MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Janet C. Barresi

DATE: March 25, 2014

SUBJECT: FY2014 General Fund Balance Penalty

The following public school districts, for the second consecutive school year, exceeded their General Fund Balance (GFB) allowable amount for the 2012-13 school year ending June 30, 2013. The GFB penalty for these districts is at the discretion of the State Board of Education, since all districts qualify on the statute below:

Pursuant to 70 O.S. § 18-200.1(G)

5. If a school district does not receive Foundation and/or Salary Incentive Aid during the preceding fiscal year, the State Board of Education may waive the penalty assessed in this subsection if the penalty would result in a loss of more than forty percent (40%) of the remaining State Aid to be allocated to the school district between April 1 and the remainder of the school year and if the Board determines the penalty will cause the school district not to meet remaining financial obligations.

			No		
		Penalty	Foundation	Loss of	Congressional
Co/Dist	District Name	Amount	&/or Incentive	more than 40%	District
Districts	submitting correspo	ondence req	uesting a State B	Soard of Educatio	n waiver
05I031	Sayre	\$17,981	Yes	Yes	3
61 I 014	Kiowa	\$11,028	Yes	Yes	2
65I066	Hammon	\$ 6,364	Yes	Yes	3
76I006	Freedom	\$ 1,365	Yes	Yes	3
District	with no response to t	the GFB per	nalty correspond	<u>ence</u>	
22I010	Taloga	\$ 1,885	Yes	Yes	3

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Attachments

Janet Barresi State Superintendent of Public Instruction Oklahoma State Department of Education

General Fund Balance Penalty Statute

70 O.S. § 18-200.1:

Paragraph G:

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 18-112.2 of this title, a school district shall have its State Aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount of carryover in the general fund of the district as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year, that is in excess of the following standards <u>for</u> two consecutive years:

Total Ar	nount of	Amount of
General Fund	d Collections,	General Fund
Excluding Page	Balance	
Cash Surplus	Available	
Less than \$1,000	0,000	40%
\$1,000,000 -	\$2,999,999	35%
\$3,000,000 -	\$3,999,999	30%
\$4,000,000 -	\$4,999,999	25%
\$5,000,000 -	\$5,999,999	20%
\$6,000,000 -	\$7,999,999	18%
\$8,000,000 -	\$9,999,999	16%
\$10,000,000 or 1	more	14%

- 2. By February 1 the State Department of Education shall send by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each School District Superintendent, Auditor and Regional Accreditation Officer a notice of and calculation sheet reflecting the general fund balance penalty to be assessed against that school district. Calculation of the general fund balance penalty **shall not include federal revenue**. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this written notice the school district shall submit to the Department a written reply either accepting or protesting the penalty to be assessed against the district. If protesting, the school district shall submit with its reply the reasons for rejecting the calculations and documentation supporting those reasons. The Department shall review all school district penalty protest documentation and notify each district by March 15 of its finding and the final penalty to be assessed to each district. General fund balance penalties shall be assessed to all school districts by April 1.
- 3. Any school district which receives proceeds from a tax settlement or a Federal Emergency Management Agency settlement during the last two (2) months of the preceding fiscal year shall be exempt from the penalties assessed in this subsection, if the penalty would occur solely as a result of receiving funds from the tax settlement.
- 4. Any school district which receives an increase in State Aid because of a change in Foundation and/or Salary Incentive Aid factors during the last two (2) months of the preceding fiscal year shall be exempt from the penalties assessed in this subsection, if the penalty would occur solely as a result of receiving funds from the increase in State Aid.

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Janet Barresi State Superintendent of Public Instruction Oklahoma State Department of Education

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- 6. Any school district which receives gross production revenue apportionment during the 2002-2003 school year or in any subsequent school year that is greater than the gross production revenue apportionment of the preceding school year shall be exempt from the penalty assessed in this subsection, if the penalty would occur solely as a result of the gross production revenue apportionment, as determined by the State Board of Education.
- 7. Beginning July 1, 2003, school districts that participate in consolidation or annexation pursuant to the provisions of the Oklahoma School Voluntary Consolidation and Annexation Act shall be exempt from the penalty assessed in this subsection for the school year in which the consolidation or annexation occurs and for the next three (3) fiscal years.
- 8. Any school district which receives proceeds from a sales tax levied by a municipality pursuant to Section 22-159 of Title 11 of the Oklahoma Statutes or proceeds from a sales tax levied by a county pursuant to Section 1370 of Title 68 of the Oklahoma Statutes during the 2003-2004 school year or the 2004-2005 school year shall be exempt from the penalties assessed in this subsection, if the penalty would occur solely as a result of receiving funds from the sales tax levy.
- 9. For purposes of calculating the general fund balance penalty, the terms "carryover" and "general fund balance" shall not include federal revenue.

