OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF SUSSEX
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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#### FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,

### COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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The Honorable President and Members

Ogdensburg Borough School District County of Sussex, New Jersey

of the Board of Education

December 8, 2023

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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 Ogdensburg Borough School District in the County of Sussex for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 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 December 8, 2023, on the financial statements of the Board.

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

This report is intended for the information of the Ogdensburg Borough 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.

Heidi A. Wohlleb Heidi A. Wohlleb

Licensed Public School Accountant #2140

Certified Public Accountant

#### 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

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

#### Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

Name	Position	<u>C</u>	overage
Linda DiLorenzo	Treasurer of School Monies	\$	160,000
Richard Rennie	Business Administrator/Board Secretary		160,000

#### 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**

There was no tuition revenue during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

#### 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.

#### 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.

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

#### Payroll Account and Position Control Roster (Cont'd)

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

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

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendents, assistant superintendents and business administrator) to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by March 15<sup>th</sup> 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 Expenditures – General and Administrative

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 as a test sample, our sample selection included administrative coding classifications to determine overall reliability and compliance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-8.2. Overall compliance was noted.

#### 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.

#### Treasurer's Records

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Treasurer'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.

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

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#### 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

The T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures was remitted to the State of New Jersey prior to the required deadline of October 1, 2023. The revised reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

#### <u>Travel Expenses and Travel Reimbursement Policy</u>

Travel regulations require each District to adopt a formal policy and procedure pertaining to travel and expense reimbursement for its employees and board members. The regulations include requirements for the District to establish a maximum travel amount for the year and to ensure that the maximum amount is not exceeded. The regulations also require that all travel must be preapproved by the Board of Education and Superintendent and that a brief report detailing the key issues addressed at the travel event must be submitted after the travel event has occurred. Overall compliance was noted in our 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).

#### **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.

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

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 . . . . ."

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 2022-23.

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 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.

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#### **School Food Service**

The school food service program was not selected as a major federal and/or state program. However, the program expenditures exceeded \$100,000 in federal and/or State support. Accordingly, we inquired of school management, or the appropriate school food service personnel, as to whether the School Food Authority (SFA) had any Child Nutrition Program reimbursement overclaims or underclaims. No exceptions were noted.

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. No exceptions were noted.

Exhibits reflecting Child Nutrition Program operations are included in the section entitled "Proprietary Funds", Section G of the ACFR.

Non-program foods were purchased, prepared or offered for sale. The Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position in the ACFR Schedule B-5 does separate program and non-program revenue and program and non-program cost of goods sold.

We inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records, meal counts, noncompetitive procurements, modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations.

The FSMC did not receive a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan

#### Finding 2023-001:

Net cash resources of the Food Service Fund exceeded three months average expenditures as of June 30, 2023 by \$20,614. As the District already has plans in place to address the excess, no formal recommendation is judged to be warranted.

#### Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the Student Activities 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.

#### Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of enrollments and related services reported in the October 15, 2022 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, bilingual and low income 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 with a few minor offsetting exceptions for the on-roll and low income counts. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis with one exception. The results of our procedures are presented in the schedule of Audit Enrollments.

The District maintained workpapers on the prescribed State forms or their equivalent.

The District has adequate procedures for the recording of student enrollment data.

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#### **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. No exceptions were noted in our review of transportation related purchases of goods and services.

#### Facilities and Capital Assets

There were no active facilities projects funded with SDA grants during the current fiscal year.

#### **Management Suggestions:**

#### Reconciling Food Service Management Contractor's Operating Statement with District Records

It is suggested that the District reconcile the revenue and expenses per the Food Service Management Contractor's Operating Statement with the District's records on a monthly basis.

#### **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 findings or recommendations.

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

		2023-2024	Application	2023-2024 Application for State School Aid	hool Aid			0,1	sample for <sup>1</sup>	Sample for Verification		
I	Reported G.A.S.S.A.	Reported on A.S.S.A.	Reported on Workpapers	ted on			San	Sample Selected from	Verified per Registers	ed per sters	Errors per Registers	s per sters
	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	Soll	Errors	ors	Work	Workpapers	On Roll	Roll	On Roll	loll
. 1	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	17		17		0		20		20			
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	27		26		_		11		11			
Full Day Kindergarten	21		21				21		21			
Grade One	25		22		3		22		22			
Grade Two	19		19		0		21		21			
Grade Three	25		24		1		24		24			
Grade Four	23		24		(1)		16		16			
Grade Five	18		18				18		18			
Grade Six	17		17				17		17			
Grade Seven	14		14				14		14			
Grade Eight	26		56				26		26			
Subtotal	232		228		4		210		210			
Special Ed - Elementary	28		29		7		ю		2		1	
Special Ed - Middle School	19		22		(3)		3		3			
Subtotal	47		51		(4)		9		5		1	
Totals	279	-0-	279	0-	-0-	-0-	216	0-	215	-0-	1.00	-0-
Percentage Error				-	0.00%	0.00%					0.46%	0.00%

OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

	I	Private Schools for Disabled	for Disabled				Resident Low Income	w Income		
	Reported on A.S.S.A. as	Sample			Reported on A.S.S.A.	Reported on Workpapers		Sample Selected	Verified to	
	Private	for	Sample	Sample	as Low	as Low		from	Application	Sample
	Schools	Verification	Verified	Errors	Income	Income	Errors	Workpapers	and Register	Errors
Full Day Preschool 4						4	4			
Full Day Kindergarten					3	3				
Grade One					5	5		1	1	
Grade Two					5	5		1	1	
Grade Three					7	7		1	1	
Grade Four					9	5	1			
Grade Five					2	2				
Grade Six					3	3		1	1	
Grade Seven					2	2				
Grade Eight					3	2	1			
Subtotal					36	38	(2)	4	4	
Special Ed - Elementary					7	7		1	-	
Special Ed - Middle School					6	7	2	1	1	
Subtotal					16	14	2	2	2	
Totals	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	52	52	0-	9	9	-0-
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# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS - RESIDENT LEP NOT LOW INCOME ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS - RESIDENT LEP LOW INCOME ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

NOT APPLICABLE

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

			Transportation	rtation		
	Reported on DRTRS	Reported on DRTRS				
	by DOE	by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular - Public Schools	7	7			-	
Transported - Non Public	5	S		-	-	
Special Needs - Public	4	4			-	
Totals	111	11	-0-	8	3	-0-
P.	Percentage Error		0.00%			0.00%
				Reported	Recalculated	
Average Mileage - Regular Including Grade PK Students Average Mileage - Regular Excluding Grade PK Students Average Mileage - Special Education with Special Needs	uding Grade PK Stuc luding Grade PK Stu ation with Special N	dents idents Veeds		5.1 5.1 1.0	5.1 5.1 1.0	

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### **EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION**

#### REGULAR DISTRICT

#### **SECTION 1**

#### A. 2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2022-23 General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1 Increased by: Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	\$ \$ \$	-0-	(B) (B1a (B1b (B1c	)	
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	\$	41,235	(B1d	)	
Decreased by:					
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	\$	1,185,524	- '		
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	_\$_	-0-	(B2b	)	
Adjusted 22-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	\$	4,667,209	(B3)		
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	\$	93,344	(B4)		
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$</u>	250,000	- ' '		
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment		1,356	_(K)		
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]				\$	251,356 (M)
SECTION 2					
Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/23	\$	1,795,325	(C)		
(Per ACFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule C-1)			- ` ′		
Decreased by:					
Year End Encumbrances	_\$	28,410			
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	-0-	(C2)		
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent	<b>C</b>	170 090	(C2)		
Year's Expenditures Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$</u> \$	170,989 969,196	- ' '		
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$	194,808	- ' '		
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		·	• ' ′	_\$_	431,922 (U1)

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

#### **SECTION 3**

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-	\$ 180,566 (E)
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023	
Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 170,989 (C3)
Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	\$ 180,566 (E)
Total [(C3)+(E)]	\$ 351,555 (D)
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
Impact Aid	\$ -0- (H)
Sale and Lease Back	\$ -0- (I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$ -0- (I) \$ -0- (J1) \$ 1,356 (J2) \$ -0- (J3) \$ -0- (J4)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$ 1,356 (J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$ -0- (J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$ -0- (J4)
Total Adjustments ((H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4))	\$ 1,356 (K)
Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance	
Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$ -0-
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$ -0-
Capital reserve	\$ 562,524 \$ 321,785
Maintenance reserve	\$ 321,785
Emergency reserve	\$ -0- \$ -0-
Tuition reserve	
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	\$ -0-
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	\$ -0-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	\$ -0-
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	\$ -0-
Other state/governmental mandated reserve	\$ -0-
Unemployment Compensation	\$ 84,887
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above	\$ -0-
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 969,196 (C4)

# OGDENSBURG BOROUGH 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. <u>School Food Service</u>

None

5. Student Body Activities

None

6. Application for State School Aid

None

7. Pupil Transportation

None

8. <u>Facilities and Capital Assets</u>

None

9. <u>Miscellaneous</u>

None

10. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings or recommendations.