

**CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2015**

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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Borough of Closter
County of Bergen, New Jersey

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 basic financial statements of the Closter Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated December 16, 2015.

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.

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Fair Lawn, New Jersey
December 16, 2015

**CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

GENERAL COMMENTS

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 (Exhibit J-20) contained in the District's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Peter C. Iappelli	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$100,000
Norma Ketler	Treasurer of School Monies	260,000

There is Public Employee Dishonesty coverage with Selective Insurance Co. of America covering all other employees with coverage of \$100,000 per employee and \$400,000 per loss.

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts 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 reveal any discrepancies with respect to signatures, certifications 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 tested were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary/School 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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Payroll Account (Continued)

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

The required certification (E-CERT) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation for administrators to the New Jersey Department of Treasury was filed by the March 15 deadline.

Employee Position Control Roster

The Board has implemented and maintains a personal tracking and accounting (Position Control) System.

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 N.J.A.C. 6A:23-2.11 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, no errors were detected and no additional procedures were deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure classification.

Board Secretary's Records

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

Bids received were summarized in the minutes (N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-21).

Approved budgetary line accounts were not overexpended.

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, unemployment compensation account, payroll account and payroll agency account (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-36).

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

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.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/Improving America's Schools Act (IASA) as Reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001

The E.S.E.A./NCLB financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Fund of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Title III 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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

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

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.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The financial exhibits contained herein represent a true statement of 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. No exceptions were noted.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

None.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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 \$36,000 and \$26,000, respectively. If the District's purchasing agent is qualified pursuant to subsection b. of Section 9 of P.L. 1971, c. 198 (C.40A:11-9), the Board of Education may establish the bid threshold up to \$36,000. The District's Business Administrator is qualified and the District has increased by Board resolution the bid threshold to \$36,000.

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 service, the results of such an accumulation could not reasonably be ascertained. Disbursements were reviewed, however, to determine whether any clear-cut violations existed.

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School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

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.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. Our examination did reveal, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the school food service fund were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts, milk count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits.

The number of milks claimed for reimbursement was verified against sales and milk count records. As part of the claims review process the Edit Check Worksheet was completed. Reimbursement vouchers were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

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

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 not exceed three months average expenses.

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

Student Body Activity

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

All receipts were promptly deposited.

All cash disbursements had proper supporting documentation.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2014 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the handicapped, low-income and bilingual. 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 equivalent.

The district has adequate written 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 2014-2015 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.

Facilities and Capital Assets

Our procedures included a review of the SDA grant agreement for consistence 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.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

The prior year recommendation was corrected.

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SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY

NOT APPLICABLE

SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES – FOOD SERVICE FUND

NOT APPLICABLE

**CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2015-2016 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						On Roll - Special Education			Private Schools for Disabled				
	Reported on A.S.S.A. On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Register On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verifi- cation	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared								
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	2		2		-	-	2		2		-									
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	3		3		-	-	3		3		-									
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	12		12		-	-	12		12		-									
Half Day Kindergarten	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Full Day Kindergarten	97		97		-	-	97		97		-									
Grade 1	102		102		-	-	102		102		-									
Grade 2	99		99		-	-	99		99		-									
Grade 3	96		96		-	-	96		96		-									
Grade 4	101		101		-	-	101		101		-									
Grade 5	112		112		-	-	112		112		-									
Grade 6	111		111		-	-	111		111		-									
Grade 7	122		122		-	-	122		122		-									
Grade 8	141		141		-	-	141		141		-									
Grade 9	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Grade 10	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Grade 11	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Grade 12	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Post- Graduate	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Adult High School (15+ Credits)	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)	-		-		-	-	-		-		-									
Subtotal	998	-	998	-	-	-	998	-	998	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sp Ed - Elementary	73		73		-	-	73		73		-		32	32	-	2	2	2	-	
Sp Ed - Middle School	39		39		-	-	39		39		-		17	17	-	-	-	-	-	
Sp Ed - High School	-		-		-	-	-		-		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Subtotal	112	-	112	-	-	-	112	-	112	-	-	-	49	49	-	2	2	2	-	
County Vocational - Regular					-	-					-									
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second					-	-					-									
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Totals	1,110	-	1,110	-	-	-	1,110	-	1,110	-	-	-	49	49	-	2	2	2	-	
Percentage Error					<u>0.00%</u>						<u>0.00%</u>				<u>0.00%</u>				<u>0.00%</u>	

