

MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF MORRIS
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL,
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FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

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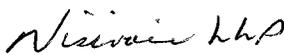
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County of Morris, NJ

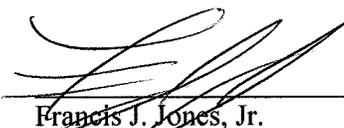
We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Board of Education of the Morris County Vocational School District in the County of Morris for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and have issued our report thereon dated November 30, 2015.

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 November 30, 2015, on the financial statements of the Board.

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

This report is intended for the information of the Morris County Vocational School District's Board of Education, management and the New Jersey Department of Education. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


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MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE
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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

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

Officials in Office and Surety Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Coverage</u>
Patricia MacKenzie	Treasurer of School Monies	\$ 250,000
Susan Young	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	250,000

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made. The actual costs were different than estimated costs. The Board made a proper adjustment to the billings to sending districts for the change in per pupil costs in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-3.1(f)3.

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.

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 including health benefit withholdings from the General Fund.

The required certification (E-CERT1) of compliance with requirements for income tax on compensation of administrators (superintendent, assistant superintendent and business administrator) to the NJ Department of Treasury was filed in a timely manner.

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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

The coding of expenditures was tested for proper classification in accordance with N.J.A.C. 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. 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 except as noted herein.

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 except as noted herein.

No Child Left Behind (N.C.L.B.)

The District did not receive any N.C.L.B. funding in fiscal year 2015.

Other Special Federal and/or State Projects

The District's Special Projects were approved as listed on Schedule A and B 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.

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

Finding:

A review was completed by the State of New Jersey Department of Education, Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance for the N.C.L.B., I.D.E.A. Basic and Carl D. Perkins grant programs for the period July 1, 2012 through February 28, 2014. The District received the consolidating monitoring report in August 2014 and the District implemented a state approved corrective action plan. In June 2015, the State conducted a follow-up review and determined that the District had successfully implemented the corrective action plan.

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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, 2015. The reimbursement form was reviewed and no exceptions were noted.

Travel Expense and Reimbursement Policy

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.

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.

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"

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School Purchasing Programs (Cont'd)

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

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 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$26,000 (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 currently \$18,300.

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. No exceptions were 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.

Student Body Activities

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Board, we considered the condition of the records of the Student Activities Fund 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 except as noted herein.

School Food Service

The financial transactions and statistical records of the School Food Service Fund were reviewed. The financial accounts, meal count records and eligibility applications were reviewed on a test-check basis without exception.

The number of meals claimed for reimbursement was compared to sales records. Reimbursement claims were submitted/certified in a timely manner.

Applications for free and reduced price meals were reviewed for completeness and accuracy. The number of free and reduced price meals claimed as served was compared to the number of valid applications on file, times the number of operating days, on a school-by-school basis. The free and reduced price meal policy was reviewed for uniform administration throughout the school district. The required verification procedures for free and reduced price applications were completed and available for review.

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School Food Service (Cont'd)

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. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision with guarantees that the food service program will generate a profit. The operating results provision has been met. Food Service accounting records maintained by the District's central administration were reconciled with the records maintained by the food service contractor.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit. No exceptions were noted.

Expenditures were separately recorded as food, labor and other costs. Vendor invoices were reviewed and costs verified on a test basis. Inventory records on food supply items were currently maintained and properly applied in determining the cost of food and supplies used.

Time sheets and payroll records provided to the District by the Food Service Contractor were reviewed on a test-check basis.

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 nonprofit status of the School Food Service Fund. Net cash resources did not exceed three months' average expenditures.

Food Distribution Program commodities were received and a separate inventory was maintained on a first-in, first-out basis. No exceptions were noted.

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

The District has a Type 2 SOC1 report (Service Organization Controls Report) of the food service management company on file as required by state requirements.

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 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 no exceptions. The information that was included on the workpapers was verified on a test basis without exceptions.

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

The District's written procedures for the recording of student enrollment data appear to be adequate.

Pupil Transportation

Our procedures 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

The School has no grant agreements with the Schools Development Authority for capital projects as of June 30, 2014.

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Management Suggestions

Single Audit

Effective for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, there will be significant changes to the Single Audit. These changes include the following:

- An increase in the single audit threshold
- Low risk auditee criteria
- Type A and B threshold
- Coverage requirements for major programs tested for both low risk and non-low risk auditees.

