

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUDITORS' MANAGEMENT REPORT ON
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS -
FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE
JUNE 30, 2024**

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
TABLE OF CONTENTS**

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

	<u>Page No.</u>
Report of Independent Auditors	1
Scope of Audit	2
Administrative Practices and Procedures	2
Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting	2-4
School Purchasing Programs	4
School Food Service	4
Student Activity/Athletic Accounts	5
Application for State School Aid	5
Pupil Transportation	5
Facilities and Capital Assets	5
Miscellaneous	5
Follow-Up on Prior Year Findings	5
Number of Milks Served and (Over)/Underclaim – Not Applicable	6
Schedule of Net Cash Resources – Not Applicable	6
Schedule of Audited Enrollments	7-9
Calculation of Excess Surplus	10
Recommendations	11
Acknowledgement	11



LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
REGISTERED MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTANTS

DIETER P. LERCH, CPA, RMA, PSA
GARY J. VINCI, CPA, RMA, PSA
JEFFREY C. BLISS, CPA, RMA, PSA
PAUL J. LERCH, CPA, RMA, PSA
JULIUS B. CONSONI, CPA, PSA
ANDREW D. PARENTE, CPA, RMA, PSA
ELIZABETH A. SHICK, CPA, RMA, PSA
ROBERT W. HAAG, CPA, RMA, PSA

DEBRA GOLLE, CPA
MARK SACO, CPA
ROBERT LERCH, CPA, PSA
CHRISTOPHER M. VINCI, CPA, PSA
CHRISTINA CUIFFO, CPA, PSA
JOHN CUIFFO, CPA, PSA

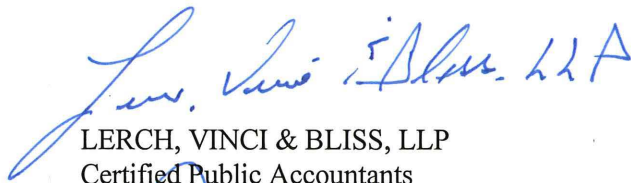
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S MANAGEMENT REPORT

Honorable President and Members
of the Board of Education
Waldwick Board of Education
Waldwick, New Jersey

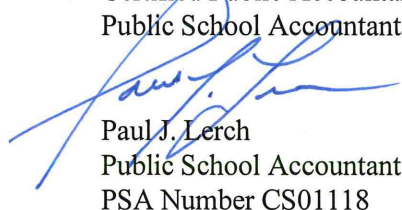
We have audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the basic financial statements of the Waldwick Board of Education as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated October 29, 2024.

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.



LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Public School Accountants



Paul J. Lerch
Public School Accountant
PSA Number CS01118

Fair Lawn, New Jersey
October 29, 2024

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Scope of Audit

The audit covered the financial transactions of the Board Secretary/School Business Administrator and Chief School Administrator, the activities of the Board of Education and 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 contained in the district's Annual Comprehensive Financial Report "ACFR".

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

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John J. Griffin	Business Administrator/Board Secretary	\$275,000

There is an Employees Dishonesty Faithful Performance Blanket Position Bond with Selective Insurance Company covering all other employees with multiple coverage of \$500,000.

P.L.2020,c.44

Our audit procedures included an inquiry and subsequent review of health benefit data required per N.J.S.A.18A:16-13.3 (Chapter 44) submitted for the year on audit. The Chapter 44 summary report was reviewed for reasonableness and timeliness.

The data submitted did include all health benefit plans offered by school district. The school district data certification was completed by the chief school administrator. The school district Chapter 44 data was submitted timely.

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 each of signatures, certification 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 and the Board Secretary/Business Administrator and were approved by the Chief School Administrator.

Salary withholdings were promptly remitted to the proper agencies, including health benefits premium withholding due to General Fund.

The School Business Administrator completed and filed the required Certification of Compliance with Federal and State Law respecting the reporting of compensation for certain employees.

The Board has implemented and maintains a personnel tracking and accounting (Position Control) system.

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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 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. As a result of the procedure performed, no additional testing was deemed necessary to test the propriety of expenditure of classification.

Travel

The District had an approved board travel policy as required by N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-6.13 and N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12.

Payments made to employees for a travel related expenses were in accordance with the approved travel policy.

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).

Acknowledgment of the Board's receipt of the Board Secretary and Treasurer's monthly financial reports was included in the minutes and were submitted to the executive county superintendent.

The prescribed contractual order system was followed.

Treasurer's Records (Chief School Administrator)

The Chief School Administrator did perform cash reconciliations for the general operating account, payroll account, payroll agency account, unemployment account and food service account (N.J.S.A. 18A:17-9).

Elementary and Secondary Education Act (E.S.E.A.)/As Amended by the Every Student Succeeds (ESSA)

The E.S.E.A. financial exhibits are contained within the Special Revenue section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to projects under Titles I, IIA, III and IV of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended.

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 ACFR.

