

Presenter Background

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- Finance Director at CESA 4 for over 9 years
- Before CESA 4, a governmental auditor for over 16 years
- At CESA 4, I currently assist school district business offices in a variety of areas; the most needed area is bank reconciliations



Presenter Background

Mike Koltes, CESA 5 Director of Finance

- Finance Director at CESA 5 for over 10 years
- Before CESA 5, school district Business Director
- At CESA 5, our team currently assist school district business offices in a variety of areas; the most needed area is bank reconciliations



Agenda

- Why is this a big deal?
- Where do I start?
- Steps
- Common issues
- Tools for finding issues
- Questions
- Roundtable time on specific cash reconciliation issues

Why is this a big deal?



Audit

- One of the first items auditors will address is cash reconciliation
- Sets the tone for your entire audit
- When cash isn't reconciled they will begin questioning if the other accounts are reconciled
- When the cash is not reconciled those dreaded words will follow in the auditor communication letter "Internal Control Issues"

DPI

- Internal control issues are reported to the DPI
- Follow up by the DPI can include monitoring, which includes sending in your monthly bank reconciliations

Why is this a big deal?

- Fraud
- Cash management
 - Reconciling your cash accounts on timely basis allows you to make smart cash flow decisions
 - Minimize the short term borrowing
 - When your cash balances are not reconciled you run the risk of a large expenses or a large deposits not being recorded on your general ledger
 - This can greatly affect budget to actual reports provided to the school board
 - Likewise preparing claims for state and federal grants

Where do I start?

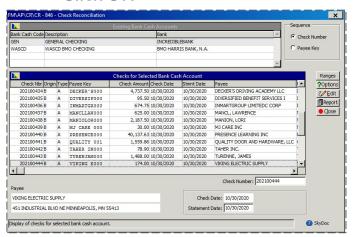
- What you'll will need:
 - Bank statement
 - Outstanding check list
 - Report from general ledger software of cash balances
 - Bank reconciliation worksheet

Step 1

- Building your outstanding check list
 - Make sure the checks that have cleared the bank have been posted in your general ledger software
 - You can do this either manually or import a .csv file from your bank
 - CSV <u>PaC Skydoc</u> & <u>Skyward Webinar</u>

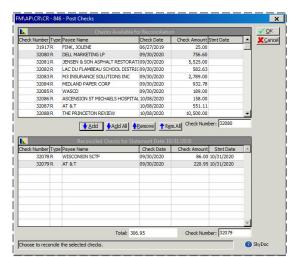
Step 1: Check Rec in Skyward PAC

- File Path >Financial Management A/P Check Rec
- Select the bank account to reconcile
- Click on Options, then Post Checks
- Statement Date = last day of the month
- Open Checks Only=yes
- o Run
- Use the Add Button to Select Checks cleared your Bank Statement
- Click OK









Step 1: Check Rec in Skyward Web

- File Path > Financial Management Accounts Payable Check Reconciliation
- Select the bank account to reconcile
- Click Mass Add Statement Date
- Statement Date to apply to checks=last day of the month
- Click Select Check to Apply Statement Date
- Use Filters & Sorting to Narrow Down the List of Checks
- Check boxes for items on your bank statement
- Click Process





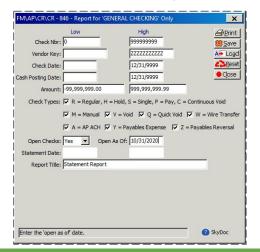


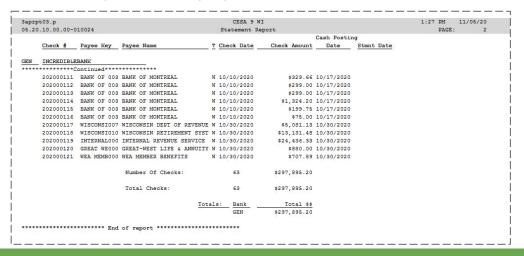
Step 1: Check Rec in Skyward

- Things to Remember
 - Reconcile wires, ACH, and regular check types
 - ACH check types automatically clear based on check date

Step 1: Outstanding Check List - PAC Option

- After adding statement dates to all checks
- Back to Check Rec Area
- Click on Report Depending on how you have it set up select Report for 'General A/P' Only
- Select Open Checks to Yes and type in the date you are reconciling through. Normally the end of the month. You also have the option to type in the title of the report
- Click OK and your outstanding check list report will display



