ROSELLE PARK BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT COUNTY OF UNION

JUNE 30, 2023

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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 Roselle Park School District County of Union, 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 Roselle Park School District in the County of Union, 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 Roselle Park 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

ROBERT A. HULSART AND COMPANY

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>
Atilla Sabahoglu	Board Secretary/School Business	
	Administrator	25,000
Gregory S. Mayers	Treasurer	300,000

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with the New Jersey School Boards Association Insurance Group covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$5,000.00 - \$25,000.00.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made the proper adjustment in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23-3.1(f) 3.

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/Payroll Agency

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies.

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. No exceptions were noted.

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 projects under Title II, Title III and Title IV of the E.S.E.A.

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, with no exceptions noted.

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 2023-1: That all grant activity be reconciled to the Board reports at year-end.

<u>Recommendation 2023-1</u>: That a spreadsheet be maintained that traces all grant activity for the year, including prior year balances that ties out to the Board reports at year-end.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursement forms filed with Department of Education for district employees who are members of the Teachers Pension and Annuity Fund.

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 contact 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 Fund has been audited as a major program.

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

The District utilizes a food service management company (FSMC) and is depositing and expending program monies in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:17-34, and 19-1 through 19-4.1. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. As a result of the uncertainties during the public health emergency there is no guaranteed operating result for 2022-2023 school year. All vendor discounts, rebates, and credits from vendors and/or the FSMC were tracked and credited to the Food Service Account and reconciled to supporting documentation at least annually.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and meal count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. 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. The free and reduced price meal policy is uniformly administered throughout the School System. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications was completed and available for review.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits per state guidelines.

School Food Service Fund (Continued)

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified. Pomptonian's inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

The cash disbursement records reflected expenditures for program related goods and services. The District deposited and expended 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.

U.S.D.A. 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, Section G.

Due to the ongoing public health emergency, New Jersey school districts were being reimbursed by the Federal Government at the free meal reimbursement rate for all lunches served, regardless of being free, reduced or at full price. This resulted in districts receiving an unprecedented amount of revenue in 2022-2023.

The district could not reasonably or responsibly spend this level of funding in a single fiscal year. To address this, the district has a plan in place to expend the funding responsibly over the next year. In our opinion it is unreasonable to cite the school districts management for a situation they had no control over.

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.

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, 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 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 equivalents.

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 errors. 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.

District Travel Policy

The District maintained a log for all employees who were not under an existing contract in relation to travel expenditures; the log was examined and was in compliance with the administrative code.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

Corrective action was taken on Finding 2022-1 regarding proving records at year-end.

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 Surplus2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures Per the ACFR	\$ 46,887,984
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(9.125,441</u>)
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 37,762,543</u>
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures Increased by Allowable Adjustments	\$ 755,251 822,844
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,578,095</u>
Section 2 Total General Fund – Fund Balance @ 6-30-23	\$ 15,346,146
Decreased by: Reserved for Encumbrances Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – BOE Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures – Capital Reserve Reserve for Unemployment Other Reserves	(1,476,783) (1,970,103) (861,417) (1,194,673) (105,446) (6,120,405)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$3,617,319</u>
Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 2,039,137</u>
Section 3 Reserved Fund Balance – Excess Surplus Designated for Subsequent Years Expenditures - Excess Surplus	\$ 2,039,224
<u>Detail of Allowable Adjustments</u> Extraordinary Aid	<u>\$ 822,844</u>
Detail of Other Reserved Fund Balance Capital Reserve Maintenance Reserve	\$ 3,820,201
	<u>\$ 6,120,405</u>

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

Sheet 1 of 3

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Full Day Kindergarten	132		132				40		40							
One	127		127				41		41							
Two	108		108				36		36							
Three	104		104				39		39							
Four	104		104				54		54							
Five	123		123				49		49							
Six	127		127				127		127							
Seven	121		121				121		121							
Eight	155		155				155		155							
Nine	114		114				114		114							
Ten	142		142				142		142							
Eleven	130	7	130	7			130	7	130	7						
Twelve	126	6	126	6			126	6	126	6						
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Special Ed Middle School	73		73				73		73				1	1	1	
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Sample for Verification

ROSELLE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

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Fight	Seven	48	48		16			3	3		1	1	
Ten	Eight	62	62		15			4	4		3	3	
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Twelve	Ten	70	70		21	21		11	11		7	7	
Subtotal	Eleven	52	52		9	9		8				•	
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Percentage Error

APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2022

Sheet 3 of 3

	Resident	LEP Not Low Incom	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 Test Score and Register	Sample Errors	
Full Day Kindergarten	17	17		14	14		
One	5	5		4	4		
Two	5	5		5	5		
Three	4	4		2	2		
Four	2	2		2	2		
Five	1	1		1	1		
Six	4	4		3	3		
Seven	1	1		1	1		
Eight	1	1		1	1		
Nine	3	3		2	2		
Ten	4	4		2	2		
Eleven							
Twelve	3	3					
Subtotal	50	50	0	37	37	0	
Special Ed Elementary Special Ed Middle School Special Ed High School	8	8		6	6		
Subtotal	8	8	0	6	6	0	
Totals	58	58	0	43	43	0	
Percentage Error			0%			0%	

FOOD SERVICE FUND

NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM - FEDERAL

ENTERPRISE FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	Meal Category	Meals Claimed	Meals Tested	Meals Verified	Difference	Rate	(Over)/ Under Claim
<u>Program</u>					_		
National School Lunch							
(Regular Rate)	Paid	101,599	66,085	66,085	-	\$ 0.83 *	-
	Reduced	24,646	15,873	15,873	-	4.00 *	-
	Free	68,541	43,935	43,935		4.40 *	
Total Net Overclaim		194,786	125,893	125,893			
Breakfast Program							
(Regular Rate)	Paid	1,114	680	680	-	\$ 0.50	-
	Reduced	539	349	349	-	1.96	-
	Free	748	472	472		2.26	
Total Net Overclaim		2,401	1,501	1,501			-
Breakfast Program							
(Severe Needs Rate)	Paid	7,161	4,571	4,571	-	\$ 0.50	_
	Reduced	3,014	1,890	1,890		2.37	
	Free	11,621	7,389	7,389		2.67	
Total Net Overclaim		21,796	13,850	13,850	-		

NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE

NET CASH RESOURCES DID NOT EXCEED 3 MONTHS OF EXPENDITURES

PROPRIETARY FUNDS - FOOD SERVICE

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net Cash Resources:			Food Service G - 1/2			
ACFR	Current Assets					
G-1	Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$	279,008			
G-1	Accounts Receivables		125,468			
	Current Liabilities					
G-1	Less Accounts Payable		(38,473)			
	Net Cash Resources	\$	366,003 (A)			
Net Adjustment To	otal Operating Expense:					
G-2	Total Operating Expenses		1,508,909			
G-2	Less Depreciation		(147)			
	Adjusted Total Operating Expenses	<u></u>	1,508,762 (B)			
Average Monthly	Operating Expense:					
	B/10	\$	150,876 (C)			
Three Times Mont	hly Average					
	3 X C	\$	452,629 (D)			
Total in (A)		\$	366,003			
Less Total in (D)			(452,629)			
Net		\$	(86,626)			

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Recommendations:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures

None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

A record of grant fund activity be maintained and proven to the Board Secretary's Report at year-end.

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

The prior year finding on proving records at year-end was corrected.