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 Section of the ACFR. This section of the ACFR documents the financial position pertaining to the aforementioned Special Projects.

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Financial Planning, Accounting and Reporting (Continued)

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.

Nonpublic State Aid

Project Completion Reports were finalized and transmitted to the Department by the due date.

T.P.A.F. Reimbursements

Our audit procedures included a test of the bi-monthly electronic 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. Reimbursements to the State for Federal Salary Expenditures

There were none.

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 \$44,000 (with a Qualified Purchasing Agent) and \$32,000 (without a Qualified Purchasing Agent), respectively. The law regulating bidding for public school student transportation contracts under 18A:39-3 is \$22,400 effective 2023-24. The Board has designated the Business Administrator as the Qualified Purchasing Agent for the District.

The district 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 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.

The results of our examination did not indicate any individual payments, contracts, or agreements which were made "for the performance of any work or the furnishing or hiring of any materials or supplies," in excess of statutory thresholds where there had been no advertising for bids in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 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, however, that purchases were made through the use of State contracts for the purchase of computer equipment, cargo van, playground equipment, office furniture and equipment.

School Food Service

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

Expenditures 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 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.

Cash receipts and bank records were reviewed for timely deposit.

The District does not participate in the National School Lunch Program.

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

Student Activity/Athletic Accounts

The Board has a policy, which clearly established the regulation of student activity and athletic accounts.

Cash receipts were promptly deposited.

Supporting documentation was maintained for cash disbursements tested.

Application for State School Aid

Our audit procedures included a test of information reported in the October 13, 2023 Application for State School Aid (A.S.S.A.) for on-roll, private school for the disabled, low income, related services 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 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.

Pupil Transportation

Our audit procedures included a test of on roll status reported in the 2023-24 District Report of Transported Resident Students (DRTRS). The information that was included on the DRTRS was verified to the DRTRS Eligibility Summary Report with immaterial exceptions noted. 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 transfer of local funds from the Capital Reserve Account and awarding of contracts for eligible facilities construction. No exceptions were noted. Capital assets financial records were prepared by a third party service provider and were properly maintained.

The capital asset records were updated for the additions and disposal of capital assets made throughout the year.

Miscellaneous

Testing for Lead of all Drinking Water in Educational Facilities

The School District adhered to all the 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.

Management Suggestions

- The District have an arbitrage rebate analysis performed on the series 2021 School Bonds of \$30,550,000.

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings

There were no prior year findings and recommendations.

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
FOOD SERVICE FUND
NUMBER OF MILKS SERVED AND (OVER)/UNDERCLAIM
ENTERPRISE FUNDS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOT APPLICABLE

**FOOD SERVICE FUND
SCHEDULE OF NET CASH RESOURCE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

NOT APPLICABLE

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	2023-24 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 Registers On Roll		Errors per Registers On Roll		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 - 3yr		-		-	-	-				-	-	-				
Half Day Preschool - 4yr		-		-	-	-				-	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 3yr		-		-	-	-				-	-	-				
Full Day Preschool - 4yr		-		-	-	-				-	-	-				
Half Day Kindergarten		-		-	-	-				-	-	-				
Full Day Kindergarten	107	-	107	-	-	-	53		53	-	-	-				
One	92	-	92	-	-	-	44		44	-	-	-				
Two	110	-	110	-	-	-	47		45	-	2	-				
Three	98	-	98	-	-	-	61		60	-	1	-				
Four	102	-	102	-	-	-	50		50	-	-	-				
Five	117	-	117	-	-	-	59		57	-	2	-				
Six	106	-	106	-	-	-	106		106	-	-	-				
Seven	112	-	112	-	-	-	112		112	-	-	-				
Eight	110	-	110	-	-	-	110		110	-	-	-				
Nine	101	-	101	-	-	-	101		101	-	-	-				
Ten	86	-	86	-	-	-	86		86	-	-	-				
Eleven	85	-	85	-	-	-	85		85	-	-	-				
Twelve	91	-	91	-	-	-	91		91	-	-	-				
Post-Graduate																
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)																
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)																
Subtotal	1,317	-	1,317	-	-	-	1,005	-	1,000	-	5	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Elementary	120		120	-	-	-	89		89	-	-	-	5	2	2	-
Special Ed - Middle School	59		59	-	-	-	59		59	-	-	-	1			-
Special Ed - High School	65	1	65	1	-	-	65	1	65	1	-	-	10	3	3	-
Subtotal	244	1	244	1	-	-	213	1	213	1	-	-	16	5	5	-
Co. Voc. - Regular																
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.																
Totals	1,561	1	1,561	1	-	-	1,218	1	1,213	1	5	-	16	5	5	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	0.00%					0.41%	0.00%				0.00%