Additionally, the cost principles and administrative requirements such as A-87 have been consolidated under the *OMB Uniform Guidance: Cost Principles, Audit and Administrative Requirements for Federal Awards*. This guidance was effective December 26, 2014 for all new federal awards and for any additional funding for existing awards made after December 26, 2014.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements:

The next Governmental Accounting Standards Board (“GASB”) statement which will have a significant impact on the District will be GASB#75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*, will be effective for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. This standard replaces GASB#45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions*. It is similar to GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions* GASB#68 in that successful implementation of this standard will require the provision of certain key financial and non-financial information from the New Jersey Division of Pensions.

Deferred Compensation Plans

The District has a fiduciary responsibility to its employees related to the deferred compensation plans offered by the District. The District should consider a periodic review of the benefits, features, costs, and performance of its deferred compensation plans and make that information available to employees to assist employees in making suitable choices for investing their retirement funds while fulfilling the District’s fiduciary responsibilities.

Independent Contractors vs. Employees

The District should consider reviewing the status of “Independent Contractors” utilized by the District with Internal Revenue Service guidelines for determination of employment status. The IRS has been reviewing employers, including governments, to determine compliance. A proactive approach may help to minimize or eliminate potential penalties related to incorrect employment status determination.

Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year recommendations.

MORRIS COUNTY SCHOOL OF TECHNOLOGY
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	2015/2016 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification					
	Reported on ASSA On Roll		Reported on Workpapers On Roll		Errors		Sample Selected from Workpapers		Verified per Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared
Special Education:												
High School	35	217	35	217			3	22	3	22		
Subtotal	35	217	35	217			3	22	3	22		
County Vocational:												
Regular	764	152	764	152			764	217	764	217		
Full-Time Post Secondary	58		58				58		58			
Totals	857	369	857	369	-0-	-0-	825	239	825	239	-0-	-0-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.00%	0.00%

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APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

	Resident Low Income					
	Reported on ASSA as Low Income	Reported on Workpapers as Low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Special Education:						
High School	25	25		3	3	
Subtotal	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>		<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
County Vocational:						
Regular	63	63		6	6	
	<u>63</u>	<u>63</u>		<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	
Totals	<u>88</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>-0-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

6% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2014-15 Expenditures of \$100 million or less)

Section 1A - NonAbbott Districts

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	<u>\$ 18,120,832</u> (B)	
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1a)	
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1b)	
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1c)	
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B1d)	
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension and Social Security	<u>\$ 1,526,846</u> (B2a)	
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ -0-</u> (B2b)	
Adjusted 14-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1's)-(B2's)]	<u>\$ 16,593,986</u> (B3)	
6% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .06]	<u>\$ 995,639</u> (B4)	
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>\$ 995,639</u> (B5)	
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment	<u>\$ -0-</u>	
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5)+(K)]		<u>\$ 995,639</u> (M)

Section 2 - All Districts

Total General Fund - Fund Balances @ 6/30/15 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	<u>\$ 4,043,213</u> (C)	
Decreased by:		
Year End Encumbrances	<u>\$ 280,788</u> (C1)	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C2)	
Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ 385,568</u> (C3)	
Other Restricted Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,674,554</u> (C4)	
Assigned - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>\$ -0-</u> (C5)	
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]		<u>\$ 1,702,303</u> (U)

6% Calculation of Excess Surplus (2014-15 Expenditures of \$100 million or less)

Section 3 - All Districts

Restricted Fund Balance-Excess Surplus [(U)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE, ENTER -0-		<u>\$ 706,664</u> (E)
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EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015

Restricted Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 385,568 (C3)
Restricted Excess Surplus [(E)]	<u>\$ 706,664 (E)</u>
Total [(C3)+(E)]	<u><u>\$ 1,092,232 (D)</u></u>

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Impact Aid	<u>\$ -0- (H)</u>
Sale and Lease Back	<u>\$ -0- (I)</u>
Extraordinary Aid	<u>\$ -0- (J1)</u>
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	<u>\$ -0- (J2)</u>
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	<u>\$ -0- (J3)</u>
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	<u>\$ -0- (J4)</u>
Total Adjustments ((H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4))	<u><u>\$ -0- (K)</u></u>

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:	
Approved unspent separate proposal	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Sale/lease-back reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Capital reserve	<u>\$ 1,674,554</u>
Emergency reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Maintenance reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Tuition reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - current year	<u>\$ -0-</u>
School Bus Advertising 50% Fuel Offset Reserve - prior year	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Other state/governmental mandated reserve	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above	<u>\$ -0-</u>
Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	<u><u>\$ 1,674,554 (C4)</u></u>

MORRIS COUNTY VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS
FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015

It is recommended that:

1. Administrative Practices and Procedures
None
2. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting
None
3. School Purchasing Program
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. Status of Prior Year's Findings/Recommendations
None