

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2021**

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
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AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members
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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 Ridgewood Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 3, 2022.

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, management, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Treasurer of School Monies, 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 Exhibit J-20, Insurance Schedule contained in the district's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (the "CAFR").

Official Bonds

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Scott Bisig	School Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$500,000
Mr. Angelo DeSimone	Treasurer of School Monies	\$500,000

There is public employee dishonesty coverage on all other employees, including faithful performance for elected officials, in the amount of \$100,000 per employee and \$500,000 per loss.

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

Tuition Charges

A comparison of tentative tuition charges and actual certified tuition charges was made.

Examination of Claims

An examination of claims paid during the period under review did not indicate any material discrepancies with respect to signatures and certifications.

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 Superintendent.

Salary withholdings were remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefit withholdings due to the General Fund.

The District maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

The required certification (E-CERTI) of compliance with requirements of income tax on compensation of District Administration was filed with the NJ Department of Treasury by the due date.

Finding 2021-1 – Our audit of the Payroll Agency account bank reconciliation revealed certain invalid reconciling items.

Recommendation – Invalid reconciling items on the Payroll Agency account bank reconciliation be reviewed and cleared of record.

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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. No exceptions were noted.

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.

Travel

The District has an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6-13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12. No exceptions were noted pertaining to travel expenses tested.

Board Secretary's Records

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

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

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

The Board Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were presented monthly to the board and were submitted to the executive county superintendent as prescribed (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9 and 18A:17-36).

Finding 2021-2 – Our audit noted that the transactions for May 2021 and June 2021 in the Payroll Agency and Scholarship Funds were not recorded in the District's accounting software as of June 30, 2021.

Recommendation – All transactions in the Payroll Agency and Scholarship Funds be recorded in the District's accounting software in a timely manner.

Treasurer's Records

The Treasurer did perform cash reconciliations for all District bank accounts.

All cash receipts were promptly deposited.

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

Unemployment Compensation Insurance

The Board has adopted the direct reimbursement method. The financial transactions of this fund are reported in the General 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 I, II and III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended.

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Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

I.D.E.A. Part B

Separate accounting records were maintained for each approved project.

Grant application approvals and acceptance of grant funds were made by Board resolution.

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.

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.

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

The amount of the expenditure charged to the current year's Final Report for all federal awards for the school district to reimburse the State for the TPAF/FICA payments made by the State on-behalf of the school district for those employees whose salaries are identified as being paid from federal funds was made prior to the end of the 90 day grant liquidation period required by the Offices of Grants Management. The expenditure was reviewed subsequent to the reimbursement and no exceptions were noted.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project completion reports were finalized and transmitted to the Department by the due date.

School Purchasing Programs

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids

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".

The bid thresholds in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-3 and 18A:39-3 are \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school transportation contracts under N.J.S.A. 18A:39-3 is currently \$19,600. The School Business Administrator/Board Secretary is a Qualified Purchasing Agent and the bid threshold has been approved by resolution at \$44,000.

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 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 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.

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School Purchasing Programs (Continued)

Contracts and Agreements Requiring Advertisement for Bids (Continued)

The results of our examination did not indicate that 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. 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. Our examination did reveal that purchases were made through the use of state contracts.

Finding 2021-3 – Our audit disclosed one vendor was paid on a contract in excess of the aggregate not to exceed amount approved by Board resolution. This was the result of the bid award amount not including additional services.

Recommendation – All resolutions approving bid awards also include a not to exceed amount for additional hourly services.

School Food Service

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

In accordance with the Governor's Declaration of Emergency pertaining to the COVID 19 Virus all Public, Charter, Non-Public schools were ordered to close effective as of March 18, 2020 for an undetermined period to limit the spread of the virus. As a result, School Food Authorities (SFA) were required to institute alternate procedures to provide meals to eligible students during the period of school closures.