Title 70, Section 1-117:

G. Schools which receive gifts or donations or state-appropriated monies for the purpose of capital expenditures or projects shall place such monies in the building fund, as provided by Section 1-118 of this title, and not in the general fund. School districts which receive gifts, grants, or donations of monies for noncapital expenditures may place the monies in the general fund, and such monies shall not be required to be used during the year in which the money was received but may accumulate from year to year and shall not be considered a part of the general fund collections when calculating the general fund carryover as provided in subsection G of Section 18-200.1 of this title.

Janet Barresi State Superintendent of Public Instruction Oklahoma State Department of Education

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FY2014 Estimated	40% of	April 1, 2014	Balance	7,192	4,411	2,546	546	754	1,199	4,786	1,508	0	0	46,578	181,554	114,536
FY2014 Estimated	Balance after	March 2014	Payment	17,981	11,028	6,364	1,365	1,885	2,997	11,964	3,770	0	0	116,445	453,886	286,340
FY2014 General	Fund	Balance	Penalty	6,135,258.20	3,134,619.78	1,147,950.70	168,043.81	586,116.96	1,126,924.54	1,473,755.27	136,422.52	35,896.88	3,910,946.42	109,830.27	8,714.40	11,040.34
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			t	SAYRE	KIOWA	HAMMON	FREEDOM	TALOGA	CLEORA	CHEYENNE	FORT SUPPLY	LEEDEY	SWEETWATER	TERRAL	SOUTH ROCK CREEK	MOORELAND
			District	1031	1014	990I	9001	1010	C006	1001	1005	1003	1015	C003	C032	1002
			nty	BECKHAM	PITTSBURG	ROGER MILLS	WOODS	DEWEY	DELAWARE	ROGER MILLS	WOODWARD	ROGER MILLS	ROGER MILLS	JEFFERSON	POTTAWATOMIE	WOODWARD
			County	05	61	65	92	22	21	9	77	9	65	34	63	77



Sayre Public Schools

Sayre, Oklahoma 73662

Home of the Eagles

February 21, 2014

Oklahoma State Board of Education Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

RE: Carryover Waiver

Dear Members of the State Board of Education:

During the 2012-2013 school term, Sayre Public Schools (05l031) exceeded the maximum carryover amount for the general fund. We are respectfully requesting that the penalty for exceeding the statutory limit be waived. Following a lengthy litigation process (6 years) with multiple companies from the oil/gas industry, we have received the release of protested tax funds being held in escrow.

The sum total of those back tax monies has placed us in the position of being ineligible to receive Foundation Aid. As a result, the excess carryover balance will be utilized to ensure that the District be able to meet its financial obligations in the future.

Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me. We would like to thank you in advance for considering this request.

Respectfully Yours,

Todd Winn,

Superintendent of Schools

SENDER: COMPLETE THIS SECTION	COMPLETE THIS SECTION ON DELIVERY
 Complete items 1, 2, and 3. Also complete item 4 if Restricted Delivery is desired. Print your name and address on the reverse so that we can return the card to you. Attach this card to the back of the mailpiece, or on the front if space permits. 	A. Signature Agent Addresse B. Received by (Printed Name) C. Date of Deliver
Article Addressed to:	D. Is delivery address different from item 1? Yes If YES, enter delivery address below: No
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716 NORTHEAST HIGHWAY 66 SAYRE OK 73662	3. Service Type Certified Mail Registered Return Receipt for Merchandis C.O.D.
	4. Restricted Delivery? (Extra Fee) ☐ Yes
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January 28, 2014

