

**chARTer~TECH High School for the Performing Arts, Inc.
County of Atlantic**

**Auditor's Management Report on
Administrative Findings--
Financial, Compliance and Performance**

**For the Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2015**



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**AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON ADMINISTRATIVE
FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

The Honorable President and
Members of the Board of Trustees
chARTer~TECH High School for the Performing Arts, Inc.
County of Atlantic, 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 Board of Trustees of the chARTer~TECH High School for the Performing Arts, Inc., in the County of Atlantic, State of New Jersey, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, which were separately issued in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report dated December 16, 2015.

As part of our audit, we also performed procedures required by the Division of Administration and 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 issued in conjunction with the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the Board of Education of the chARTer~TECH High School for the Performing Arts, Inc., for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, and is intended for the information of the School District's management and the New Jersey Department of Education and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Respectfully submitted,



BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants



Scott Barron
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant No. CS 02459

Voorhees, New Jersey
December 16, 2015

ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE, AND PERFORMANCE

SCOPE OF AUDIT

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary / School Business Administrator and the Treasurer of School Monies, the activities of the Board of Trustees, and the records of the various funds under the auspices of the Board of Trustees.

ADMINISTRATIVE PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES

Insurance

Fire insurance coverage was carried in the amounts as detailed on Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the Charter School's CAFR.

Official Bonds (N.J.S.A. 18A: 17-26, 18A:17-32, 18A:13-13)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Jill Carson	Board Secretary / School Business Administrator	\$ --
Vickie Tomasco	Treasurer	\$ --

There is a Public Employees' Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with Selective Fire and Casualty Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$125,000.00.

Finding No. 2015-001

The Charter School did not have surety bond coverage for the School Board Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies as required by N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26 & 32 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.4.

Recommendation

The School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies obtain the proper surety bond coverage pursuant N.J.S.A. 18A:17-26 & 32 and N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.4.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING

Examination of Claims

Sampled claims paid during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any material discrepancies with respect to signatures, certification, or supporting documentation.

Payroll Account

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

Sampled payrolls were approved by the Head of School and were certified by the President of the Board, the Board Secretary / Business Administrator.

Sampled withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit premium withholdings due to the General Fund.

Payrolls were delivered to the Secretary of the Board who then deposited warrants in separate bank accounts for net payroll and withholdings.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

Encumbrances and Accounts Payable

A sample of outstanding issued purchase orders was made as of June 30 for proper classification of orders as encumbrances and accounts payable. Our sample did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of orders.

Travel

A sample of travel expenditures during the fiscal year under audit did not indicate any reportable noncompliance.

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. 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. Our samples did not indicate any reportable noncompliance with respect to classification of expenditures.

Board Secretary's Records

Our review of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Board Secretary indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

Treasurer of School Moneys'

Our audit of the financial and accounting records maintained by the Treasurer of School Moneys indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.) / Improving America's Schools Act (I.A.S.A.) as reauthorized by the No Child Left Behind Act (N.C.L.B.) of 2001

The E.S.E.A. / N.C.L.B. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue Section of the CAFR. This section of the CAFR documents the financial position pertaining to the projects under Titles I and II of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended and reauthorized.

Other Special Federal and / or State Projects

The Charter School'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.

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. No exceptions were noted in our study of compliance for the special projects.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursement

Our audit procedures included a test of the biweekly reimbursements filed with the Department of Education for Charter School employees who are members of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. No exceptions were noted.

FINANCIAL PLANNING, ACCOUNTING, AND REPORTING (CONT'D)

TPAF Reimbursement to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the Charter School to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the Charter School for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 60 day grant liquidation period required by the Office of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

SCHOOL PURCHASING PROGRAMS

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-1 et seq. (Public School Contracts Law), the associated rules and related information on the statute, and the school contracts in general, are available on the following website:

<http://www.state.nj.us/dca/divisions/dlgs/programs/lpcl.html>

Current statute is posted on the New Jersey Legislature website at:

http://lis.njleg.state.nj.us/cgi-bin/om_isapi.dll?clientID=1319801&depth=2&expandheadings=off&headingswithhits=on&infobase=statutes.nfo&oftpage=TOC_Frame_Pg42

Based on the results of our audit, 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, amended.

