

# NORTH DAKOTA OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR

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# **Beulah Public School District**

### Beulah, North Dakota

Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2020 *Client Code: PS29310* 





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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

School Board of Directors Beulah Public School District Beulah, North Dakota

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beulah Public School District, Beulah, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beulah Public School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beulah Public School District, as of June 30, 2020, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. Beulah Public School District prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Beulah Public School District's basic financial statements. *The budgetary comparison schedule* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The *budgetary comparison schedule* is the responsibility of management and is derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements themselves, and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole on the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1 to the financial statements.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2020 on our consideration of the Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 17, 2020

# **BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT** Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2020

	G 	Governmental Activities				
ASSETS						
Cash and Investments	\$	5,918,953				
Capital Assets						
Nondepreciable		673,052				
Depreciable, Net		4,922,215				
Total Assets	\$	11,514,220				
LIABILITIES						
Long Term Liabilities						
Due Within One Year						
Long-Term Debt	\$	128,175				
Due Outside One Year						
Long-Term Debt		2,375,331				
Total Liabilities	\$	2,503,506				
NET POSITION						
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	3,091,761				
Restricted						
Capital Projects		3,068,266				
Debt Service		340,400				
Food Service		89,355				
Unrestricted		2,420,932				
Total Net Position	\$	9,010,714				

Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

	Program Revenues					
			Operating			
		Charges for	Grants and	Governmental		
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Contributions	Activities		
Governmental Activities	•					
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,268,733	\$-	\$ 178,779	\$ (4,089,954)		
Special Education	218,179	-	-	(218,179)		
Vocational Education	512,559	-	-	(512,559)		
Federal Programs	182,483	-	-	(182,483)		
District Wide Services	494,973	-	-	(494,973)		
Administration	829,664	-	-	(829,664)		
School Food Services	454,982	247,734	154,903	(52,345)		
Operations and Maintenance	1,610,128	-	-	(1,610,128)		
Transportation	538,281	-	222,375	(315,906)		
Co-curricular Activities	433,167	-	-	(433,167)		
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 9,543,149	\$ 247,734	\$ 556,057	\$ (8,739,358)		
	General Reve Property Taxes Unrestricted St Unrestricted Int Miscellaneous Unrealized Gain	ate Grants erest Earnings Revenue	ts	\$ 2,515,870 5,599,922 32,102 65,387 20,627		
	Total General F	Revenues		\$ 8,233,908		
	Special Item Contribution fro	m Dunn County	/	\$ 340,400		
	Changes in Net	t Position		\$ (165,050)		
	Net Position -	July 1		\$ 9,001,672		
	Prior Period Ad	ljustment		\$ 174,092		
	Net Position -	luly 1, as resta	ted	\$ 9,175,764		
	Net Position -	June 30		\$ 9,010,714		

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds - Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2020

	 General Fund	5			Hot Lunch Fund	Debt Service Fund		Go	Total overnmental Funds
ASSETS Cash and Investments	\$ 2,420,932	\$	3,068,266	\$	89,355	\$	340,400	\$	5,918,953
FUND BALANCES Restricted Capital Projects Debt Service Assigned	\$ -	\$	3,068,266 -	\$	-	\$	- 340,400	\$	3,068,266 340,400
Food Service Unassigned	 - 2,420,932		-		89,355 -		-		89,355 2,420,932
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,420,932	\$	3,068,266	\$	89,355	\$	340,400	\$	5,918,953
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,420,932	\$	3,068,266	\$	89,355	\$	340,400	\$	5,918,953

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis June 30, 2020

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds		\$ 5,918,953
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different becau	se:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds.		5,595,267
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and accordingly are not reported as fund liabilities. Interest on long-term debt is not accrued in governmental funds, but rather is recognized as an expenditure when due. All liabilities-both current and long-term are reported in the statement of net position.		
Long Term Debt	(2,440,000)	
Bond Premium	(63,506)	 (2,503,506)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ 9,010,714