Todd Winn, Superintendent Sayre Public Schools 716 Northeast Highway 66 Sayre, Oklahoma 73662

Dear: Superintendent,

This letter shall serve as official notification to your school district from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, that the General Fund Balance of your school district, as reported, exceeded the allowable amount as outlined in Paragraph G. of Title 70, Section 18-200.1 (see statutory attachment; also note instructions in bold below). Revenue figures used for the general fund balance calculation were gathered from the 2013 Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Title 70, Section 18-200.1, states: "Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 18-112.2 of this title, a school district shall have its State Aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount of carryover in the general fund of the district as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year, that is in excess of the following standards for two consecutive years:"

- (1) Your school district exceeded the allowable carryover limit as of June 30, 2012.
- (2) Your school district exceeded the allowable carryover limit as of June 30, 2013.

As stated in law, you are requested to respond in writing no later than Friday, February 28, 2014, on behalf of the school district to the State Aid Section, Oklahoma State Department of Education. Such written response shall indicate the acceptance of the calculated amount, or provide documentation of reasons for rejecting that amount. To reduce your calculated penalty amount, we have already applied numbers two, four, and six as listed on the statutory attachment (Title 70, Section 18-200.1, Paragraph G.). If applicable, you may be able to apply numbers three, five, or eight (State Board of Education action is required for item five) from Title 70, Section 18-200.1 as reasons of protest (this process may further reduce or eliminate any exceeded carryover amount). Your letter of protest should state the applicable numerical items from Paragraph G. We have also applied to our calculation, the provisions of Title 70, Section 1-117 (see attached statute). The Department shall review all school district protest documentation and notify your district by Friday, March 14, 2014, of its finding.

In 70 O.S. 18-200.1, item number five (attached), you may want to ask for a waiver of this penalty from the State Board of Education at its next scheduled meeting on *Thursday*, *March 27*, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The Board will determine if the penalty will cause the school district not to meet remaining financial obligations for the 2013-14 school year. Please contact me if you want to pursue this option; documentation may be required.

Superintendent Page 2 January 28, 2014

The "Exceeded Carryover Allowance Amount After Exclusions" is indicated on the attached calculation sheet on Line 11. If you have questions regarding this penalty calculation, please contact me at (405) 521-3460.

Sincerely,

Kimberly A. Ivester

Assistant Deputy Director,

Financial Services, State Aid Section

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Attachments

c: State Superintendent Janet Barresi Britton, Kuykendall & Miller, CPAs, PC Kevin McKinley, Regional Accreditation Officer

FY2014 GENERAL FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

COUNTY NUMBER: 5 DISTRICT NUMBER: 1031	COUNTY NAME: BECKHAM DISTRICT NAME: SAYRE	
 2013 GENERAL FUND REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 1000 less Expenditures for Fund 11, Fu 	through 4999, plus 5150, 5160, 5190, 6130, 6140, 6200 nction 5800, Object 970)	5,803,638.02
2. ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF GR	ENERAL FUND BALANCE (See below)	20%
3. GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLOV (Line 1 times Line 2)	WABLE	1,160,727.60
4. GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE (As reported on the FY2014 Estimate)		7,730,607.06
5. LINE 4 minus LINE 3 – GENERAL FU	JND BALANCE PENALTY	6,569,879.46
6. FEDERAL REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 4000 thr	ough 4999, plus Fund 22, Source 5150 [rolled to Fund 1	398,367.44 1])
7. LINE 6 minus LINE 5 – GENERAL FU	IND BALANCE PENALTY	6,171,512.02
8. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS (Fund 11, Source of Revenue1610 and	nd 1640)	4,623.82
9. LINE 8 minus LINE 7 – GENERAL FU	UND BALANCE PENALTY	6,166,888.20
EXCLUSIONS APPLIED FROM 70 O.S.	18-200.1 (PARAGRAPH G.):	
10. LESS INCREASE IN STATE AID BEG ADJUSTMENT DURING LAST TWO	CAUSE OF STATE AID FACTOR MONTHS OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR	. 0
11. GROSS PRODUCTION GROWTH GR	EATER THAN PRECEDING YEAR	31,630.00
12. EXCEEDED CARRYOVER AMOU (Line 9 minus [Lines 10 and 11] equals	INT AFTER EXCLUSIONS Adjusted General Fund Balance Penalty)	6,135,258.20
13. DISTRICT EXCEEDED TWO CONSE	CUTIVE YEARS	YES
14. EXEMPTION FOR ANNEXATION/CO	ONSOLIDATION	NO
15. AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO BE RE	DUCED AFTER THE MARCH PAYMENT	17,981
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTI	ON REQUIRED:	
A. NO FOUNDATION AND/OR SALARY	Y INCENTIVE AID IN PRECEDING YEAR	YES
B. PENALTY IS MORE THAN FORTY P	ERCENT (40%) OF REMAINING STATE AID	YES

