MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2023

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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Montville Township Public Schools 86 River Road Montville, New Jersey 07045

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 Montville Township Public Schools as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 17, 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 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.

LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP Certified Public Accountants Public School Accountants

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey January 17, 2024

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Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Superintendent of Schools, the activities of the Board of Education and 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, "Schedule of Insurance", as presented in the District's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (the "ACFR").

Official Bonds

Name	Position	<u>Amount</u>	
Katine M. Slunt	School Business Administrator	\$400,000	

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with General Security Property and Casualty 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 benefits data required per N.J.S.A. 18A:16-3.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year of audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

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

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 signature certification, proper itemization 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 payroll taxes were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

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

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

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

Year-End 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. 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:23-8.3.

<u>Travel</u>

The Board has adopted a travel policy that complies with N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Board Secretary's Records

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes.

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

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 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 Exhibit K-3 and Exhibit K-4 located in the Single Audit Section of 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 contained herein represent a true statement of 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 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.

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Reports 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 60 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

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-2 and 18A:18A-3(a) \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) on \$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 currently \$20,200.

If the purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of section 9 of P.L. 1971, c.198 (C.40A:11-9), the Board of Education may establish that the bid threshold may be up to \$44,000. 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. The Board has designated the School Business Administrator as the Qualified Purchasing Agent.

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 did not indicate any individual payments, contracts or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing 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 <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; however, our testing revealed that the District utilized State contracts and New Jersey purchasing consortiums during 2022/23.

School Food Service

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch Program and has contracted with Chartwells to operate and manage its food service program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food services were maintained in good condition.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

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 food service. Net cash resources did not exceed three months average expenditures.

Exhibits reflecting food service operations are included in the section entitled Enterprise Funds.

Student Body Activity

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

Cash receipts and disbursements records for all schools were maintained in good 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 disabled, 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. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The district did maintain workpapers on the prescribed state forms or their equivalent.

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 without exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of audited enrollments.

Our procedures 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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of referendum and Energy Savings Improvement related transactions and the awarding of contracts related to the projects.

The District maintains a capital assets ledger.

Testing for Lead of All Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district submitted the annual Statement of Assurance to the Department of Education, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-12.4(g).

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

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

Suggestion to Management

Continued efforts be made to obtain quarterly forms B187q from the State of New Jersey Department of Labor and Workforce Development with respect to claims for unemployment.

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOOD SERVICE ENTERPRISE FUND NUMBER OF MILK SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

NOT APPLICABLE

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

NOT APPLICABLE

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

		2023-20	24 Applica	tion for State	School Aid	1			Sampl	e for Verifica	tion			Private Scho	ols for Disa	bled
-	Repo	rted on	Repo	rted on			Sa	mple	Verif	ied per	En	ors per	Reported on	Sample		
	A.:	S.S.A.	Worl	cpapers			Selecte	ed from	Re	gister	Re	gisters	A.S.S.A. as	for		
	Or	1 Roll	0	n Roll	Er	rrors	Work	papers	Or	ı Roll	C	n Roll	Private	Verifi-	Sample	Sample
-	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Schools	cation	Verified	Errors
Half Day Preschool - 3 yrs	7	-	7	-	-	-	6	-	6	-	-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4 yrs	17	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	236	-	236	-	-	-	55	-	55	-	-	-				
GRADE 1	225	-	225	-	-	-	49	-	49	-	-	-				
GRADE 2	216	-	216	-	-	-	43	-	43	-	-	-				
GRADE 3	248	-	248	-	-	-	46	-	46	-	-	-				
GRADE 4	205	-	205	-	-	-	36	-	36	-	-	-				
GRADE 5	226	-	226	-	-	-	30	-	30	-	-	-				
GRADE 6	208	-	208	-	-	-	208	-	208	-	-	-				
GRADE 7	191	-	191	-	-	-	191	-	191	-	-	-				
GRADE 8	223	-	223	-	-	-	223	-	223	-	-	-				
GRADE 9	232	-	232	-	-	-	232	-	232	-	-	-				
GRADE 10	219	-	219	-	-	-	219	-	219	-	-	-				
GRADE 11	202	8	202	8	-	-	202	8	202	8	-	-				
GRADE 12	225	8	225	8	-	-	225	8	225	8	-	-				
Subtotal	2,880	16	2,880	16	-	-	1,765	16	1,765	16	-	-				
Spec Ed - Elementary	218	-	218	-	-	-	34	-	34	-	-	-	1	1	1	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	100	-	100	-	-	-	100	-	100	-	-	-	8	2	2	-
Spec Ed - High School	205	9	205	9	-	-	205	9	205	9	-	-	18	5	5	-
Subtotal	523	9	523	9	-	-	339	9	339	9	-	-	27	8	8	-
-																
Totals	3,403	25	3,403	25	-	-	2,104	25	2,104	25	_	-	27.0	8.0	8.0	-
Percentage Error				_	0.00%	6 0.00%				_	0.00%	0.00%				0.00%