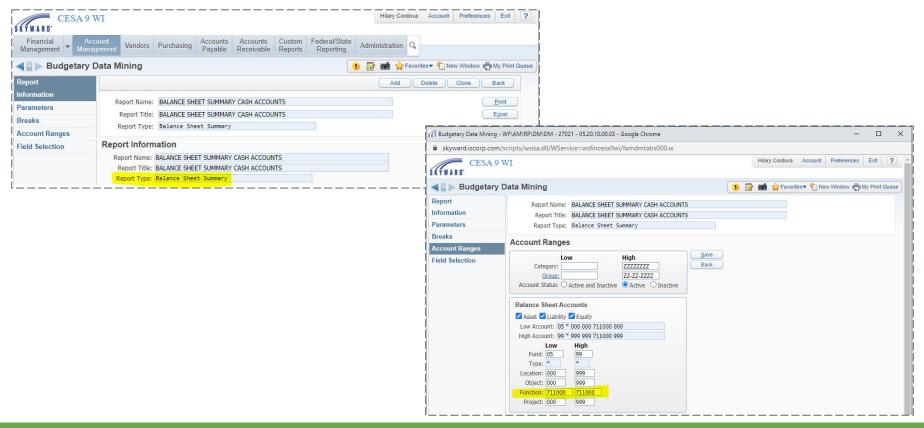


Step 2: Create a Cash Account Report

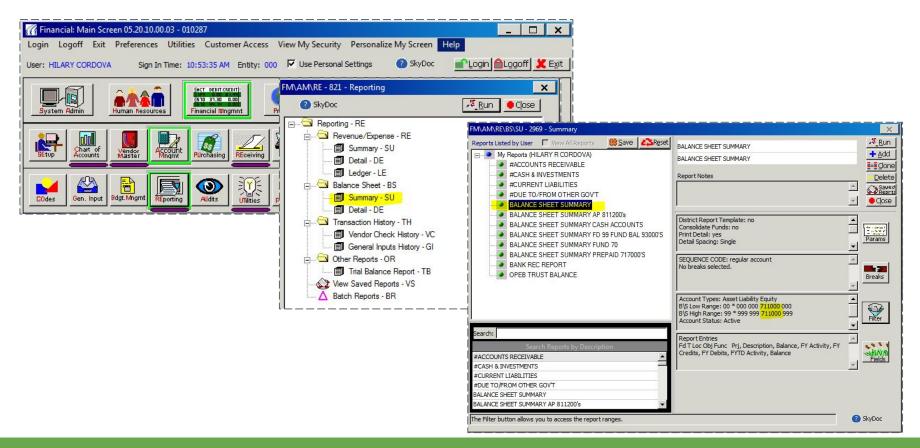
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	Beginning	2016-17	2016-17	Ending	
Fd T Loc Obj Func PrjFunc	Balance	FY Debits	FY Credits	Balance	
07 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-31,354.80	0.00	0.00	-31,354.80	
08 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	0.00	0.00	2,205.00	-2,205.00	
21 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-50,444.14	1,917,342.41	1,779,261.88	87,636.39	
25 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	59,936.68	286,362.21	302,648.05	43,650.84	
27 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	266,306.10	2,078,905.74	1,810,485.65	534,726.19	
29 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	585,475.84	743,601.28	630,998.85	698,078.27	
66 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-24,566.23	29,369.08	32,932.34	-28,129.49	
71 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-34,634.66	1,576,168.92	1,697,614.30	-156,080.04	
75 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	150,000.00	300,000.00	398,730.70	51,269.30	
80 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-112,260.28	21,782.43	12,976.90	-103,454.75	
81 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-31,894.23	0.00	19,511.24	-51,405.47	
82 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-333,658.85	37,007.36	209,834.31	-506,485.80	
83 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-441,453.10	234,605.74	357,101.01	-563,948.37	
84 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-238,365.55	3,179.89	109,713.82	-344,899.48	
85 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	-35,876.66	0.00	0.00	-35,876.66	
97 A 000 000 711000 000 CASH/CHECKING	480,219.36	2,307,969.92	2,155,984.81	632,204.47	
Grand Asset Totals	207,429.48	9,536,294.98	9,519,998.86	223,725.60	