Total Amount of Gen. Fund

Collections, Excl. Previous Yr.	Amt. of Gen. Fd.
Cash Surplus as of June 30	Balance Allowable
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Kiowa Public Schools

DISTRICT I-14 P.O. Box 6 Kiowa, OK 74553 PHONE FAX E-MAIL WEB SITE

(918) 432-5631 (918) 432-5683 <u>mkellogg@kiowa.k12.ok.us</u> http://www.kiowa.k12.ok.us

February 06, 2014

Kimberly A. Ivester Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, OK 73105-4599

Re: Carry Over Waiver

Dear Ms. Ivester,

Kiowa Public School is requesting a Statutory Waiver with regard to Title 70 Section 18-200.1. We have an electric generating power plant in our District that creates an Ad Valorem tax base that causes us to be ineligible to receive Foundation Aid.

Therefore, at the end of the fiscal year we must carry over more than the law allows in order to maintain an adequate balance to finish the calendar year.

Kiowa School would like to thank you in advance for your consideration in the matter.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Kellogg, Superintendent

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ADMINISTRATION
Mike Kellogg, Superintendent
Ron Stawson, HS Principal
Carry Rind, Eleu. Principal

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Greg Shores, President Karla Hall, Vice President John Doyle, Clerk Rick éartor, Member Joe Wills, Member



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January 28, 2014

Michael Kellogg, Superintendent Kiowa Public Schools 406 East 8Th Street Kiowa, Oklahoma 74553

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c: State Superintendent Janet Barresi Kerry John Patten, CPA Shellie Gammill, Regional Accreditation Officer

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FY2014 GENERAL FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

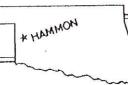
COUNTY NUMBER: 61 DISTRICT NUMBER: 1014 COUNTY NAME: PITTSBURG DISTRICT NAME: KIOWA

 2013 GENERAL FUND REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 1000 through 4999, plus less Expenditures for Fund 11, Function 5800, Object 	
2. ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND BA	ALANCE (See below) 25%
3. GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLOWABLE (Line 1 times Line 2)	1,003,330.86
4. GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2013 (As reported on the FY2014 Estimate of Needs)	4,409,382.75
5. LINE 4 minus LINE 3 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PI	ENALTY 3,406,051.89
6. FEDERAL REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 4000 through 4999, plus Fu	271,432.11 and 22, Source 5150 [rolled to Fund 11])
7. LINE 6 minus LINE 5 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PI	ENALTY 3,134,619.78
8. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS (Fund 11, Source of Revenue1610 and 1640)	0
9. LINE 8 minus LINE 7 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE P	ENALTY 3,134,619.78
EXCLUSIONS APPLIED FROM 70 O.S. 18-200.1 (PARAG	GRAPH G.):
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11. GROSS PRODUCTION GROWTH GREATER THAN PR	RECEDING YEAR 0
12. EXCEEDED CARRYOVER AMOUNT AFTER EXC (Line 9 minus [Lines 10 and 11] equals Adjusted General F	
13. DISTRICT EXCEEDED TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS	YES
14. EXEMPTION FOR ANNEXATION/CONSOLIDATION	NO
15. AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO BE REDUCED AFTER T	HE MARCH PAYMENT 11,028
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION REQUIRED:	
A. NO FOUNDATION AND/OR SALARY INCENTIVE AII	D IN PRECEDING YEAR YES

B. PENALTY IS MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF REMAINING STATE AID

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HAMMON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

