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

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Honorable President and Members of the Board of Trustees North Haledon Board of Education North Haledon, 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 North Haledon Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 5, 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.

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

Dieter P. Lerch

Public School Accountant PSA Number CS00756

Fair Lawn, New Jersey December 5, 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 the Insurance Schedule contained in the district's ACFR.

Officials Bonds

Name	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Michael Donow	Treasurer of School Monies	\$200,000
Debra Andreniuk	Business Administrator	100,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with New Jersey Schools Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

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

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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

Payroll Account (Continued)

Health benefit withholdings were always remitted to 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.

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.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer performed cash reconciliations for the general operating account, net payroll and payroll agency accounts.

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

The Treasurer's cash balance for the general operating accounting was in agreement with the reconciled cash balance as determined during the audit.

The Bank reconciliations included reconciling items.

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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. financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to projects under Title I, Title II and Title 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 Schedules K-3 and K-4 located in the ACFR.

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.

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

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 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 tot eh 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 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 effective 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

Based on the results of examination, there were no 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, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

School Food Services

SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the ages of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The School Food Service Program was not selected as a major Federal or State program.

We also inquired of school management, or appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the SFA's expenditures of school food service revenues were limited to allowable direct and indirect costs.

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

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 were completed and available for review.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. 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 exceed three months average expenditures. The District will implement a plan to spend the excess cash.

School Food Services (Continued)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position does separate program and non-program revenue and cost of goods sold.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis.

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

Student Activity Funds

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

Receipts were promptly deposited.

Prenumbered receipts were utilized.

Upon review of the cash disbursements from the student accounts, our audit revealed supporting documentation was available for disbursements, with no exceptions noted.

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, bilingual and low-income. 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.

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 2022-23 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 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.

Miscellaneous

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 all prior year recommendations including findings.

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023 (MEMORANDUM ONLY)

NOT APPLICABLE

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

Proprietary Funds - Food Service FYE 2023

Net Cash Resources:

*	Current Assets Cash & Cash Equiv. Due from Other Gov'ts Accounts Receivable Investments	\$	124,580 14,857 9,519	
	Current Liabilities Less Accounts Payable Less Accruals Less Due to Other Funds		(9,365) 0	
	Net Cash Resources	\$	139,591	(A)
Net Adj. Total Operating Ex	pense:			
	Tot. Operating Exp. Less Depreciation	\$ \$	282,945 (4,357)	
	Adj. Tot. Oper. Exp.	\$	278,588	(B)
Average Monthly Operating	Expense:			
	B / 10	\$	27,859	(C)
Three times monthly Averag	<u>e:</u>			
	3 X C		83,576	(D)
TOTAL IN BOX A LESS TOTAL IN BOX D NET	\$ 139,591 \$ 83,576 \$ 56,015			

A is greater than D, cash exceeds 3 X average monthly operating expenses.

SOURCE - USDA resource management comprehensive review form

^{*} Inventories are not to be included in total current assets.

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2022

	2023-2024	Application for St	ate School Aid		Sample for Verifica	ition	Private Schools	s for Disabled
	Reported on	Reported on		Sample	Verified per	Errors per	Reported on Sample	9
	A.S.S.A.	Workpapers		Selected from	Register	Registers	A.S.S.A. as for	
	On Roll	On Roll	Errors	Workpapers	On Roll	On Roll	Private Verifi-	Sample Sample
	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Shared	Full Share	d Full Shared	Schools cation	
Half Day Preschool - 3 years	_			_	_			
Half Day Preschool - 4 years	_			_	_			
Half Day Kindergarten				-	-			
		I co		- 1 co 1	-			
Full Day Kindergarten	60	60 -		60	60			
1st Grade	47	47 -		47	47			
2nd Grade	62	62 -		62	62			
3rd Grade	53	53 -		53	53			
4th Grade	52	52 -		52	52			
5th Grade	53	53 -		53	53			
6th Grade	61	61 -		61	61			
7th Grade	56	56 -		56	56			
8th Grade	57	57 -		57	57			
9th Grade								
10th Grade				_	_			
11th Grade				_	_			
12th Grade				_	_			
Subtotal	501 -	501 -		501 -	501 -			
Cubicial	001	001		001	001			
Spec Ed - Elementary	52	52 -		40	40		1 1	1 -
Spec Ed - Middle School	23	23 -		17	17		1 1	1 -
Spec Ed - High School		'		' - '	_			_
Subtotal	75 -	75 -		57 -	57 -		22	2 -
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Totals	576 -	576 -		558 -	558 -		2 2	2 -
i otais				330 -	330			
Percentage Error		:	0.00%			0.00%		0.00%