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

	Low In	come		Sample for Verification			Resid	ent LEP Low I	ncome	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	Reported on Workpapers	Errors	Sample Selected	Sample Verified	Errors	
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	-			-	-		-	-		-	-		
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Full Day Kindergarten	6	6	-	2	2.0	-	2	2	-	1	1.0	-	
GRADE 1	7	7	-	2	2.0	-	3	3	-	1	1.0	-	
GRADE 2	3	3	-	1	1.0	-	1.0	1	-	1	1.0	-	
GRADE 3	4	4	-	1	1.0	-	2	2	-	1	1.0	-	
GRADE 4	4	4	-	1	1.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 5	6	6	-	2	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 6	8	8	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 7	6	6	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 8	5	5	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 9	6	6	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 10	3	3	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 11	6	6	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 12	4.0	4	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	68.0	68	-	21	21	-	13	13	-	4	4	-	
Spec Ed - Elementary	11	11	-	3	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spec Ed- Middle School	6	6	-	2	2.0	-	2	2	-	1	1.0	-	
Spec Ed - High School	11	11	-	3	3.0	-	2.0	2.0	-	-	-	-	
-	28	28	-	8	8	-	4	4	-	1	1		
-							<u> </u>			<u></u>		_	
Totals =	96.0	96.0	-	29.0	29.0	-	17.0	17.0	-	5.0	5.0	-	
		:	0.00%			0.00%		=	0.00%		-	0.00%	
Percentage Error													

			Tran	sportation			
-	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors		Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular- Public Schools	1,102	1,102	-		53	53	-
Transported- Non- Public	27	27	-		2	2	-
Regular - Sped.	154	154	-		8	8	-
Special Needs- Public	117	117	-	<u></u>	6	6	-
Totals =	1,400.0	1,400.0	-		69.0	69.0	-
Percentage Error		=	0.00%			=	0.00%

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

	Resident	LEP NOT Low Inc	ome	Samp	tion	
	Reported on	Reported on				
	A.S.S.A as	Workpapers as		Sample	Verified to	
	Not Low	Not Low		Selected from	Application	Sample
	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Preschool - 3 years	-	-		-	-	
Full Day Preschool - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	14	14	-	4	4	-
GRADE 1	14	14	-	4	4	-
GRADE 2	10	10	-	3	3	-
GRADE 3	3	3	-	1	1	-
GRADE 4	2	2	-	1	1	-
GRADE 5	1	1	-	-	-	-
GRADE 6	2	2	-	1	1	-
GRADE 7	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 8	3	3	-	1	1	-
GRADE 9	1	1	-	-	-	-
GRADE 10	2	2	-	1	1	-
GRADE 11	1	1	-	-	-	-
GRADE 12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	53	53	-	16	16	-
Spec Ed - Elementary	5	5	-	2	2	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	1	1	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	3	3	-	1	1	-
	9	9	-	3	3	-
Totals	62	62	-	19	19	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

2022-2023 Total General Fund Budgetary Expenditures		\$	105,901,397
Decreased by: Acquisitions Under Capital Lease On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	\$ (305,711) (19,755,596)		
			(20,061,307)
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures		<u>\$</u>	85,840,090
2% of Adjustment 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 1,716,802		
Increased by Allowable Adjustments			
Extraordinary Aid	962,394		
Non Public Transportation	 65,002		
Maximum Husseinnal Data an		¢	0 744 100
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance		<u>\$</u>	2,744,198
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023			
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)		\$	17,394,317
Decreased by:			
Encumbrances	\$ 2,364,812		
Restricted Fund Balance			
Capital Reserve	7,946,338		
Maintenance Reserve	2,289,014		
Unemployment Compensation Reserve	353,818		
Escrow	37,384		
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	 1,751,113		14 740 470
			14,742,479
Total Unassigned Fund Balance			2,651,838
Fund Balance - Excess Surplus		<u>\$</u>	

MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative 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 Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activity

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

Corrective action was taken on the prior year recommendation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and would like to thank the Business Office, Superintendent's Office and their staff for the courtesies extended to us.