P.O. BOX 279 • Hammon, Oklahoma 73650-0279

February 21, 2014

Oklahoma State Board of Education Oklahoma State Department of Education 2500 North Lincoln Boulevard Oklahoma City, Ok 73105-4599

Dear Members of the State Board of Education:

During the 2012-2013 school year Hammon Public Schools (651066) exceeded the maximum carryover for the general fund. We humbly are requesting that the penalty for exceeding the carryover be waived for last year's excess carryover. We are using the excess money for a lease-purchase agreement to partially fund a new cafeteria building, Early Childhood classrooms, and a tornado shelter. The new facility replaced facilities that were over 50 years old. We just have recently completed the project and have been making lease-purchase payments.

Our school does meet the exception of Paragraph G: Number 5 regarding receipt of Foundation and/or Salary Incentive Aid and the loss of more than 40% of the remaining State Aid. The project that was just completed has significantly depleted the amount of carryover that Hammon Schools have. However, the safety of the students of Hammon Schools is paramount. Should you need additional information, please feel free to contact me. We thank you in advance for considering this request.

Respectfully yours,

Randy Ann Stickney

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January 28, 2014

Randy Ann Stickney, Superintendent Hammon Public Schools 802 Shockey St. Hammon, Oklahoma 73650

Dear: Superintendent,

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FY2014 GENERAL FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

COUNTY NUMBER: 65 DISTRICT NUMBER: 1066 COUNTY NAME: ROGER MILLS DISTRICT NAME: HAMMON

 2013 GENERAL FUND REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 1000 through 4999, plus 5150, 5160, 5190, 6130, 6140, 6200 less Expenditures for Fund 11, Function 5800, Object 970) 	4,531,360.85
2. ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE (See below)	25%.
3. GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLOWABLE (Line 1 times Line 2)	1,132,840.21
4. GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2013 (As reported on the FY2014 Estimate of Needs)	2,469,720.36
5. LINE 4 minus LINE 3 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	1,336,880.15
6. FEDERAL REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 4000 through 4999, plus Fund 22, Source 5150 [rolled to Fund 11]	159,194.45])
7. LINE 6 minus LINE 5 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	1,177,685.70
8. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS (Fund 11, Source of Revenue1610 and 1640)	0
9. LINE 8 minus LINE 7 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	1,177,685.70
EXCLUSIONS APPLIED FROM 70 O.S. 18-200.1 (PARAGRAPH G.):	
10. LESS INCREASE IN STATE AID BECAUSE OF STATE AID FACTOR ADJUSTMENT DURING LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR	0
11. GROSS PRODUCTION GROWTH GREATER THAN PRECEDING YEAR	29,735.00
 EXCEEDED CARRYOVER AMOUNT AFTER EXCLUSIONS (Line 9 minus [Lines 10 and 11] equals Adjusted General Fund Balance Penalty) 	1,147,950.70
13. DISTRICT EXCEEDED TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS	YES
14. EXEMPTION FOR ANNEXATION/CONSOLIDATION	NO
15. AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO BE REDUCED AFTER THE MARCH PAYMENT	6,364
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION REQUIRED:	
A. NO FOUNDATION AND/OR SALARY INCENTIVE AID IN PRECEDING YEAR	YES
B. PENALTY IS MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF REMAINING STATE AID	YES

Total Amount of Gen. Fund

Collections, Excl. Previous Yr.	Amt. of Gen. Fd.
Cash Surplus as of June 30	Balance Allowable
Less than \$1,000,000	40%
\$1,000,000-\$2,999,999	35%
\$3,000,000-\$3,999,999	30%
\$4,000,000-\$4,999,999	25%
\$5,000,000-\$5,999,999	20%
\$6,000,000-\$7,999,999	18%
\$8,000,000-\$9,999,999	16%
\$10,000,000 or More	14%



FREEDOM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

P.O. BOX 5/1138 EAGLE PASS FREEDOM, OK 73842 PHONE (580) 621-3271 - FAX (580) 621-3699 www.freedom.k12.ok.us

Superintendent - Danny McCuiston

Principal - Brett Hill

03/13/2014

To:

Ms. Kimberly A. Ivester

Assistant Deputy Director

Financial Services, State Aid Section

From:

Danny McCuiston

Superintendent

Freedom Public Schools

Ms. Ivester.