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2022

		Low Income		Samp	le for Verificati	on		EP Low Income		Sampl	e for Verification	on
	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 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
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs)	-	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	-	_	_
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-	-	_	_	-	-	_	-	-	-
Full Day Kindergarten	11	11	-	8	8	-	3	3	-	1	1	-
1st Grade	5	5	-	4	4	-	-		-			-
2nd Grade	5	5	-	4	4	=	3	3	-	1	1	-
3rd Grade	7	7	-	5	5	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
4th Grade	6	6	-	4	4	-	-		-		_	-
5th Grade	6	6	-	4	4	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
6th Grade	9	9	-	7	7	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
7th Grade	4	4	-	3	3	-	-		-	4	4	-
8th Grade	4	4	-	3	3	-	2	2	-	1	1	-
9th Grade	-		-			-	-		-			-
10th Grade 11th Grade	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12th Grade	-	-	_	-	_	<u>-</u>	_	-	_	_	_	_
Subtotal	57	57		42	42		11	11		6	6	
Cubtotal	3,	37		72	,,_			••		Ū	·	
Spec Ed - Elementary	10	10	-	7	7	_	1	1	-	1	1	-
Spec Ed - Middle School	6	6	_	4	4	_	_	_	_	-	-	-
Spec Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	-		-	-
Subtotal	16	16	-	11	11	-	1	1	_	1	1	-
Totals	73	73		53	53		12	12		7	7	
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Percentage Erro	r	=	0.00%		:	0.00%		=	0.00%			0.00%
			Transp	ortation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors						
Regular - Public Schools	2	2	-	1	1	_						

	DRTRS by DOE	DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	2	2	_	1	1	-
Transported - Non-Public	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIL - Non-Public	105	105	-	70	70	-
Regular - Spec.			-			-
Special Needs - Public	2	2		1	1	_
Totals	109	109		72	72	
		=	0.00%		=	0.00%

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION A.S.S.A. SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS 10/15/2022

		⊃ Not 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 Register	Sample Errors	
Half Day Pre-School (3 Yrs) Half Day Pre-School (4 Yrs) Half Day Kindergarten Full Day Kindergarten 1st Grade	- 1 1	- 1 1	- - -	- 1 1	- 1 1	- - - -	
2nd Grade 3rd Grade 4th Grade	1	1	-	1	1	- - -	
5th Grade 6th Grade	3 3 2	3 3 2	-	2 2	2 2 1	-	
7th Grade 8th Grade 9th Grade 10th Grade	1 -	1 -	- -	1 -	1 -	- - -	
11th Grade 12th Grade Subtotal	- - - 12	- - - 12	-	- - - 9	- - - 9	- - -	
			-	9		-	
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed - Middle School Spec Ed - High School	2 -	2 -	-	-	1 - -	-	
Subtotal	2	2	-	1	1	-	
Totals	14	14		10	10	-	
Percentage Error	•	=	0.00%			0.00%	

NORTH HALEDON BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

SECTION 1A - Four Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2022/2023 expenditures of \$1	<u>100 mi</u>	illion or less)
2022-2023 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR	\$	13,652,136
Decreased by:		
Assets Acquired by Capital Lease On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security		(10,463) (2,754,224)
Adjusted 2022-2023 General Fund Expenditures		10,887,449
2% of Adjusted 2022/2023 General Fund Expenditures, or \$250,000		250,000
Increased by:		
Allowable Adjustment	•	103,735
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$</u>	353,735
SECTION 2		
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2023		
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison schedule/statement)	\$	1,913,329
Decreased by:		
Reserved for Encumbrances		81,808
Capital Reserve		611,708
Maintenance Reserve		165,000
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year		232,244
Unemployment Compensation		11,409
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year		50,000
Total Assigned Fund Balance for Excess Surplus Calculation	<u>\$</u>	761,160
SECTION 3		
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023		
Reserved Excess Surplus	\$	407,425
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures		232,244
	<u>\$</u>	639,669
Detail of Allowable Adjustments		
Non Dublic Transportation Aid	ď	22 760
Non-Public Transportation Aid Extraordinary Aid	\$	32,760 70,975
	\$	103,735

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration 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 Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Status of Prior Year's Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were none.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 team.

Respectfully submitted, LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP

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