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

REVENUES		General Fund		Building Fund	ł	Hot Lunch Fund	D	ebt Service Fund	Go	Total overnmental Funds
Local Sources	\$	3,055,378	\$	543,836	\$	247,734	\$	-	\$	3,846,948
State Sources		4,768,264		-		-		-		4,768,264
Federal Sources		178,779		-		154,903		-		333,682
Other Sources		64,557		3,621		-		-		68,178
Total Revenues	\$	8,066,978	\$	547,457	\$	402,637	\$	-	\$	9,017,072
EXPENDITURES										
Current Regular Instruction	\$	4,264,561	¢	_	\$	_	\$	_	\$	4,264,561
Special Education	Ψ	218,179	ψ	-	Ψ		Ψ	-	Ψ	218,179
Vocational Education		512,559		-		-		-		512,559
Federal Programs		182,483		-		-		-		182,483
District Wide Services		494,973		-		-		-		494,973
Administration		829,664		-		-		-		829,664
School Food Services		-		-		451,544		-		451,544
Operations and Maintenance of Plant		877,230		570,760		-		-		1,447,990
Transportation Co-curricular Activities		495,891		-		-		-		495,891 397,992
Capital Outlay		397,992		- 673,052		-		-		597,992 673,052
Capital Outray		-		070,002						070,002
Total Expenditures	\$	8,273,532	\$	1,243,812	\$	451,544	\$	-	\$	9,968,888
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(206,554)	\$	(696,355)	\$	(48,907)	\$	_	\$	(951,816)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) AND SPECIAL ITEMS Bond Proceeds Bond Premium	\$	-	\$	2,440,000	\$	-	\$	-	\$	2,440,000
Change in Investment Market Value		- 20,627		63,506		-		-		63,506 20,627
Contribution from Dunn County		- 20,021		_		-		340,400		340,400
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$	20,627	\$	2,503,506	\$	-	\$	340,400	\$	2,864,533
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$	(185,927)	\$	1,807,151	\$	(48,907)	\$	340,400	\$	1,912,717
Fund Balances - July 1	\$	2,432,767	\$	1,261,115	\$	138,262	\$	-	\$	3,832,144
Prior Period Adjustment	\$	174,092	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	174,092
Fund Balances - July 1 Restated	\$	2,606,859	\$	1,261,115	\$	138,262	\$	-	\$	4,006,236
Fund Balances - June 30	\$	2,420,932	\$	3,068,266	\$	89,355	\$	340,400	\$	5,918,953

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$ 1,912,717
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Current Year Capital Outlay Current Year Depreciation Expense	788,737 (362,998)	425,739
The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as other financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities		\$ (2,503,506) (165,050)

	Agency Funds					
ASSETS Cash	\$	283,178				
LIABILITIES Due to Student Activities Groups	\$	283,178				

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of Beulah Public School District ("School District") have been prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The accompanying financial statements present the activities of the School District. The School District has considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationships with the School District such that exclusion would cause the School District's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the School District to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the School District.

Based on these criteria, there are no component units to be included within the School District as a reporting entity.

#### **Basis of Presentation, Basis of Accounting**

*Government-wide statements*: The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District. These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, interest, and non-restricted grants and contributions, are presented as general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements*. The fund financial statements provide information about the School District's funds including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category-*governmental* and *fiduciary*-are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining governmental funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

*General Fund*. This is the School District's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Building Fund. This fund accounts for the acquisition and construction of the School District's capital facilities.

*Debt Service Fund*. This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for payment of long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs of the \$2,440,000 general obligation school building bonds (series 2020A).

*Hot Lunch Fund*. This fund accounts for the activity and financial resources that support the School District's hot lunch and breakfast programs.

The School District reports the following fund type:

Agency Funds. These funds account for assets by the School District in a custodial capacity as an agent on behalf of others. The agency fund accounts for the financial transactions related to the student activity program.

#### Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

*Government-wide Financial Statements.* The government-wide and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting.

*Governmental Fund Financial Statements.* Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. Only current financial assets are generally included on their balance sheet. The Statements of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources.

*Fiduciary Funds Financial Statement.* The fiduciary fund financial statement is reported using the economic resources measurement focus, as applied to the modified cash basis of accounting.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources, as they are needed.

#### Basis of Accounting

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation. The modified cash basis of accounting is modified for recording investments at current fair value, rather than cost. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The School District's governmental funds use the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified cash basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when received in cash and expenditures are recorded at the time of disbursement.

If the School District utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the government-wide statements would be prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and the governmental fund financial statements would be prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### Cash and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, money market accounts, and highly liquid short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

Investments are recorded at fair value. All investment income, including changes in the fair value, is recognized in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance – modified cash basis.

#### Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the government as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets is not capitalized.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset	Years
Buildings	50
Vehicles	15
Equipment	8
Land	Indefinite
Infrastructure	50

#### Early Retirement

The School District offers an early retirement payment plan option to teachers if they choose to retire early. The benefit is available to employees who have completed 20 years of service to the School District, with at least 10 being consecutive, and the employee has attained eligibility standards of the North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) for a normal (unreduced) service retirement. The benefit is 80% of the teacher's current curricular lane placement on the salary schedule during the first year of edibility under TFFR, and 60% of the teacher's current curricular lane placement on the salary schedule for the five subsequent years of TFFR eligibility.

#### Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities statement of net position.

In the fund financial statements, the face amount of the debt is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources. Issuance costs are reported as debt service expenditures.

#### Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR), and of the North Dakota Public Employee's System (NDPERS), and additions to/deductions from TFFR's/NDPER's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TFFR/NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The net pension liability is not reported under the modified cash basis of accounting, but the information is disclosed in the pension note disclosure. Note 9, is shown as additional information to the users of the financial statements.

#### Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS), and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The net OPEB liability is not reported under the modified cash basis of accounting, but the information is disclosed in the OPEB note disclosure. Note 10, is shown as additional information to the users of the financial statements.

#### **Fund Balances**

*Restricted Fund Balances.* Restricted fund balance is shown by primary function on the balance sheet. Restricted fund balances are restricted by tax levies (enabling legislation) and by outside 3rd parties (State & Federal governments for various grants & reimbursements).

Assigned Fund Balances. Assigned fund balance consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints reflect the specific purpose for which it is the School District's intended use and are established by the School Board and management.

*Unassigned Fund Balances.* Unassigned fund balance is reported in the general fund and for negative fund balances at year-end.

It is the policy of the School District to spend restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources. It is also the policy of the School District to spend unrestricted resources in the following order: committed, assigned, unassigned.

#### Net Position

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the School District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Net investment in capital assets is reported for capital assets less accumulated depreciation, as well as net of any related debt to purchase or finance the capital assets. These assets are not available for future spending.

Restrictions of net position in the statement of net position are due to restricted tax levies, bond covenants and restricted Federal & State grants/reimbursements.

Unrestricted net position is primarily unrestricted amounts related to the general fund and negative fund balances.

#### Interfund Transactions

In the governmental fund statements, transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except reimbursements, are reported as transfers.

In the government-wide financial statements, interfund transactions have been eliminated.

#### NOTE 2 PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENTS

#### **Prior Period Errors**

Adjustments were required to accurately reflect the opening cash balances in the general fund as well as government wide. The adjustments increased the opening general fund balance and government wide net position.