Number of Accounts: 16

Step 2: Create a Cash Account Report - Web



Step 2: Create a Cash Account Report - PaC



Step 3 - Bank Reconciliation Worksheet

- Skyward Bank Reconciliation Process
 - SkyDoc for PaC
 - SkyDoc for Web

I prefer to use a spreadsheet

Step 3 - Bank Reconciliation Worksheet

CESA#4 Cash Reconciliation June 30, 2017

Balance Sheet Ending Balance

	07 000 000 711000	(31,354.80)	
	08 000 000 711000	(2,205.00)	
	21 000 000 711000	165,733.48	
	25 000 000 711000	46,381.72	
	27 000 000 711000	555,819.87	
	29 000 000 711000	708,855.87	
	66 000 000 711000	(28,129.49)	
	71 000 000 711000	(156,080.04)	
	75 000 000 711000	51,269.30	
	80 000 000 711000	(103,454.75)	
	81 000 000 711000	(51,405.47)	
	82 000 000 711000	(506,485.80)	
	83 000 000 711000	(588,028.79)	
	84 000 000 711000	(344,899.48)	
	85 000 000 711000	(35,876.66)	
	97 000 000 711000	543,585.64	
			223,725.60
Reconciling Items:			0.00
recombining nome.			0.00
Bank Balance: Acc	ount 112352 Business Checking	389,725.48	
	Outstanding Checks	(165,999.88)	
Reconciled Bank E	Balance		223,726.60
<u>Variance</u>			0.00

Step 3 - Bank Reconciliation Worksheet

Alternative sample spreadsheet for cash reconciliation

Click here for sample

What the....?!?

- Enter the the information on the worksheet and you should be all set, right?
- It doesn't always work that way does it?



Common Issues - Checklist

- Verify outstanding check listing
- Check voids
- Verify deposits/cash receipts
- ☐ Check ACH/wire pulls
- Check other funds
- Student fee collection systems

- Verify that interest & bank fees are recorded
- ☐ Check posting dates
- Check journal entries
- Verify fiscal year end cash adjustments (summer payrolls)
- ☐ Check for bank errors

- Verify the outstanding check list
 - Does it make sense?
 - Compare to last month a statement date could be removed by accident
 - Look at old checks are they really still outstanding?

Voided checks

- Verify that a check that was voided didn't clear the bank
- Verify that a voided check isn't on the outstanding check list

- Deposits/cash receipts
 - Cash receipts match bank statement deposits
 - Deposits or transfers "in transit" on the last day of the month
 - Verify all ACH deposits are recorded ACHs from the DPI, other schools, and other sources can be missed
- Verify all vendor ACHs and wires have been recorded
 - Many of these should be recorded through AP system
 - ACH pulls can be missed
 - Recorded for the wrong amount
 - Posted to the wrong date

- Posting of checks or deposits to the wrong fund
 - A group of funds will be reconciled for one bank account, but not all funds.

Example

- Let's say fund 21 has its own bank account
- Some districts cut checks from the fund 10 bank account to pay for fund 21 expenses. This might happen when bills are split between general fund and activity accounts
- On the ledger, journal entries are created to fix this. However, there may not be a transfer of funds between the two bank accounts causing an issue
- Interest and bank fees
 - Record by cash receipt or manual check

Posting dates

Time to time, Payroll, ACHs, Wires, checks, payroll runs, and deposits are posted to one month in the general ledger system but doesn't post to the bank statement until following month

Journal entries

 Be careful making journal entries to the cash accounts. Journal entries to the cash accounts should only be between funds that are reconciled together with the same bank account, or to record transactions that have hit the bank statement but are not recorded on the general ledger.

Common Issue (Fix) Best Practice

- 1. Avoid journal entries if at all possible
 - a. Use cash receipts
 - b. Use manual checks

2. Timing Issues

a. My recommendation is at the end of the month, prior to posting final deposits and wires, to wait until you have your bank statement in hand to post into financial system

- Fiscal year end cash restore
 - At year end when posting back to June, summer payrolls and checks issued after July 1 will cause a need to restore cash.
 - Once you have identified these amounts though they are easy to correct. The entries are between accounts payable / accrued payroll and cash.
 - Make sure you have these amounts documented. The auditors will want to see it.
 - The cash restore journal entries will need to be reversed in the following fiscal year.

- Bank Errors
 - They do happen!
 - Examples:
 - Checks listed on the bank statement with the wrong check number or incomplete
 - Checks/ACHs/wires clear with the wrong amount
 - Deposits posted are for the wrong amount
 - Sometimes the bank makes an error and has to credit it back to your account or a vendor does a credit without notification.

Common Issue - Example

Student Fee Collection Systems

- Need to be careful with timing issues and matching to bank statement
 - Do you have a direct connection to Skyward? This can be dangerous....
 - Payments from credit cards take several days to post. Are these hitting the bank in the correct month?
 - How are you batching and documenting these transactions?