Resolutions were adopted authorizing the awarding of contracts or agreements for "Professional Services" per N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-5.

STUDENT BODY ACTIVITIES

Our review of the student activity funds indicated that they were in satisfactory condition.

ENROLLMENT COUNTS AND SUBMISSIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT

Our audit procedures included a sample of enrollment information on October 15, 2014 and the last day of school for on-roll, special education, bilingual and low-income. The results of our procedures are presented in the Schedule of Audited Enrollments.

The Charter School maintained written procedures that appear to be adequate for the recording of student enrollment data.

MISCELLANEOUS

Continuing Disclosure Agreements

Not applicable – No outstanding bond issues.

FOLLOW-UP ON PRIOR YEAR'S FINDINGS

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, our procedures included a review of all prior year recommendations. Corrective action had been taken on all prior year findings.

There were no Office of Fiscal Accountability and Compliance audit reports issued during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We received the complete cooperation of all of the officials of the Charter School and we greatly appreciate the courtesies extended to the members of the audit team.

Respectfully submitted,

BOWMAN & COMPANY LLP
Certified Public Accountants
& Consultants

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott P. Barron". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "P".

Scott P. Barron
Public School Accountant No. CS 02459

chARTer-TECH High School for the Performing Arts, Inc.
 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2014

Grade	Submission to DOE reported				Sample									
	On Roll	Reported on Workpapers	Verified signed Registration Forms	Errors	Verified # days enrolled	Errors	Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified Documentation	Errors	Verified # days Service Provided	Errors	Low Income	Verified Documentation	Errors
Kindergarten														
One														
Two														
Three														
Four														
Five														
Six														
Seven														
Eight														
Nine	47	47			47		5	5		5		32	32	
Ten	40	40			40		8	8		8		22	22	
Eleven	48	48			48		7	7		7		20	20	
Twelve	38	38			38		3	3		3		21	21	
Total	- 173	- 173	-	-	- 173	-	- 23	- 23	-	- 23	-	- 95	- 95	-
Percentage														

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 APPLICATION FOR CHARTER SCHOOL AID
 ENROLLMENT COUNT AS OF LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR 2015

Grade	Submission to DOE reported		Sample													
	On Roll	Workpapers	Reported on	Verified signed	Errors	Verified	Errors	Special Ed & or Bilingual	Verified	Errors	Verified # days	Errors	Low Income	Verified	Errors	
			Registration Forms	# days enrolled				Documentation		Service Provided			Documentation			
Kindergarten																
One																
Two																
Three																
Four																
Five																
Six																
Seven																
Eight																
Nine	56	56		56		10	10			10		37	37			
Ten	44	44		44		6	6			6		26	26			
Eleven	37	37		37		4	4			4		21	21			
Twelve	36	36		36		9	9			9		22	22			
Total	- 173	- 173	- -	- 173	-	- 29	- 29	-	- 29	-	- 29	-	- 106	- 106		
Percentage																

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

SECTION 1

2% Calculation of Excess Surplus

2014-15 Total General Fund Expenditures Reported on CAFR Exhibit C-1	<u>5,557,787.42</u>	(B)
Increased by:		
Transfer from Capital Outlay to Capital Projects Fund	<u>-</u>	(B1a)
Transfer from Capital Reserve to Capital Projects Fund	<u>-</u>	(B1b)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Regular	<u>-</u>	(B1c)
Transfer from General Fund to SRF for PreK-Inclusion	<u>-</u>	(B1d)
Decreased by:		
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>441,604.64</u>	(B2a)
Assets Acquired Under Capital Leases	<u>-</u>	(B2b)
Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B)+(B1s)-(B2s)]	<u>5,116,182.78</u>	(B3)
2% of Adjusted 2014-15 General Fund Expenditures [(B3) times .02]	<u>102,323.66</u>	(B4)
Enter Greater of (B4) or \$250,000	<u>250,000.00</u>	(B5)
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment *	<u>-</u>	(K)
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance [(B5) + (K)]	<u>250,000.00</u>	(M)