Adjustments to beginning net position are as follows:

Governmental Activities	
Beginning Net Position, as previously reported	\$ 9,001,672
Adjustments to restate the July 1, 2019 Net Position	
Cash Adjustment	174,092
Net Position January 1, as restated	\$ 9,175,764

Adjustments to beginning fund balances are as follows:

Fund Balances - General Fund	Amounts
Beginning Fund Balance, as previously reported	\$ 2,432,767
Adjustments to restate the July 1, 2019 Fund Balance	
Cash Adjustment	174,092
Fund Balance January 1, as restated	\$ 2,606,859

#### NOTE 3 PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied as of January 1. The property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. The tax levy may be paid in two installments: the first installment includes one-half of the real estate taxes and all the special assessments; the second installment is the balance of the real estate taxes. The first installment is due by March 1 and the second installment is due by October 15. A 5% discount is allowed if all taxes are paid by February 15. After the due dates, the bill becomes delinquent and penalties are assessed.

#### NOTE 4 RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The School District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile insurance coverage and inland marine. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of three million dollars per occurrence.

The School District also participates in the North Dakota Fire and Tornado Fund and the State Bonding Fund. The School District pays an annual premium to the Fire and Tornado Fund to cover property damage to buildings and personal property. Replacement cost coverage is provided by estimating replacement cost in consultation with the Fire and Tornado Fund. The Fire and Tornado Fund is reinsured by a third-party insurance carrier for losses in excess of two million dollars per occurrence during a 12-month period. The State Bonding Fund currently provides political subdivision with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of two million dollars for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The School District has worker's compensation with the Workforce, Safety and Insurance and purchases commercial insurance for employee health and accident insurance.

Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

#### NOTE 5 NONMONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The School District receives food commodities from the federal government to subsidize its hot lunch program. The market value of commodities received for the year ended June 30, 2020 was \$36,107.

#### NOTE 6 DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

#### Custodial Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk associated with the failure of a depository institution, such that in the event of a depository financial institution's failure, the School District would not be able to recover the deposits or collateralized securities that in the possession of the outside parties. The School District does not have a formal policy regarding deposits that limits the amount they may invest in any one issuer.

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, deposits must either be deposited with the Bank of North Dakota or in other financial institution situated and doing business within the state. Deposits, other than with the Bank of North Dakota, must be fully insured or bonded. In lieu of a bond, a financial institution may provide a pledge of securities equal to 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds.

Authorized collateral includes bills, notes, or bonds issued by the United States government, its agencies or instrumentalities, all bonds and notes guaranteed by the United States government, federal land bank bonds, bonds, notes, warrants, certificates of indebtedness, insured certificates of deposit, shares of investment companies registered under the Investment Companies Act of 1940, and all other forms of securities issued by the state of North Dakota, its boards, agencies or instrumentalities or by any county, city, township, school district, park district, or other political subdivision of the state of North Dakota. Whether payable from special revenues or supported by the full faith and credit of the issuing body and bonds issued by any other state of the United States or such other securities approved by the banking board.

At year ended June 30, 2020, the School District's carrying amount of deposits was \$4,754,772 and the bank balances totaled \$4,793,410. Of the bank balances, \$504,655 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, while the remaining balances were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the government's name.

#### Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates of debt securities will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The price of a debt security typically moves in the opposite direction of the change in interest rates. The School District does not have a formal deposit policy that limits maturities as a means of managing exposure to potential fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

The School District may invest idle funds as authorized in North Dakota Statutes, as follows:

- (a) Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of congress.
- (b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are the type listed above.
- (c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation.
- (d) Obligations of the state.
- (e) Commercial paper issued by a United States corporation rated in the highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies and matures in 270 days or less.

At June 30, 2020, the School District held investments in the amount of \$1,415,637, which consists of government backed securities, and are not considered deposits. The market value of the investments and their maturing dates can be seen below:

	Total	I	_ess Than				Ν	lore Than
Investment Type	Fair Value		1 Year	1-6 Years	6-10 Years *			0 Years **
Government Bonds	\$ 1,415,637	\$	-	\$ -	\$	656,400	\$	759,237

\*\$332,016 mature February 2030 but are callable February 2021.

\*\*\$449,838 mature May 2033 but are callable May 2021 and \$309,399 mature June 2032 but are callable June 2021.

