

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON  
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -  
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE  
JUNE 30, 2023**

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members  
of the Board of Education  
Harrington Park Board of Education  
Harrington Park, New Jersey

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 Harrington Park Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2024.

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,

LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP  
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Fair Lawn, New Jersey  
February 27, 2024

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Scope of Audit**

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Superintendent/Board Secretary and School Business Administrator, 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 (the "ACFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bryan Jursca	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$200,000

There is public employee dishonesty coverage covering all other employees, including faithful performance for elected officials, in the amount of \$500,000 per employee and \$500,000 per loss.

P.L. 2020, c44

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.

**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made.

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 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 Superintendent.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholdings due to the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERTI) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation for administrators to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 deadline.

Employee Position Control Roster

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

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (continued)**

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.

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 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 errors were noted and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classifications.

Travel

The District had an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Board Secretary/Business Administrator's Records

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

**Finding 2023-1** – A Board resolution to increase the 2022/23 budget appropriations for summer school tuition revenues was not formally approved.

**Recommendation** – Summer school tuition revenues appropriated during the school year be approved by formal Board resolution.

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

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, II, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended and reauthorized.

I.D.E.A.

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project. Grant applications approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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**Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (continued)**

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.

**Finding 2023-2 (ACFR Finding 2023-001)** – Our audit of employee salary charges to ESSER III revealed that a Board resolution was not prepared approving individuals and amounts to be paid and charged to the ESSER III program.

**Recommendation** – Board resolutions be prepared and approved identifying individuals and salary amount to be charged to Federal grant programs.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

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.

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

The amount of the expenditures 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 as 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

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 are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The Board has designated the Business Administrator as the Qualified Purchasing Agent by resolution and established the bid threshold at \$44,000. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$20,200 for 2022-23.

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.

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FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**School Purchasing Programs (Continued)**

**Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)**

The results of our examination did indicate that 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. 18A:18A-4, as amended.

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 violation existed.

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 financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services special milk program were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

Expenditures were separately recorded in the special milk enterprise fund.

The cash disbursements records reflected no expenditures for program related goods and services. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds. See exhibits B-4, B-5 and B-6.

**Student Body Activities**

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

Cash receipts and cash disbursements records were maintained in fair 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, on-roll related services and low-income and bilingual education. 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 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 2022-2023 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary 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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
FOOD SERVICE FUND  
SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY  
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM  
ENTERPRISE FUNDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOT APPLICABLE**

**SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**NOT APPLICABLE**



**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID  
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022  
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared				
Half Day Pre-K 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day Pre-K 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 4yr	16.0	-	16.0	-	-	-	16.0	-	16.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Half Day K	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day K	55.0	-	55.0	-	-	-	55.0	-	55.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	67.0	-	67.0	-	-	-	67.0	-	67.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	57.0	-	57.0	-	-	-	57.0	-	57.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	54.0	-	54.0	-	-	-	54.0	-	54.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	62.0	-	62.0	-	-	-	62.0	-	62.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	65.0	-	65.0	-	-	-	65.0	-	65.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	50.0	-	50.0	-	-	-	50.0	-	50.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	71.0	-	71.0	-	-	-	71.0	-	71.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	62.0	-	62.0	-	-	-	62.0	-	62.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult School (15+cr)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	559.0	-	559.0	-	-	-	559.0	-	559.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sp. Ed. - Elementary	29.0	-	29.0	-	-	-	9.0	-	9.0	-	-	-	3.0	2.0	2.0	-
Sp. Ed. - Middle School	27.0	-	27.0	-	-	-	8.0	-	8.0	-	-	-	3.0	2.0	2.0	-
Sp. Ed. - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	56.0	-	56.0	-	-	-	17.0	-	17.0	-	-	-	6.0	4.0	4.0	-
Totals	615.0	-	615.0	-	-	-	576.0	-	576.0	-	-	-	6.0	4.0	4.0	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%						0.00%				0.00%

HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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 ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022  
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	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP 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	Reported on ASSA as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected	Verified to Test Score and Register	Errors
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult School (15+ credits)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - Middle	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - High	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. -Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>						

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by BOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors(1)	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools	10	10	-	3	3	-
All Non - Public	4	4	-	1	1	-
Transported - Non - Public	2	2	-	1	1	-
Special Needs - Public	14	14	-	4	4	-
	<u>30</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID  
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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 Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 3yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Pre-K 4yr	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	7.0	7.0	-	2.0	2.0	-
One	5.0	5.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Two	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Three	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Five	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Eight	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	-	-	-	-	-	-
Twelve	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult School (15+ credits)	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-</b>
Special Ed. - Elementary	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - Middle	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - High	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Co.Voc. -Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co.Voc. Ft. Post Sec.	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>-</b>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**HARRINGTON PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

**SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus**

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$ 17,664,625
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	3,055,292
Adjusted 22-23 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 14,609,333</u>
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 292,187
Allowable Adjustment - Extraordinary Aid	434,738
Allowable Adjustment - Nonpublic Transportation Aid	<u>1,554</u>
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 728,479</u>

**SECTION 2**

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 2,477,381
Decreased by:	
Year end Encumbrances	107,151
Emergency Reserve	111,144
Capital Reserve	300,400
Maintenance Reserve	126,000
Unemployment Compensation	77,731
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	241,213
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>279,832</u>
Total Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,233,910</u>

**SECTION 3**

Reserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 505,431</u>
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**Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023**

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 241,213
Reserved Excess Surplus	<u>505,431</u>
Total	<u>\$ 746,644</u>

**Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Extraordinary Aid 2022-2023	\$ 434,738
Nonpublic Transportation Aid 2022-2023	<u>1,554</u>
	<u>\$ 436,292</u>

## RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

1. Summer school tuition revenues appropriated during the school year be approved by formal Board resolution.
2. Board resolutions be prepared and approved identifying individuals and salary amount to be charged to Federal grant programs.

III. School Purchasing Program

There are none.

IV. School Food Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year's recommendations and corrective action was taken on all prior recommendations.

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

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