Please carry this request on behalf of the Freedom Public School District to the State Board of Education to consider a waive of the penalty assessed for an excessive Cash Forward Balance in the proceeding school year. In a district such as Freedom which deals with such extreme demographic challenges, the standard "norms" cannot always be applied in an equitable manner.

Freedom Public Schools is a district which receives no Foundation, Salary and Incentive Ald. Freedom Public Schools receives only Transportation Funding from the state, in an amount Just over \$3,600.00 in the current fiscal year. Freedom Public Schools has a small operation budget and revenues that fluctuates with the energy industry. As a necessity, the district must develop and maintain an adequate cash balance to protect the district from the current fiscal year's shifts in revenues which have been experienced many times in the past. Also, at the beginning of FY'13 the district closed out a prior year encumbrance of \$150,000.00 and returned these revenues to the General Budget which accounted for the large majority of the excess carryover.

Since the bulk of the penalty was the results of a prior encumbrance and considering the amount of State Ald the district receives, I request the State Board of Education waive the penalty for Freedom Public Schools.

Sincerely,

Danny McCusitoffe Country

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January 28, 2014

Danny Mccuiston, Superintendent Freedom Public Schools 1138 Eagle Pass Freedom, Oklahoma 73842

Dear: Superintendent,

This letter shall serve as official notification to your school district from the Oklahoma State Department of Education, that the General Fund Balance of your school district, as reported, exceeded the allowable amount as outlined in Paragraph G. of Title 70, Section 18-200.1 (see statutory attachment; also note instructions in bold below). Revenue figures used for the general fund balance calculation were gathered from the 2013 Oklahoma Cost Accounting System (OCAS) for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013.

Title 70, Section 18-200.1, states: "Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 18-112.2 of this title, a school district shall have its State Aid reduced by an amount equal to the amount of carryover in the general fund of the district as of June 30 of the preceding fiscal year, that is in excess of the following standards for two consecutive years:"

- (1) Your school district exceeded the allowable carryover limit as of June 30, 2012.
- (2) Your school district exceeded the allowable carryover limit as of June 30, 2013.

As stated in law, you are requested to respond in writing no later than Friday, February 28, 2014, on behalf of the school district to the State Aid Section, Oklahoma State Department of Education. Such written response shall indicate the acceptance of the calculated amount, or provide documentation of reasons for rejecting that amount. To reduce your calculated penalty amount, we have already applied numbers two, four, and six as listed on the statutory attachment (Title 70, Section 18-200.1, Paragraph G.). If applicable, you may be able to apply numbers three, five, or eight (State Board of Education action is required for item five) from Title 70, Section 18-200.1 as reasons of protest (this process may further reduce or eliminate any exceeded carryover amount). Your letter of protest should state the applicable numerical items from Paragraph G. We have also applied to our calculation, the provisions of Title 70, Section 1-117 (see attached statute). The Department shall review all school district protest documentation and notify your district by Friday, March 14, 2014, of its finding.

In 70 O.S. 18-200.1, item number five (attached), you may want to ask for a waiver of this penalty from the State Board of Education at its next scheduled meeting on *Thursday*, *March 27*, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. The Board will determine if the penalty will cause the school district not to meet remaining financial obligations for the 2013-14 school year. Please contact me if you want to pursue this option; documentation may be required.

Superintendent Page 2 January 28, 2014

The "Exceeded Carryover Allowance Amount After Exclusions" is indicated on the attached calculation sheet on Line 11. If you have questions regarding this penalty calculation, please contact me at (405) 521-3460.