#### NOTE 7 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 72, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are grouped at fair value in three levels, based on the markets in which the assets and liabilities are traded, and the reliability of the assumptions used to determine fair value. These levels are:

Level 1: Valuation is based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

Level 2: Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.

Level 3: Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect our own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

The following table below presents the balances of assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2020:

Asset	Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
Government Bonds	\$-	\$ 1,415,637	\$-	\$ 1,415,637

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#### NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2020:

	Balance						Balance
	July 1 Increases Decreases		June 30				
Capital assets not being depreciated							
Construction in Progress	\$	-	\$	673,053	\$ -	\$	673,053
Capital assets being depreciated							
Buildings	\$	13,638,459	\$	-	\$ -	\$	13,638,459
Building Improvements		657,568		-	-		657,568
Equipment and Furniture		913,794		79,321	-		993,115
Vehicles		1,193,383		36,364	138,378		1,091,369
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$	16,403,204	\$	115,685	\$ 138,378	\$	16,380,511
Less Accumulated Depreciation for							
Buildings	\$	9,741,698	\$	206,433	\$ -	\$	9,948,131
Building Improvements		52,104		22,984	-		75,088
Equipment and Furniture		488,624		57,277	-		545,901
Vehicles		951,250		76,305	138,378		889,177
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$	11,233,676	\$	362,999	\$ 138,378	\$	11,458,297
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$	5,169,528	\$	(247,314)	\$ -	\$	4,922,214
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$	5,169,528	\$	425,739	\$ -	\$	5,595,267

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the School District as follows:

Transportation	\$ 78,754
Regular Instruction	4,172
Operations and Maintenance	241,459
Co-Curricular	35,175
Food Service	3,439
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 362,999

#### NOTE 9 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

#### **Primary Government**

During the year ended June 30, 2020, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term liabilities:

	Balance			Balance	Due Within
	July 1	Increases	Decreases	June 30	One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$-	\$ 2,440,000	\$-	\$ 2,440,000	\$ 125,000
Bond Premium	-	63,506	-	63,506	3,175
Total Governmental Activities	\$-	\$ 2,503,506	\$-	\$ 2,503,506	\$ 128,175

Governmental Activities								
Year Ending	G.O. Bond	G.O. Bonds Payable						
June 30	Principal	Interest	Premium					
2021	\$ 125,000	\$ 46,298	\$ 3,175					
2022	95,000	49,020	3,175					
2023	100,000	46,095	3,175					
2024	105,000	43,020	3,175					
2025	105,000	39,870	3,175					
2026 - 2030	580,000	152,745	15,877					
2031 - 2035	635,000	98,780	15,877					
2036 - 2040	695,000	35,963	15,877					
Totals	\$ 2,440,000	\$ 511,791	\$ 63,506					

Debt service requirements on long-term debt is as follows:

#### NOTE 10 PENSION PLANS

#### General Information about the TFFR Pension Plan

#### North Dakota Teachers' Fund for Retirement TFFR

The following brief description of TFFR is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 15-39.1 for more complete information.

TFFR is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan covering all North Dakota public teachers and certain other teachers who meet various membership requirements. TFFR provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the TFFR plan is financed by investment income and contributions.

Responsibility for administration of the TFFR benefits program is assigned to a seven-member Board of Trustees (Board). The Board consists of the State Treasurer, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and five members appointed by the Governor. The appointed members serve five-year terms which end on June 30 of alternate years. The appointed Board members must include two active teachers, one active school administrator, and two retired members. The TFFR Board submits any necessary or desirable changes in statutes relating to the administration of the fund, including benefit terms, to the Legislative Assembly for consideration. The Legislative Assembly has final authority for changes to benefit terms and contribution rates.

#### **Pension Benefits**

For purposes of determining pension benefits, members are classified within one of three categories. Tier 1 grandfathered and Tier 1 non-grandfathered members are those with service credit on file as of July 1, 2008. Tier 2 members are those newly employed and returning refunded members on or after July 1, 2008.

