RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -FINANCIAL COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE JUNE 30, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members of the Board of Education River Vale Board of Education River Vale, 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 River Vale Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated November 13, 2019.

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 Education, 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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey November 13, 2019

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 reported on Exhibit J-20 as contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

Name	Position	Amount
Kelly Ippolito	Board Secretary/School Business Administrator	\$150,000
Gennaro Rotella	Treasurer of School Monies	\$300,000

There is Employees' Dishonesty with Faithful Performance coverage with Selective Insurance Company of America covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$100,000.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not reveal any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

The net salaries of all employees tested of the Board were deposited in the Payroll Account. Employees' payroll deductions tested and employer's share of fringe benefits tested were deposited in the Payroll Agency Account.

Payrolls were delivered to the Treasurer of School Monies with a warrant made to his order for the full amount of each payroll.

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

The District filed the required Certification (ECERT1) of Compliance with requirements for income tax compensation of certain administration with the NJ Department of Treasury by the March 15 due date.

Employee Position Control Roster

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (position control) system

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Reserve for 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 reserves 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 <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 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:23A-8.3.

Board Secretary's Records

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

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

Bids received were summarized in the minutes.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform reconciliations for the general operating account, capital project account, food service account, net payroll account and payroll agency account.

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

Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method and has established an Unemployment Compensation Insurance Trust Fund. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the Fiduciary Fund.

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 CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title II and Title IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

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.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The district's Special Projects were approved as listed Exhibits K-3 and K-4 located in the CAFR.

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 are contained within the Special Revenue Fund section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned special projects.

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.

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting was maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution and recorded in the minutes.

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were no TPAF employees' salaries paid from federal funds during the current fiscal year. Therefore, no TPAF reimbursement amounts were due to the State at June 30, 2019.

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 \$40,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$29,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The School Business Administrator is a Qualified Purchasing Agent. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is \$19,000 for 2018-19.

The Board of Education has the responsibility of determining whether the expenditures in any category will exceed the statutory thresholds within the fiscal 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 goods or service, 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 indicated that no individual payments, contracts, or agreements were 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. 18:A18-4.

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. Our examination did reveal, however, that the district purchased items through the use of State contracts.

Food Service Fund

The School Food Service Program was not selected as a major program as the District was not subject to a federal single audit. Additionally, the federal program expenditures were not in excess of \$100,000 for the year.

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

Applications for free and reduced milk were reviewed for completeness and accuracy during our audit of the Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.).

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

Expenditures were separately recorded as milk and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified.

There was no inventory at June 30, 2019.

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.

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

No non-program foods were purchases, prepared, sold or offered for sale.

Park Academy Fund

Cash receipts and cash disbursements were maintained in good condition and in accordance with established Board policy.

Student Activity Funds

The Board has a policy, which clearly establishes the regulation of Student Activity Funds.

Cash receipts and disbursements records for the various schools were maintained in satisfactory condition.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2018 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual education. 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 exceptions noted. 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 of 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 2018-19 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

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistency with recording SDA revenue, transfer of local funds from the general fund or from the capital reserve account, and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction.

The District maintained proper capital assets financial records.

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The school district adhered to all requirements of N.J.A.C. 26-1.2 and 12.4 related to the testing for lead of all drinking water in educational facilities.

Follow-up Prior Year Findings

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

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION FOOD SERVICE FUND SCHEDULE OF MILK COUNTY ACTIVITY ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOT APPLICABLE