Sincerely

Assistant Deputy Director, Financial Services, State Aid Section

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Attachments

c: State Superintendent Janet Barresi Charles W. Carroll, P.A. Kim Hale, Regional Accreditation Officer

FY2014 GENERAL FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

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COUNTY NUMBER: 76 COUNTY NAME: WOODS DISTRICT NUMBER: I006 DISTRICT NAME: FREEDOM	
 2013 GENERAL FUND REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 1000 through 4999, plus 5150, 5160, 5190, 6 less Expenditures for Fund 11, Function 5800, Object 970) 	1,363,405.13 130, 6140, 6200
2. ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF GENERAL FUND BALANCE (See below	y) 35%
3. GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLOWABLE (Line 1 times Line 2)	477,191.80
 GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30, 2013 (As reported on the FY2014 Estimate of Needs) 	668,105.35
5. LINE 4 minus LINE 3 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	190,913.55
6. FEDERAL REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 4000 through 4999, plus Fund 22, Source 5150 [22,369.74 [rolled to Fund 11])
7. LINE 6 minus LINE 5 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	168,543.81
8. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS (Fund 11, Source of Revenue1610 and 1640)	500
9. LINE 8 minus LINE 7 – GENERAL FUND BALANCE PENALTY	168,043.81
EXCLUSIONS APPLIED FROM 70 O.S. 18-200.1 (PARAGRAPH G.):	E (6)
10. LESS INCREASE IN STATE AID BECAUSE OF STATE AID FACTOR ADJUSTMENT DURING LAST TWO MONTHS OF THE PRECEDING FISC	0 CAL YEAR
11. GROSS PRODUCTION GROWTH GREATER THAN PRECEDING YEAR	0
12. EXCEEDED CARRYOVER AMOUNT AFTER EXCLUSIONS (Line 9 minus [Lines 10 and 11] equals Adjusted General Fund Balance Penalty	168,043.81
13. DISTRICT EXCEEDED TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS	YES
14. EXEMPTION FOR ANNEXATION/CONSOLIDATION	МО
15. AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO BE REDUCED AFTER THE MARCH PAYM	ENT 1,365
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACTION REQUIRED:	
A. NO FOUNDATION AND/OR SALARY INCENTIVE AID IN PRECEDING Y	YEAR YES
B. PENALTY IS MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF REMAINING STA	ATE AID YES

Total Amount of Gen. Fund

Collections, Excl. Previous Yr.	Amt. of Gen. Fd.
Cash Surplus as of June 30	Balance Allowable
Less than \$1,000,000	40%
\$1,000,000-\$2,999,999	35%
\$3,000,000-\$3,999,999	30%
\$4,000,000-\$4,999,999	25%
\$5,000,000-\$5,999,999	20%
\$6,000,000-\$7,999,999	18%
\$8,000,000-\$9,999,999	16%
\$10,000,000 or More	14%

Kimberly Ivester

From:

Kimberly Ivester

Sent:

Friday, March 14, 2014 12:49 PM

To:

'dlingle@taloga.k12.ok.us'

Cc:

Renee McWaters

Subject:

FW: OSDE: General Fund Balance Penalty - Correspondence

Attachments:

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Importance:

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Ms. Lingle,

I have been unable to reach the district by phone this morning, but parent/teacher conference days are chaotic. Taloga will be submitted in the State Board (agenda packets) with no response. If correspondence (accepting, protesting or request of waiver) is received prior to the March 25th board meeting, it will be presented to the State Board office for consideration.

Kimberly A. Juester

Assistant Director, State Aid Section
Oklahoma State Department of Education
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(405) 522-0119 Direct Line, (405) 521-3460 Office
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Kimberly.lvester@sde.ok.gov
(My office hours are 7:30-4:00 CST)

From: Kimberly Ivester

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:59 PM

To:

Cc: Renee McWaters

Subject: FW: OSDE: General Fund Balance Penalty - Correspondence

Let me try again with the attachment.

From: Kimberly Ivester

Sent: Thursday, March 13, 2014 12:52 PM

To: 'dlingle@taloga.k12.ok.us'

Cc: Renee McWaters

Subject: OSDE: General Fund Balance Penalty - Correspondence

Ms. Lingle,

I phoned and was told that you are out of the office today, but normally read you email correspondence. Attached is the original correspondence submitted to Taloga for the General Fund Balance Penalty. This penalty is being submitted tomorrow for the State Board agenda/packets for the next State Board meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Your district meets the criteria for the State Board's discretion to waiver, but we did not receive a district reply pursuant to the below statutory requirement. If no correspondence is received from your district by noon tomorrow, then Taloga's documentation will be submitted to Board without the required response.