Therefore, SFAs were authorized to solicit and award emergency noncompetitive procurements and contracts with Food Service Management Companies in accordance with 2 CFR 200.320 and N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-7. The SFAs were also authorized to submit contract modifications to their existing Cost Reimbursable or Fixed Price contracts as necessary to ensure the feeding of all children throughout the age of 18, as well as persons over 18 with disabilities as defined in the regulations.

SFAs were notified of the requirement to maintain and report separate meal count records and financial records of all applicable costs incurred in providing meals to all free and reduced price meal eligible students during the emergency.

The District did not participate in the National School Lunch program.

We inquired of management about the public health emergency procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to all students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific costs applicable to the emergency operations. We also inquired if the FSMC received a loan in accordance with the Payroll Protection Plan and whether the funds were used to pay for costs applicable to the Food Service Programs. We also inquired if the PPP loan was subsequently forgiven and the FSMC refunded or credited the applicable amount to the SFA.

The financial transactions and records of the school food services were maintained in satisfactory condition. The financial accounts and records were reviewed on a test-check basis.

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. Provisions of the FSMC contract/addendum were reviewed and audited. The FSMC contract includes an operating results provision which guarantees that the food service program will return a \$200,000 profit to the District. The contract provision pertaining to the guarantee was eliminated as a result of contract provisions not being met due to COVID-19.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits.

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School Food Service (Continued)

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

The cash disbursements records reflected expenses for program related goods and services. The appropriate revenue and expense 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 expenditures.

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

The District has contracted with Pomptonian Food Services, Inc. to operate its school food service program.

We also inquired of management about the emergency COVID-19 procedures/practices that the SFA instituted to provide meals to eligible students, maintenance of all applicable production records; meal counts; noncompetitive procurements; modification of existing contracts and applicable financial records to document the specific cost applicable to the emergency operations.

Finding – 2021-4 – Our audit of the Food Service Enterprise Fund indicated the unrestricted net position was in a deficit of \$120,292 at June 30, 2021. This was a result of the COVID 19 Public Health Emergency and the District not participating in the National School Lunch Program.

Recommendation – Remedial actions be taken to eliminate the deficit in the Food Service Enterprise Fund at June 30, 2021.

Other Enterprise Funds

Infant/Toddler Development Program

The financial transactions of the Infant/Toddler Development Program was maintained as an Enterprise Fund. The financial accounts and records were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Finding 2021-5 – Our audit of the Infant/Toddler Development Fund revealed the unrestricted net position was in a deficit position of \$143,740 at June 30, 2021. In addition, the Infant/Toddler Development Fund financial records were not being charged on a timely basis for expenses incurred on its behalf by the General Fund.

Recommendation – Corrective action be taken to eliminate the deficit in the Infant/Toddler Development Fund. Additionally, the financial records should reflect expenses incurred on its behalf by the General Fund on a real time basis.

Finding 2021-6 – The audit of fees collected indicated deposits are not being made timely.

Recommendation – All fees collected be deposited on a timely basis.

Technology Initiative and Photography Lab Fee

The financial transactions of the Technology Initiative and Photography Lab Fee Programs were maintained as Enterprise Funds. The financial accounts and records were reviewed on a test-check basis.

Cash receipt records and bank records were reviewed for timely deposits and proper fee charges.

Cash disbursement records had supporting documentation and reflected program related expenses.

Community School

The Financial transactions of the Community School program were maintained in the General Fund. The financial accounts and records were reviewed on a test-check basis.

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Student Body Activities/Athletics

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

Cash receipts and cash disbursements records were maintained in fair condition.

All cash disbursements had proper supporting documentation.

Finding 2021-7 – Our audit of the student activity accounts revealed the following:

Various Accounts

- Bank reconciliations included prior year reconciling items.

Athletic Account

- Prenumbered receipts were not utilized.
- Certain cash receipts did not have supporting documentation.
- There is a deficit cash balance at June 30, 2021.