FOOD SERVICE FUND NET CASH RESOURCE SCHEDULE ENTERPRISE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

NOT APPLICABLE

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	2019-2020 Application for State School Aid				Sample for Verifi	Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll Full Shared	Reported on Workpapers On Roll Full Shared	Errors Full Shared	Sample Selected from Workpapers Full Shared	Verified per Register On Roll Full Shared	Errors per Registers On Roll Full Shared	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors
-	•					_				
Half Day Preschool - 3 yrs	3	4	1	4	5	1				
Half Day Preschool - 4 yrs	7	6	(1)	6	5	(1)				
Full Day Kindergarten	86	86	-	46	46	-				
GRADE 1	107	107	-	57	57	-	-			
GRADE 2	116	116	-	52	52	-				
GRADE 3	93	93	-	33	33	-				
GRADE 4	110	110	-	62	62	-				
GRADE 5	113	113	-	56	56	-				
GRADE 6	124	124	-	124	124	-				
GRADE 7	101	101	-	101	101	-				
GRADE 8	122	122	-	122	122	-				
Subtotal	982 -	982 -		663	663					
Spec Ed - Elementary	68	68	-	37	37	-	2	2	2	-
Spec Ed- Middle School	60	60	-	60	60	-	6	6	6	-
Subtotal	128 -	128 -		97 -	97 -		8	8	8	-
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Totals =	1,110 -	1,110 -		- 760 -	760 -		8	8		-
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		=	0.00%			:	0.00%

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Low Income		Sample for Verification			Reside	ent LEP Low Inc	ome	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												
GRADE 1	1.0	1.0		1.0	1.0							
GRADE 2	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 3	-	-	-	- 1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 4 GRADE 5	1.0	1.0	-	1.U 	1.0	~	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 5 GRADE 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 6 GRADE 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
GRADE 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	2	2		2	2			-				<u> </u>
Subiotal	2	2	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spec Ed - Elementary Spec Ed- Middle School Spec Ed - High School				-	-	- -	-	- -	-		- -	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	2.0	2.0	-	2	2	_		-	_		-	-
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		=	0.00%		=	0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation								
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors			
Regular- Public Schools	89	89	-	36	36	-			
Regular - Sped.	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Transported- Non- Public	15	15	-	6	6	-			
Special Needs- Public	18	18	-	7	7	-			
Totals	122.0	122.0		49.0	49.0	-			
Percentage Error		=	0.00%		=	0.00%			

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2018 SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS

	Resident I	LEP NOT Low Inco	me	Sample for Verification			
	Reported on A.S.S.A as Not Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Not Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors	
	·						
Full Day Preschool - 3 years							
Full Day Preschool - 4 years							
Full Day Kindergarten	2	2	-	2	2	-	
GRADE 1	6	6	-	6	6	-	
GRADE 2	5	5	-	5	5	-	
GRADE 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 6	1	1	-	1	1	-	
GRADE 7	-	-	-	-	-	-	
GRADE 8	1	1	-	1	1	-	
Subtotal	15	15	-	15	15	-	
Spec Ed - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spec Ed- Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Spec Ed - High School				-	-	-	
	-	-	-	-		-	
Totals	15	15	-	15	15		
Percentage Error			0.00%		:	0.00%	

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019

2018-2019 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR \$ 25,710,168	
Increased by: Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund 1,307	
Decreased by: On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security (3,457,269)	
Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures <u>\$22,254,206</u>	
2% of Adjusted 2018-2019 General Fund Expenditures \$ 445,084	
Enter Greater of 2% of \$250,000 \$ 445,084	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustments217,696	
Maximum Unassigned	\$ 662,780
Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2019 (Budgetary Basis)	\$ 7,214,648
Decreased by:Year End Encumbrances\$ 276,983Year End Encumbrances\$ 276,983Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures212,893Other Restricted Fund Balances - Capital Reserve4,044,883Other Restricted Fund Balances - Maintenance Reserve759,616Other Restricted Fund Balances - Emergency Reserve250,000Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures129,609Total Unassigned Fund BalanceYear's ExpendituresReserved Fund Balance - Excess Surplus (June 30, 2019)Year's Expenditures	1,540,664 \$ 877,884
Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2019	
Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 212,893
Reserved Excess Surplus	877,884
Total	\$ 1,090,777
Detail of Allowable Adjustments	
	\$ 8,120
Extraordinary Aid	209,576 \$ 217,696

RIVER VALE BOARD OF EDUCATION

RECOMMENDATIONS

I. **Administration Practices and Procedures**

There are none.

Π. **Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting**

There are none.

III. **School Purchasing Program**

There are none.

IV. **Food Service Fund**

There are none.

V. **Park Academy Fund**

There are none.

VI. **Student Body Activities**

There are none.

VII. **Application for State School Aid**

There are none.

VIII. **Pupil Transportation**

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

X. **Facilities and Capital Assets**

There are none.

Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations XI.

A review was performed on all prior year recommendations and corrective action was taken on all.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all the officials of the school district and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to us.

Respectfully submitted,

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