70 O.S. § 18-200.1 (G) Allocation of State Aid - Formula for State Aid

2. By February 1 the State Department of Education shall send by certified mail, with return receipt requested, to each School District Superintendent, Auditor and Regional Accreditation Officer a notice of and calculation sheet reflecting the general fund balance penalty to be assessed against that school district. Calculation of the general fund balance penalty

shall not include federal revenue. Within thirty (30) days of receipt of this written notice the school district shall submit to the Department a written reply either accepting or protesting the penalty to be assessed against the district. If protesting, the school district shall submit with its reply the reasons for rejecting the calculations and documentation supporting those reasons. The Department shall review all school district penalty protest documentation and notify each district by March 15 of its finding and the final penalty to be assessed to each district. General fund balance penalties shall be assessed to all school districts by April 1.

5. If a school district does not receive Foundation and/or Salary Incentive Aid during the preceding fiscal year, the State Board of Education may waive the penalty assessed in this subsection if the penalty would result in a loss of more than forty percent (40%) of the remaining State Aid to be allocated to the school district between April 1 and the remainder of the school year and if the Board determines the penalty will cause the school district not to meet remaining financial obligations.

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January 28, 2014

Darci Lingle, Superintendent Taloga Public Schools 500 West Ruble Taloga, Oklahoma 73667

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Superintendent Page 2 January 28, 2014

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Kimberly A. Ivester

Assistant Deputy Director,

Financial Services, State Aid Section

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Attachments

State Superintendent Janet Barresi
 Charles W. Carroll, P.A.
 Kim Hale, Regional Accreditation Officer

YES

FY2014 GENERAL FUND BALANCE CALCULATION

COUNTY NUMBER: 22 DISTRICT NUMBER: I010	COUNTY NAME: DEWEY DISTRICT NAME: TALOGA	
1. 2013 GENERAL FUND REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 1000 less Expenditures for Fund 11, Fu	0 through 4999, plus 5150, 5160, 5190, 6130, 6140, 6200 unction 5800, Object 970)	2,054,590.70
2. ALLOWABLE PERCENTAGE OF G	ENERAL FUND BALANCE (See below)	35%
3. GENERAL FUND BALANCE ALLO (Line 1 times Line 2)	WABLE	719,106.75
4. GENERAL FUND BALANCE - JUNE (As reported on the FY2014 Estim		1,327,413.38
5. LINE 4 minus LINE 3 – GENERAL F	UND BALANCE PENALTY	608,306.63
6. FEDERAL REVENUE (Fund 11, Source of Revenue 4000 th	rough 4999, plus Fund 22, Source 5150 [rolled to Fund 11	22,189.67
7. LINE 6 minus LINE 5 – GENERAL FU	UND BALANCE PENALTY	586,116.96
8. GIFTS AND ENDOWMENTS (Fund 11, Source of Revenue1610 a	and 1640)	0
9. LINE 8 minus LINE 7 – GENERAL F	UND BALANCE PENALTY	586,116.96
EXCLUSIONS APPLIED FROM 70 O.S	. 18-200.1 (PARAGRAPH G.):	
10. LESS INCREASE IN STATE AID BE ADJUSTMENT DURING LAST TWO	CAUSE OF STATE AID FACTOR MONTHS OF THE PRECEDING FISCAL YEAR	0
11. GROSS PRODUCTION GROWTH GI	REATER THAN PRECEDING YEAR	0
12. EXCEEDED CARRYOVER AMOU (Line 9 minus [Lines 10 and 11] equals	UNT AFTER EXCLUSIONS Adjusted General Fund Balance Penalty)	586,116.96
13. DISTRICT EXCEEDED TWO CONSE	ECUTIVE YEARS	YES
14. EXEMPTION FOR ANNEXATION/C	ONSOLIDATION	NO
15. AMOUNT OF STATE AID TO BE RE	EDUCED AFTER THE MARCH PAYMENT	1,885
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION ACT	ION REQUIRED:	
A. NO FOUNDATION AND/OR SALAR	Y INCENTIVE AID IN PRECEDING YEAR	YES

B. PENALTY IS MORE THAN FORTY PERCENT (40%) OF REMAINING STATE AID

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