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Auditor's Management Report
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AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS

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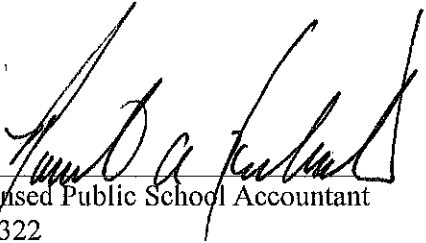
REPORT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Lavallette School District
County of Ocean, 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 Lavallette School District in the County of Ocean, for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2024.

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 Lavallette 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.



Licensed Public School Accountant
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January 15, 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING

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, 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 ACFR.

Officials Bond

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Patricia Christopher	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$ 155,380
Joan Buczkowski	Treasurer	155,380

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 Payroll Account. Employee's payroll deductions and employer's share of fringe benefits were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

Reserve for Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

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

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.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary disclosed no reportable conditions.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer's records were in agreement with the records of the Board Secretary.

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

The study of compliance for E.S.E.A. indicated the following 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 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 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 \$20,200 for 2022-23.

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 contract 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 has not been audited as a major program and has not expended \$100,000 or more in Federal and State support.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. Reimbursement vouchers were timely filed, and meals claimed agreed with meal count records.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served did not exceed 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 and free milk policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

Time sheets were reviewed and labor costs verified. Payroll records were maintained on all School Food Services employees authorized by the Board of Education.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. Districts with food service management companies are depositing and expending program monies in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 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. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

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

Application of 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. We also performed a review of the district procedures related to its completion. 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 2022-2023 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 Years' 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.

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 5,490,427
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(863,494)</u>
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 4,626,933</u>
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 92,539</u>
Enter Greater of Above or \$250,000	\$ 250,000
Increased by Allowable Adjustment	<u>1,872</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 251,872</u>

Section 2

Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-23	\$ 2,678,540
Decreased by:	
Reserve for Encumbrances	(45,028)
Reserve for Unemployment	(46,144)
Other Reserves	<u>(2,317,079)</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 270,289</u>
Restricted Fund Balance – Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 18,417</u>

Section 3

Excess Surplus – Current Year	\$ 18,417
Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus – Designated for Subsequent Expenditures	<u> </u>
Total Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 18,417</u>

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Non-Public Transportation Aid	\$ 1,872
Extraordinary Aid	<u> </u>
	<u>\$ 1,872</u>

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Maintenance Reserve	\$ 802,918
Capital Reserve	<u>1,514,161</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,317,079</u>

LAVALLETTESCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						Private Schools for Disabled			
	Reported On		Reported on		Errors		Sample Selected		Verified Per		Errors Per Registers		Reported On	Sample for	Sample	Sample
	A.S.S.A. on Roll		Workpapers on Roll				from Workpapers		Registers on Roll		on Roll		A.S.S.A. as	Verification	Verified	Errors
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Private Schools			
Full Day Pre K - 3yr	6		6				6		6							
Full Day Pre K - 4yr	6		6				6		6							
Full Day Kindergarten	21		21				21		21							
One	15		15				15		15							
Two	13		13				13		13							
Three	14		14				14		14							
Four	14		14				14		14							
Five	12		12				12		12							
Six	9		9				9		9							
Seven	15		15				15		15							
Eight	15		15				15		15							
Subtotal	140	0	140	0	0	0	140	0	140	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Special Ed. - Elementary	8		8				8		8							
Special Ed. - Middle School	7		7				7		7							
Special Ed. - High School																
Subtotal	15	0	15	0	0	0	15	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. - Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	155	0	155	0	0	0	155	0	155	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Percentage Error					0%	0%					0%	0%				0%

LAVALLETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

Low Income

LEP Students - N/A

	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 Pre K - 4yr	1	1		1	1	
Full Day Kindergarten	3	3		3	3	
One	2	2		2	2	
Two						
Three	3	3		3	3	
Four	2	2		2	2	
Five	2	2		2	2	
Six	2	2		2	2	
Seven	2	2		2	2	
Eight	1	1		1	1	
Subtotal	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>0</u>
Special Ed. - Elementary	2	2		2	2	
Special Ed. - Middle						
Subtotal	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
Totals	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

Transportation

	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
	Reg. - Public Schools - Col. 1	34.5	34.5		34.5	34.5
Reg. Special Ed. - Col. 4	3	3		3	3	
Transported - Non-Public - Col. 3						
Special Needs - Col. 6	1	1		1	1	
Totals	<u>38.5</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>38.5</u>	<u>0</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0%</u>			<u>0%</u>

	Reported	Recalculated
Avg. Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students	10.3	10.3
Avg. Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students	10.3	10.3
Avg. Mileage - Special Education	8.0	8.0

LAVALLETTE SCHOOL DISTRICT
AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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.