township School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE
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GENERAL COMMENTS

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

Multi-peril insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the District's ACFR.

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Vanessa M. Wolsky	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 225,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the Selective Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$250,000.

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 the school district.

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

The data certification date does not reflect a submission date later than 60 days after the end of the enrollment period.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending Districts for the change in 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 on a test basis, during the period under review did not indicate any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

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GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting: (Cont'd)

Payroll Account and Position-Control Roster

The net salaries of 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. Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

All payrolls were approved by the Superintendent and were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and the Chief School Administrator.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15th due date.

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A review of outstanding issued purchase orders was made on a test basis as of June 30, for proper classification of orders as reserve for encumbrances and accounts payable.

Classification of General and Administrative Expenditures

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A: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, we reviewed administrative coding classification to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2s. 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

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Board Secretary's records for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

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 herein within the Special Revenue Section of the District's ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title II, Title III and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

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GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting: (Cont'd)

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.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements 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

During the year ended June 30, 2023 there was no T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures as no salaries were charged to federal grants. The reimbursement form was reviewed and filed timely and no exceptions were noted.

School Purchasing Programs:

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 states:

a. "When the cost or price of any contract awarded by the purchasing agent in the aggregate, does not exceed in a contract year the total sum of \$17,500, the contract may be awarded by a purchasing agent when so authorized by resolution of the Board of Education without public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except that the Board of Education may adopt a resolution to set a lower threshold for the receipt of public bids or the solicitation of competitive quotations. If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1971, c. 198 the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$25,000. Such authorization may be granted for each contract or by a general delegation of the power to negotiate and award such contracts pursuant to this section.

b. Commencing in the fifth year after the year in which P.L.1999, c. 440 takes effect and every five years thereafter, the Governor, in consultation with the Department of Treasury, shall adjust the threshold amount and the higher threshold amount which the Board of Education is permitted to establish as set forth in subsection a. of this section or the threshold amount resulting from any adjustment under this subsection, in direct proportion to the rise or fall of the index rate as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2, and shall round the adjustment to the nearest \$1,000. The Governor shall notify all local school Districts of the adjustment no later than June 1 of every fifth year. The adjustment shall become effective on July 1 of the year in which it is made . . ."

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GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd)

School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Cont'd)

b. N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4 states, "Every contract for the provision or performance of any goods or services the cost of which in the aggregate exceeds the bid threshold, shall be awarded only by resolution of the Board of Education to the lowest responsible bidder after public advertising for bids and bidding therefore, except as is provided otherwise in this chapter or specifically by any other law . . ."

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 \$20,200 for 2022-2023.

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 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. General compliance was noted.

The results of our examination indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies", 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.

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.

School Food Service:

Milk Service Fund

The District did not participate in the Federal Child Nutrition Program.

School Age Child Care Program

Our audit procedures included a review of the financial transactions of the School Age Child Care Program. Based on these procedures, we have no comments except as noted herein.

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GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide specific assurance on the condition of the records. Based on these procedures, we have no comments.

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, low income and bilingual students. 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 without exception. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis with no 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's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on-roll status reported in the 2022-2023 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 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

Travel Regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedures pertaining to travel and reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations require the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel be preapproved by the Board of Education and the Superintendent and that the approval must be itemized by event, event total cost, and individuals attending. No exceptions were noted in our review of the travel expense and reimbursement testing.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

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

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GENERAL COMMENTS (Cont'd)

Management Suggestions:

Surety Bond Coverage

During our review of the District's surety bond coverage, it was noted that the coverage does not meet the State's minimum requirements. It is suggested that the surety bond coverage is increased to meet the State's minimum requirements.

COVID-19 Federal Funding

It is likely that the District will undergo some review of its COVID-19 federal funding if only at a desk review level by state and/or federal agencies. We strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are utilized in accordance with the applicable federal requirements especially with respect to procurement. Additionally, we strongly suggest that the District ensures that these funds are accounted for in the state account numbers designated by the NJ Department of Education and that any applicable Board policies are current with respect to federal grant requirements.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					
	Reported on ASSA		Reported on Workpapers		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers		Errors per Registers	
	On Roll	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	6		6				6		6			
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	6		6				6		6			
Full Day Kindergarten	116		116				116		116			
Grade One	119		119				119		119			
Grade Two	113		113				113		113			
Grade Three	115		115				115		115			
Grade Four	102		102				102		102			
Grade Five	99		99				99		99			
Grade Six	129		129				129		129			
Grade Seven	139		139				139		139			
Grade Eight	137		137				137		137			
Subtotal	1,081		1,081				1,081		1,081			
Special Education:												
Elementary School	110		110				11		11			
Middle School	60		60				6		6			
Subtotal	170		170				17		17			
Totals	1,251		1,251				1,098		1,098			
Percentage Error							0.00%		0.00%			0.00%

