BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR BOARD OF EDUCATION

AUDITORS MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

June 30, 2023

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Report of Independent Auditors

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education Borough of Stone Harbor School District County of Cape May, New Jersey

We have audited, in accordance with generally accepted audit standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u> issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Borough of Stone Harbor School District in the County of Cape May for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 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 report is intended solely for the information and use of the Borough of Stone Harbor 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.

FORD, SCOTT & ASSOCIATES, L.L.C. CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Michael S. Garcia

Michael S. Garcia Certified Public Accountant Licensed Public School Accountant No. 2080

November 30, 2023



ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Moneys, 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, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's ACFR.

Official Bonds (NJSA 18A:17-26,18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
James Craft Linda Fiori	Treasurer Board Secretary/ School Business Administrator	\$ 150,000 50,000

P.L. 2020, c.44

Our audit 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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

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

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits withholding due to the general fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the treasurer of school moneys 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 NJAC 6:23A-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 NJAC 6A:23A-8.3. 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.

A. General Classification Findings

None

B. Administrative Classification Findings

None

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the board secretary disclosed no issues.

<u>Treasurer's Records</u>

The records of the treasurer were in satisfactory condition.

<u>Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).</u>

The District received no ESEA/ESSA funds during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023.

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 the special projects indicated no areas of noncompliance and/or questioned costs.

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

Not applicable.

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 \$36,000, 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. (pending 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 the section.
- 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 rat as that term is defined in NJS 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. Any contract made pursuant to this section may be awarded for a period of 24 consecutive months, except that contracts for professional services pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection a. of NJSA 18A:18A-5 may be awarded for a period not exceeding 12 consecutive months.

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.

The board of education may, by resolution approved by a majority of the board of education and subject to subsections b. and c. of this section, disqualify a bidder who would otherwise be determined to be the lowest responsible bidder, if the board of education finds that it has had prior negative experience with the bidder."

Effective July 1, 2010 and thereafter 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. Avalon Board of Education has a Qualified Purchasing Agent therefore the bid threshold was \$44,000 for fiscal year 2021. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contract under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$20,200.

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 Solicitor'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 goods or services, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine if any clear-cut violations existed.

Based on the results of my examination, I 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 in accordance with the provision of N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-4, as amended.

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. My examination did not reveal any purchases through the use of State contracts.

Student Body Activities

The financial transactions of the student activity funds were maintained in a satisfactory condition. Cash receipts were promptly deposited and cash disbursements had adequate supporting documentation.

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, low-income, and bi-lingual. 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 information that was included on the workpapers was verified. The results of our procedures are also presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

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 2022-2023 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.

Follow-up on Prior Years' Findings

Not applicable

Acknowledgement

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and I greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

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

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

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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT

SECTION 1

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2022-23 Total General Fund Expenditures per the ACFR, Ex. C-1	\$3,812,838	(B)		
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 Pre-K Regular Transfer from General Fund to SRF for Pre-K Inclusion	0 0	(B1a) (B1b) (B1c) (B1d)		
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	(457,533) 0	(B2a) (B2b)		
Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	\$3,355,305	(B3)		
2% of Adjusted 2022-23 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02] Enter greater of (B4) or \$250,000 Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	67,106 250,000 0			
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		=	\$250,000	(M)
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SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U2)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0
**Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2023

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **

Reserved Excess Surplus ***[(E)]

Total [(C3) + (E) + (F)]

**114,168 (D)

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized for Federal Impact Aid, Sale and Lease-back (Refer to the Audit Program Section II, chapter 10), Extraordinary Aid, and Additional and Nonpublic School Transportation Aid; recognized current year School Bus Advertising Revenue; and Family Crisis Transportation Aid.

(Refer to the Audit Program Section II, Chapter 10 for restrictions on the inclusion of Extraordinary Aid, Family Crisis Transportation Aid, and Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid).

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	\$0	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	\$0	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	\$0	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	\$0	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	\$0	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	\$0	(J4)
Supplemental Stabilization Aid received April 2023 & Maintenance of Equity Aid rec. July 2023	\$0	(J5)
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Total Adjustments [(H)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	\$0	(K)

This amount represents the June 30, 2023 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90031.

Amount for Other Reserved Fund Balances must be detailed for each source. Use in the excess surplus calculation of any legal reserve that is not state mandated or that is not legally imposed by an other type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have Departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	\$0
Sale/lease-back reserve	\$0
Capital reserve	\$498,116
Maintenance reserve	\$250
Emergency reserve	\$13,200
Tuition reserve	\$0
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/government mandated reserves	\$0
Reserve for Unemployment Fund	\$32,426
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above****	\$0
Total Other Reserved Fund Balance	\$543,992 (C

^{***} Amount must agree to the June 30, 2023 ACFR and the sum of the two lines must agree to Audit Summary Worksheet Line 90030.

AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023 SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BOROUGH OF STONE HARBOR

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures None

2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting None

3. School Purchasing Program None

4. School Food Service

None

5. After School Program

None

6. Student Body Activities

None

7. Application for State School Aid

None

8. Pupil Transportation

None

9. Facilities and Capital Assets

None

10. Miscellaneous

None

11. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings noted, therefore no corrective action necessary.