Common Issue - Example

Student Fee Collection System

- Batching
 - Pull a report from the fee management system by deposit date
 - Match total dollar amount from the fee management system to the batch you create in Skyward
 - You can create a .csv file to import cash receipts into Skyward
 - I suggest doing more than one batch per month (weekly or semi-monthly)
- Notifications should go to the accountant
- Around the end of the month, wait till you can review the bank statement for the previous month and then post correctly
- Watch your transaction fees. Are your fees hitting the bank or just being pulled off the top

Tools for Finding Issues

- Detailed balance sheet report
 - Web SkyDoc
 - PaC SkyDoc
- Remember to use filters to narrow down the report to only the accounts to be reconciled
- The totals at the end help narrow down where an issue is

Grand Asset Totals 127,307.45 22,931,711.23 23,059,018.68

Total for Accounts Payable	-1,415,201.13
Total for Cash Receipts	2,158,271.65
Total for Payroll	~741,783.09
Total for Journal Entries	0.00
Grand Total	1,287.43

CHECK # 53226	3,742.81	11/30/16	176,806.81
CHECK # 53229	2,029.00	11/30/16	174,777.81
CHECK # 300040	211.37	11/30/16	174,566.44
BALANCE THIS STATEMENT	***************************************	11/30/16	174,566.44
TOTAL CREDITS (58	2,158,271.65		
TOTAL DEBITS (215	2,086,415.49		

CREDITS

DATE

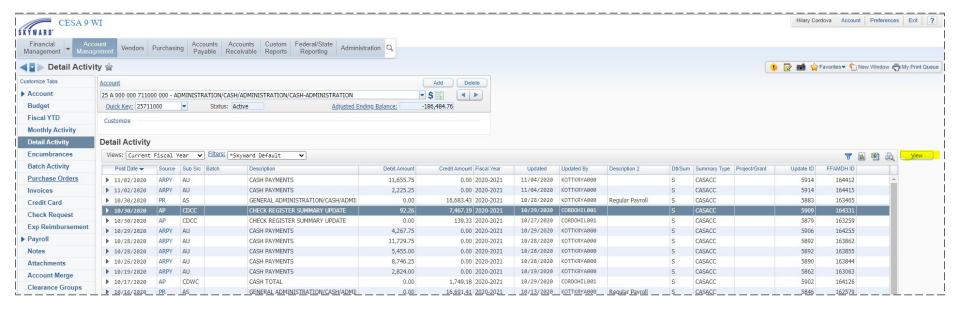
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Tools for Finding Issues

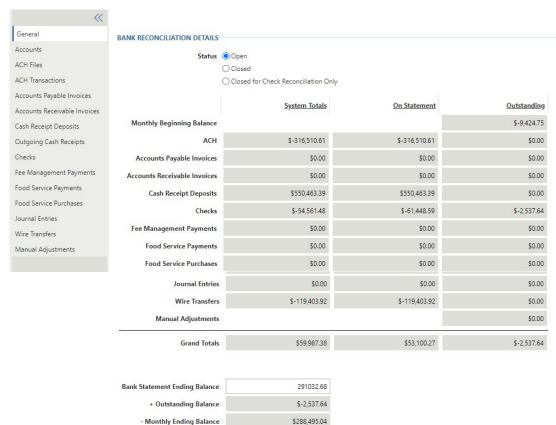
- Skyward Web
 - Financial Management > Account Management > Account Profile
- Select the account and then click on detail activity to the left
- Select a credit amount below and click view



Tools for Finding Issues



QMLATIV BANK RECONCILIATIONS



\$0.00

= Variance



2020-2021 Collaborative Services Accounting Assistance

Project Code: 530

Wayde Pollock (608) 786-4540 wpollock@cesa4.org CESA #4 provides Accounting Assistance services to school district business offices. These services are designed to provide assistance to a business office that may have experienced a change in staff or to assist staff in leveraging time within the business office. Services are provided by the CESA #4 Finance Director who has been in this position for the past five years, has over 16 years of experience auditing school districts, and experience with both Skyward and Alio.

Level 3 - District-Based Services

- •Reconciling cash accounts, payroll liability accounts, or other accounts that have been an issue
- Analyzing and improving efficiencies in accounting processes
- Assistance on accounting issues such as debt service, capital assets, capital project funds, and other items
- Payroll and Accounts Payable support
- . Training new staff in the financial module of Skyward
- . Reducing/eliminating auditors' internal control finding for lack of segregation of duties
- Assistance with grant claiming
- Assistance preparing for the audit and documentation to:
 - Reduce auditor questions
 - Reduce the time the auditors are on-site and the number of follow-up requests once they leave
 - Reduce journal entries

Level 3	If you are interested in this service, please contact the CESA #4 Finance Director at (608) 786-4540 to develop a customized proposal to meet your needs.
Days	(You will only be charged for the number of days actually used)
Signature/Date: School District of	

I provide services to school districts through CESA #4. This service is listed in the CESA #4 School District Catalog. If at anytime you find yourself stuck, starting to get behind, or just new to your position never hesitate to contact me for some assistance. This also goes for any questions you may have on invoices to or from us, special education funding, or anything else I can help you with.

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Any Questions?