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 APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
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	Private Schools for Handicapped				Resident Low Income				
	Reported on ASSA as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten									
Grade One					7	7	2	2	
Grade Two					6	6	1	1	
Grade Three					2	2	2	2	
Grade Four					8	8	2	2	
Grade Five					9	9	3	3	
Grade Six					7	7	2	2	
Grade Seven					6	6	2	2	
Grade Eight					7	7	2	2	
Grade Eight					6	6	2	2	
Subtotal					58	58	18	18	
Special Education:									
Elementary	2	1	1		10	10	4	4	
Middle	6	2	2		5	5	3	3	
Subtotal	8	3	3		15	15	7	7	
Totals	8	3	3	-0-	73	73	25	25	-0-
Percentage Error				0.00%					0.00%

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	Resident LEP Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application, Register and Test Scores	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten						
Grade One	1	1		1	1	
Grade Two	2	2		1	1	
Grade Three	4	4		2	2	
Grade Four	3	3		1	1	
Grade Six	1	1				
Grade Seven	2	2		1	1	
Grade Eight	1	1				
Subtotal	15	15		6	6	
Special Education:						
Elementary School	3	3		1	1	
Middle School	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	4	4		2	2	
Totals	19	19		8	8	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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	Resident LEP NOT Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as LEP NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP NOT Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Scores and Register	Sample Errors
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1				
Grade One	3	3		1	1	
Grade Two	1	1		1	1	
Grade Three	4	4		1	1	
Grade Four	2	2				
Grade Seven	3	3		1	1	
Subtotal	14	14		4	4	
Special Education:						
Elementary School	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	1	1		1	1	
Totals	15	15	-0-	5	5	-0-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	239	239		15	15	
Regular - Special Education	2	2		1	1	
Transported - Non Public	2	2		1	1	
AIL - Non Public	41	41		3	3	
Special Needs - Public	33	33		3	3	
Special Needs - Private	6	6		2	2	
Totals	323	323		25	25	
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

	Reported	Re-calculated
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	3.5	3.5
Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	3.5	3.5
Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	3.8	3.8

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2022-23 Regular District)

Section 1

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$ 37,240,606	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -0-	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	\$ -0-	(B1b)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$ 6,608,964	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Leases and Financed Purchases		(B2b)
 Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	 <u>\$ 30,631,642</u>	 (B3)
 2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	 <u>\$ 612,633</u>	 (B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 612,633</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ 13,050</u>	(K)
 Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		 <u><u>\$ 625,683</u></u> (M)

Section 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/23 (Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)	\$ 4,101,959	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year - End Encumbrances	\$ 186,265	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ -0-	(C2)
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances	\$ 2,616,680	(C4)
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 400,000	(C5)
 Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		 <u><u>\$ 899,014</u></u> (U1)

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Section 3

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0- \$ 273,331 (E)

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures \$ -0- (C3)

Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)] \$ 273,331 (E)

Total [(C3)+(E)] \$ 273,331 (D)

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balances

Statutory Restrictions:

Approved Unspent Separate Proposal \$ -0-

Sale/Lease-back Reserve \$ -0-

Capital Reserve \$ 2,191,822

Maintenance Reserve \$ -0-

Emergency Reserve \$ 200,000

Tuition Reserve \$ -0-

Other State/Government Mandated Reserve \$ -0-

Unemployment Compensation Fund \$ 224,858

Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above \$ -0-

Total Other Restricted Fund Balances \$ 2,616,680 (C4)

Detail of Allowable Adjustments:

Impact Aid \$ -0- (H)

Sale & Leaseback \$ -0- (I)

Extraordinary Aid \$ -0- (J1)

Nonpublic School Transportation Costs \$ 13,050 (J2)

Total Allowable Adjustments \$ 13,050 (K)

HANOVER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures
None
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
None
3. School Purchasing Program
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. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
None