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balances at June 30, 2015 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Ex. C-1)	<u>1,295,940.50</u>	(C)
Decreased by:		
Year-End Encumbrances	<u>1,475.17</u>	(C1)
Legally Restricted - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>-</u>	(C2)
Legally Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	<u>-</u>	(C3)
Other Restricted Fund Balances ****	<u>75,000.00</u>	(C4)
Assigned Fund Balance - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>96,241.00</u>	(C5)
Total Unassigned Fund Balance [(C)-(C1)-(C2)-(C3)-(C4)-(C5)]	<u>1,123,224.33</u>	(U1)

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus *** [(U1)-(M)] IF NEGATIVE ENTER -0-	<u>873,224.33</u>	(E)
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2015

Restricted - Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures **	<u>-</u>	(C3)
Restricted - Excess Surplus *** [(E)]	<u>873,224.33</u>	(E)
Total Excess Surplus [(C3)+(E)]	<u>873,224.33</u>	(D)

EXCESS SURPLUS CALCULATION (CONT'D)

REGULAR DISTRICT / CHARTER SCHOOL / RENAISSANCE SCHOOL PROJECT

Footnotes:

* This adjustment line (as detailed below) is to be utilized when applicable for:

Federal Impact Aid. The passage of P.L.2015, c46 amended N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-41 to permit a board of education to appropriate federal impact aid funds to establish or supplement a federal impact aid legal reserve in the general fund. Accordingly, effective for the year ending June 30, 2015 the Federal Impact Aid adjustment to expenditures is limited to the portion of Federal Impact Aid Section 8002 and Section 8003 received during the fiscal year and recognized as revenue on the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule, but not transferred to the Federal Impact Aid Reserve - General (8002 or 8003) by board resolution during June 1 to June 30 of the fiscal year under audit. Amounts transferred to the reserve are captured on line (C4).

Sale & Lease-back, Extraordinary Aid, Additional 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.

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Federal Impact Aid	-	(H)
Sale & Lease-back	-	(I)
Extraordinary Aid	-	(J1)
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	-	(J2)
Current Year School Bus Advertising Revenue Recognized	-	(J3)
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	-	(J4)
 Total Adjustments [(H)+(I)+(J1)+(J2)+(J3)+(J4)]	 -	 (K)

** This amount represents the June 30, 2014 Excess Surplus (C3 above) and must be included in the Audit Summary Line 90031. This amount was to be appropriated in the 2015-2016 general fund budget.

*** Amounts must agree to the June 30, 2015 CAFR and must agree to Audit Summary Line 90030.

**** Amount for Other Restricted 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 another type of government, such as the judicial branch of government, must have departmental approval. District requests should be submitted to the Division of Administration and Finance prior to September 30.

Detail of Other Restricted Fund Balance

Statutory restrictions:

Approved unspent separate proposal	-
Sale/lease-back reserve	-
Capital reserve	-
Maintenance reserve	-
Emergency reserve	-
Tuition reserve	-
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - current year	-
School bus advertising 50% fuel offset reserve - prior year	-
Impact Aid General Fund Reserve (Sections 8002 and 8003)	-
Impact Aid Capital Fund Reserve (Sections 8007 and 8008)	-
Other state/government mandated reserves (Charter School Reserve)	75,000.00
 [Other Restricted Fund Balance not noted above]****	 -
 Total Other Restricted Fund Balance	 75,000.00 (C4)