High School

- The cash receipts and disbursements ledgers do not reconcile to the year-end bank reconciliation.

Recommendation – Continued efforts be made in the student body activity accounts to properly record and account for all related transactions.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 15, 2020 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private schools for the disabled, on-roll low-income and Limited English Proficient. 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 immaterial exceptions. The information on the District workpapers was verified with immaterial exceptions noted. 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2020-2021 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary with immaterial exceptions. 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 testing, the District did comply 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

There was no School Development Authority financial transactions in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021.

Finding 2021-8 – Our audit of the District’s capital assets revealed the capital assets report provided for audit did not accurately reflect all current year additions.

Recommendation – All current year additions be properly reflected in the District’s capital assets report.

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF MEAL COUNT ACTIVITY
NUMBER OF MEALS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

NOT APPLICABLE

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2020
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2021 - 2022 Application for State School Aid						Sample for Verification						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		Reported on A.S.S.A. as Private Schools	Sample for Verification	Sample Verified	Sample Errors	
	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared	Full	Shared					
Full Day Pre-School 3yr	11		11					11		11							
Full Day Pre-School 4yr	27		28		(1)			28		27		1					
Full Day Pre-School 5yr																	
Full Day Kindergarten	316		316					50		50							
One	358		358					75		75							
Two	369		369					63		63							
Three	364		364					48		48							
Four	331		331					56		56							
Five	367		367					60		60							
Six	389		389					176		176							
Seven	375		375					192		192							
Eight	395		395					188		188							
Nine	373		374		(1)			374		373		1					
Ten	396		396					396		396							
Eleven	415		415					415		415							
Twelve	375		375					375		375							
Post Grad																	
Adult School (15+cr)																	
Subtotal	4,861		4,863		(2)			2,507		2,505		2					
Sp. Ed. - Elementary	284		283		1			27		27			9	8	8		
Sp. Ed. - Middle School	205		205					101		101			12	11	11		
Sp. Ed. - High School	215		215					215		215			27	24	24		
Subtotal	704		703		1			343		343			48	43	43		
Totals	5,565		5,566		(1)			2,850		2,848		2		48	43	43	
Percentage Error	-0.02% #DIV/0!						0.07%						0.00%				

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 15, 2021
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	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
	Full Day Kindergarten	7	7	-	5	5	-	3	3	-	2	2
One	5	5	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	5	6	(1.0)	5	5	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Three	3	3	-	2	2	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Four	5	5	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	4	5	(1.0)	4	3	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	4	4	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	3	3	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	5	5	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ten	4	4	-	3	2	1.0	1	1	-	1	1	-
Eleven	8	10	(2.0)	8	8	-	2	2	-	2	2	-
Twelve	4	4	-	3	3	-	1	1	-	1	1	-
Adult School (15+ credits)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	58.0	62.0	(4.0)	48.0	46.0	2.0	9.0	9.0	-	8.0	8.0	-
Special Ed. - Elementary	16.0	14.0	2.0	11	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - Middle	11.0	10.0	1.0	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - High	12.0	12.0	-	9	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	39.0	36.0	3.0	28.0	28.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. -Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	97.0	98.0	(1.0)	76.0	74.0	2.0	9.0	9.0	-	8.0	8.0	-
Percentage Error			<u>-1.02%</u>			<u>2.63%</u>						<u>0.00%</u>

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by BOE	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors(1)	Tested	Verified	Errors
Regular Public Students	426.0	426.0	-	38.0	38.0	-
Transported Non-Public Students	81.0	81.0	-	7.0	7.0	-
AIL Non-Public	119.0	119.0	-	11.0	7.0	(4.0)
Regular Special Education (w/o needs)	60.0	60.0	-	6.0	5.0	(1.0)
Special Ed Students (w/special needs or out of district)	27.0	27.0	-	4.0	4.0	-
	713.0	713.0	-	66.0	61.0	(5.0)
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>-7.58%</u>