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
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 A.S.S.A. as LEP low Income	Reported on Workpapers as LEP low Income	Errors	Sample Selected from Workpapers	Verified to Test Score and Register	Sample Errors
Half Day Preschool												
Full Day Preschool												
Half Day Kindergarten												
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
One			-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Two	1.0	1.0	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Three	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Four			-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Five	1.0	1.0	-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Six	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Seven	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eight	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nine	1.0	1.0	-			-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Ten	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Eleven	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Twelve	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-
Post-Graduate												
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)												
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)												
Subtotal	16.0	16.0	-	6.0	6.0	-	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Special Ed - Elementary	3.0	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - Middle			-			-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Special Ed - High	1.0	1.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Subtotal	4.0	4.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Co. Voc. - Regular												
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.												
Totals	20.0	20.0	-	6.0	6.0	-	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Percentage Error			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%			0.00%

	Transportation					
	Reported on DRTRS by DOE/county	Reported on DRTRS by District	Errors	Tested	Verified	Errors
Reg. - Public Schools, col. 1	62.0	62.0	-	24.0	24.0	-
Reg -SpEd, col. 4	13.5	13.5	-	5.0	5.0	-
Transported - Non-Public, col. 3	16.0	16.0	-	6.0	6.0	-
Special Ed Spec, col. 11	36.5	36.5	-	14.0	14.0	-
Totals	128.0	128.0	-	49.0	49.0	-
Percentage Error					0.00%	

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
APPLICATION FOR STATE SCHOOL AID SUMMARY
ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 13, 2023
SCHEDULE OF AUDITED ENROLLMENTS**

	<u>Resident LEP NOT Low Income</u>			<u>Sample for Verification</u>		
	<u>Reported on A.S.S.A. as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Reported on Workpapers as NOT Low Income</u>	<u>Errors</u>	<u>Sample Selected from Workpapers</u>	<u>Verified to Application and Register</u>	<u>Sample Errors</u>
Half Day Preschool						
Full Day Preschool						
Half Day Kindegarten						
Full Day Kindergarten			-			-
One	4.0	4.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Two	8.0	8.0	-	2.0	2.0	-
Three	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Four	3.0	3.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Five	1.0	1.0	-			-
Six	1.0	1.0	-			-
Seven			-			-
Eight	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Nine	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Ten	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Eleven	5.0	5.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Twelve	2.0	2.0	-	1.0	1.0	-
Post-Graduate						
Adult H.S. (15+CR.)						
Adult H.S. (1-14 CR.)						
Subtotal	<u>32.0</u>	<u>32.0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>-</u>
Special Ed - Elementary	1.0		-			-
Special Ed - Middle	1.0		-			-
Special Ed - High	1.0		-			-
Subtotal	<u>3.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>0.0</u>	<u>-</u>
Co. Voc. - Regular						
Co. Voc. Ft. Post Sec.						
Totals	<u>35.0</u>	<u>32.0</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>10.0</u>	<u>-</u>
Percentage Error			<u>0.00%</u>			<u>0.00%</u>

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALCULATION OF EXCESS SURPLUS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

SECTION 1

2023-2024 Total General Fund Expenditures per the CAFR, Ex.C-1	\$ 43,077,466
Decreased by:	
On-Behalf TPAF Pension & Social Security	<u>(8,100,828)</u>
Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 34,976,638</u>
2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures	<u>\$ 699,533</u>
Enter Greater of 2% of Adjusted 2023-2024 General Fund Expenditures or \$250,000	699,533
Increased by: Allowable Adjustment*	<u>634,527</u>
Maximum Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1,334,060</u>

SECTION 2

Total General Fund - Fund Balance at June 30, 2024 (Per CAFR Budgetary Comparison Schedule/Statement)	\$ 20,542,301
Decreased by:	
Restricted:	
Capital Reserve	\$ 13,822,649
Maintenance Reserve	1,359,261
Excess Surplus:	
Prior Year - Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	1,300,000
Unemployment Compensation	568,067
Assigned:	
Year-End Encumbrances	47,544
Designated for Subsequent Year's Expenditures	<u>810,720</u>
	<u>17,908,241</u>
Total Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>\$ 2,634,060</u>

SECTION 3

Restricted Fund Balance - Excess Surplus	<u>\$ 1,300,000</u>
--	---------------------

Recapitulation of Excess Surplus as of June 30, 2024

Reserved Excess Surplus - Designated for Subsequent Year's Budget	\$ 1,300,000
Excess Surplus	<u>1,300,000</u>
	<u>\$ 2,600,000</u>

***Detail of Allowable Adjustments**

Extraordinary Aid-Excess over the amount budgeted in the 2023/2024 certified budget	\$ 600,634
Additional Nonpublic School Transportation Aid	<u>33,893</u>
Total Adjustments	<u>\$ 634,527</u>

**WALDWICK BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADMINISTRATIVE FINDINGS - FINANCIAL, COMPLIANCE AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024**

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 Services

There are none.

V. Student Body Activities/Athletic Accounts

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.

X. Status of Prior Year Audit Findings/Recommendations

There were no prior year findings.

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,

LERCH, VINCI & BLISS, LLP



Paul J. Lerch
Certified Public Accountant
Public School Accountant