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	Resident Low Income			Sample for Verification			Resident LEP 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 Application and Register	Sample Errors	Reported on ASSA as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected	Verified to Test Score and Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old	-	-	-									
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old	-	-	-									
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old	-	-	-									
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old	-	-	-									
Half Day Kindergarten	-	-	-									
Full Day Kindergarten	1	1	-	1	1	-	1.0	1.0	-	1	1	-
Grade 1	2	2	-	2	2	-	1.0	1.0	-	1	1	-
Grade 2	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 4	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 7	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grade 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post- Graduate	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult High School (15+ Credits)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	6	6	-	7	7	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Sp Ed - Elementary	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
Sp Ed - High School	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Vocational - Regular	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7.0	7.0	-	7.0	7.0	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Percentage Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>	

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools	38	38	-	29	29	-
Regular - Special Ed	-	-	-	-	-	-
AIL Non-Public	39	39	-	29	29	-
Transported - Non Public	3	3	-	2	2	-
Special Needs	10	10	-	8	8	-
Totals	90	90	-	68	68	-
Percentage Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>	

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	Resident LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as NOT Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as NOT low Income	Errors	Sample Selected From Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Errors
Half Day Preschool 3 Years Old						
Full Day Preschool 3 Years Old						
Half Day Preschool 4 Years Old						
Full Day Preschool 4 Years Old						
Half Day Kindergarten						
Full Day Kindergarten	19	19	-	11	11	-
Grade 1	17	17	-	9	9	-
Grade 2	9	9	-	5	5	-
Grade 3	9	9	-	5	5	-
Grade 4	4	4	-	2	2	-
Grade 5	8	8	-	5	5	-
Grade 6	6	6	-	3	3	-
Grade 7	5	5	-	3	3	-
Grade 8	2	2	-	1	1	-
Grade 9	-	-	-			
Grade 10	-	-	-			
Grade 11	-	-	-			
Grade 12	-	-	-			
Post- Graduate	-	-	-			
Adult High School (15+ Credits)						
Adult High School (1-14 Credits)						
Subtotal	79	79	-	44	44	0
Sp Ed - Elementary	6	6	-	3	3	-
Sp Ed - Middle School	3	3	-	2	2	-
Sp Ed - High School	0	-	-			
Subtotal	9	9	-	5	5	-
County Vocational - Regular						
County Vocational - F.T. Post-Second						
Subtotal						
Totals	88	88	-	49	49	-
Percentage Error		<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>	

**CLOSTER BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

SECTION 1A - Two Percent (2%) - Calculation of Excess surplus (2014-2015 expenditures of \$100 million or less)

2014-2015 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ 19,253,577
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(1,955,156)
Adjusted 2014-2015 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 17,298,421</u>
2% of Adjusted 2014-2015 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 345,968</u>
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2014-2015 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$ 345,968
Increased by:	
Allowable Adjustment	124,006
Maximum Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance	<u>\$ 469,974</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2015	\$ 4,004,396
Decreased by:	
Year-End Encumbrances	238,377
Other Restricted Fund Balances	2,466,997
Legally Restricted - Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	175,000
Legally Restricted - Reserved for Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	325,000
Assigned Fund Balance - Unreserved - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>4,048</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 794,974</u>

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 325,000</u>
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 325,000
Reserved Excess Surplus	<u>325,000</u>
Total Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 650,000</u>

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid 2014-2015	\$ 117,139
Nonpublic Transportation Aid 2014-2015	<u>6,867</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ 124,006</u>

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Capital Reserve	\$ 2,216,997
Emergency Reserve	<u>250,000</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,466,997</u>

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administrative 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 Service

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities

There are none.

VI. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

VII. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

VIII. Facilities and Capital Assets

There are none.

IX. Miscellaneous

There are none.

Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

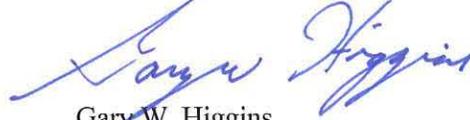
The prior year recommendation was corrected.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

LERCH, VINCI & HIGGINS, LLP



Gary W. Higgins
Public School Accountant
Certified Public Accountant