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	Resident LEP Not Low Income			Sample for Verification		
	Reported on ASSA as LEP Not low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP Not low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Application and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Kindergarten	17	16	1	11	11	-
One	13	13	-	9	9	-
Two	19	19	-	13	13	-
Three	10	10	-	7	7	-
Four	11	11	-	8	8	-
Five	6	6	-	4	4	-
Six	6	6	-	4	4	-
Seven	7	7	-	5	5	-
Eight	5	5	-	3	3	-
Nine	8	8	-	5	5	-
Ten	5	5	-	3	3	-
Eleven	1	1	-	1	1	-
Twelve	4	4	-	3	3	-
Adult School (15+ credits)			-			-
Subtotal	112.0	111.0	1.0	76.0	76.0	-
Special Ed. - Elementary	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed. - Middle	2	2	-	1	1	-
Special Ed. - High	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Co.Voc. -Regular						
Co.Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	114.0	113.0	1.0	77.0	77.0	-
Percentage Error			0.88%			0.00%

**RIDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

SECTION 1A - Four Percent (4%) - Calculation of Excess surplus

2020-2021 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR	\$ 123,803,328
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	(21,043,983)
Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 102,759,345
4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures	\$ 4,110,374
Enter Greater of 4% of Adjusted 2020-2021 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	\$ 4,110,374
Increased by:	
Allowable Adjustments	1,314,401
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 5,424,775

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2021	\$ 14,051,319
Decreased by:	
Legally Restricted - Designated for Future Year's Budget	\$ 108,884
Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	650,000
Capital Reserve	1,118,990
Capital Reserve - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	1,242,837
Maintenance Reserve	2,733,778
Emergency Reserve	626,636
Unemployment Claims	192,672
Year End Encumbrances	229,092
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	816,655
	7,719,544
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	\$ 6,331,775

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Reserved Excess Surplus	\$ 907,000
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Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2021

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	\$ 650,000
Reserved Excess Surplus	907,000
	\$ 1,557,000

Detail of Allowable Adjustments

Extraordinary Aid	\$ 1,265,847
Nonpublic Transportation Aid	48,554
	\$ 1,314,401

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RECOMMENDATIONS

I. Administration Practices and Procedures

There are none.

II. Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting

It is recommended that:

1. Invalid reconciling items on the Payroll Agency account bank reconciliation be reviewed and cleared of record.
2. All transactions in the Payroll Agency and Scholarship Funds be recorded in the District's accounting software in a timely manner.

III. School Purchasing Program

3. It is recommended that all resolutions approving bid awards also include a not to exceed amount for additional hourly services.

IV. School Food Service

4. It is recommended that remedial actions be taken to eliminate the deficit in the Food Service Enterprise Fund at June 30, 2021.

V. Infant/Toddler Development Program

It is recommended that:

5. Corrective action be taken to eliminate the deficit in the Infant/Toddler Development Fund. Additionally the financial records should reflect expenses incurred on its behalf by the General Fund on a real time basis.

- * 6. All fees collected be deposited on a timely basis.

VI. Technology Initiative and Photography Lab Program

There are none.

VII. Community School Program

There are none.

VIII. Student Body Activities

- * 7. It is recommended that continued efforts be made in the student body activity accounts to properly record and account for all related transactions.

IX. Application for State School Aid

There are none.

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RECOMMENDATIONS

X. Pupil Transportation

There are none.

XI. Facilities and Capital Assets

- * 8. It is recommended that all current year additions be properly reflected in the District's capital assets report.

XII. Status of Prior Years' Audit Findings/Recommendations

A review was performed on the prior year's recommendations and corrective action was taken on all except those denoted with an asterisk.

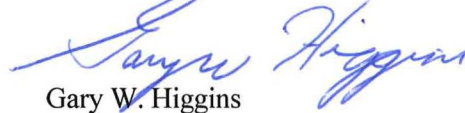
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Respectfully submitted,

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