#### Tier 1 Grandfathered

A Tier 1 grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 85. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 6% per year for every year the member's retirement age is less than 65 years or the date as of which age plus service equal 85. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

#### Tier 1 Non-grandfathered

A Tier 1 non-grandfathered member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when three or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the three highest annual salaries earned divided by 36 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

#### Tier 2

A Tier 2 member is entitled to receive unreduced benefits when five or more years of credited service as a teacher in North Dakota have accumulated, the member is no longer employed as a teacher and the member has reached age 65, or has reached age 60 and the sum of age and years of service credit equals or exceeds 90. TFFR permits early retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Pension benefits paid by TFFR are determined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-10. Monthly benefits under TFFR are equal to the five highest annual salaries earned divided by 60 months and multiplied by 2.00% times the number of service credits earned. Retirees may elect payment of benefits in the form of a single life annuity, 100% or 50% joint and survivor annuity, ten or twenty-year term certain annuity, partial lump-sum option or level income with Social Security benefits. Members may also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

#### Death and Disability Benefits

Death benefits may be paid to a member's designated beneficiary. If a member's death occurs before retirement, the benefit options available are determined by the member's vesting status prior to death. If a member's death occurs after retirement, the death benefit received by the beneficiary (if any) is based on the retirement plan the member selected at retirement.

An active member is eligible to receive disability benefits when: (a) a total disability lasting 12 months or more does not allow the continuation of teaching, (b) the member has accumulated five years of credited service in North Dakota, and (c) the Board of Trustees of TFFR has determined eligibility based upon medical evidence. The amount of the disability benefit is computed by the retirement formula in NDCC Section 15-39.1-10 without consideration of age and uses the member's actual years of credited service. There is no actuarial reduction for reason of disability retirement.

#### Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to TFFR are set by NDCC Section 15-39.1-09. Every eligible teacher in the State of North Dakota is required to be a member of TFFR and is assessed at a rate of 11.75% of salary as defined by NDCC Section 15-39.1-04. Every governmental body employing a teacher must also pay into TFFR a sum equal to 12.75% of the teacher's salary. Member and employer contributions will be reduced to 7.75% each when the fund reaches 100% funded ratio on an actuarial basis.

A vested member who terminates covered employment may elect a refund of contributions paid plus 6% interest or defer payment until eligible for pension benefits. A non-vested member who terminates covered employment must claim a refund of contributions paid before age 70½. Refunded members forfeit all service credits under TFFR. These service credits may be repurchased upon return to covered employment under certain circumstances, as defined by the NDCC.

#### Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

If reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting, at June 30, 2020 the School District would report a liability of \$6,979,526 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The district's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the district's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At July 1, 2019, the district's proportion was .506771%, a decrease of .023938%.

There were no deferred inflows or outflows of resources reported on the School District's financial statements as they are reporting on the modified cash basis of accounting.

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75%
Salary Increases	4.25% to 14.50%, varying by service, including inflation and productivity
Investment Rate of Return	7.75%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	None

For active and inactive members, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Employee Mortality Table, projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table set back one year, multiplied by 50% for ages under 75 and grading up to 100% by age 80, projected generationally using Scale MP-2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Disabled Mortality Table set forward four years.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2019, funding actuarial valuation for TFFR.

As a result of the April 30, 2015 actuarial experience study, the TFFR Board adopted several assumption changes, including the following:

- Investment return assumption lowered from 8% to 7.75%.
- Inflation assumption lowered from 3% to 2.75%.
- Total salary scale rates lowered by 0.25% due to lower inflation.
- Added explicit administrative expense assumption, equal to prior year administrative expense plus inflation.
- Rates of turnover and retirement were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience.
- Updated mortality assumption to the RP-2014 mortality tables with generational improvement.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

	Target Long-Term Expe			
Asset Class	Allocation	Real Rate of Return		
Global Equities	58%	6.90%		
Global Fixed Income	23%	2.10%		
Global Real Assets	18%	5.40%		
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.00%		

#### **Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75% percent as of June 30, 2019. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2019, Actuarial Valuation Report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of July 1, 2019. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2019.

#### Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1%		Cur	rent Discount	1%		
	Dec	rease (6.75%)	R	Rate (7.75%)	Incr	ease (8.75%)	
School District's Proportionate Share							
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	9,425,920	\$	6,979,526	\$	4,946,509	

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued TFFR financial report. TFFR's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) is located at <a href="http://www.nd.gov/rio/sib/publications/cafr/default.htm">www.nd.gov/rio/sib/publications/cafr/default.htm</a>.

#### General Information about the NDPERS Pension Plan

#### North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDCC Chapter 54-52 for more complete information.

NDPERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all employees of the State of North Dakota, its agencies and various participating political subdivisions. NDPERS provides for pension, death and disability benefits. The cost to administer the plan is financed through the contributions and investment earnings of the plan.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

#### **Pension Benefits**

Benefits are set by statute. NDPERS has no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Member of the Main System are entitled to unreduced monthly pension benefits beginning when the sum of age and years of credited service equal or exceed 85 (Rule of 85), or at normal retirement age (65). For members hired on or after January 1, 2016 the Rule of 85 was be replaced with the Rule of 90 with a minimum age of 60. The monthly pension benefit is equal to 2.00% of their average monthly salary, using the highest 36 months out of the last 180 months of service, for each year of service. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 the 2.00% multiplier was replaced with a 1.75% multiplier. The plan permits early retirement at ages 55-64 with three or more years of service.

Members may elect to receive the pension benefits in the form of a single life, joint and survivor, term-certain annuity, or partial lump sum with ongoing annuity. Members may elect to receive the value of their accumulated contributions, plus interest, as a lump sum distribution upon retirement or termination, or they may elect to receive their benefits in the form of an annuity. For each member electing an annuity, total payment will not be less than the members' accumulated contributions plus interest.

#### Death and Disability Benefits

Death and disability benefits are set by statute. If an active member dies with less than three years of service for the Main System, a death benefit equal to the value of the member's accumulated contributions, plus interest, is paid to the member's beneficiary. If the member has earned more than three years of credited service for the Main System, the surviving spouse will be entitled to a single payment refund, life-time monthly payments in an amount equal to 50% of the member's accrued normal retirement benefit, or monthly payments in an amount equal to the member's accrued 100% Joint and Survivor retirement benefit if the member had reached normal retirement age prior to date of death. If the surviving spouse dies before the member's accumulated pension benefits are paid, the balance will be payable to the surviving spouse's designated beneficiary.

Eligible members who become totally disabled after a minimum of 180 days of service, receive monthly disability benefits equal to 25% of their final average salary with a minimum benefit of \$100. To qualify under this section, the member has to become disabled during the period of eligible employment and apply for benefits within one year of termination. The definition for disabled is set by the NDPERS in the North Dakota Administrative Code.

#### **Refunds of Member Account Balance**

Upon termination, if a member of the Main System is not vested (is not 65 or does not have three years of service), they will receive the accumulated member contributions and vested employer contributions, plus interest, or may elect to receive this amount at a later date. If the member has vested, they have the option of applying for a refund or can remain as a terminated vested participant. If a member terminated and withdrew their accumulated member contribution and is subsequently reemployed, they have the option of repurchasing their previous service.

#### Member and Employer Contributions

Member and employer contributions paid to NDPERS are set by statute and are established as a percent of salaries and wages. Member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 7.12% of covered compensation. For members hired on or after January 1, 2020 member contribution rates are 7% and employer contribution rates are 8.26% of covered compensation

The member's account balance includes the vested employer contributions equal to the member's contributions to an eligible deferred compensation plan. The minimum member contribution is \$25 and the maximum may not exceed the following:

1 to 12 months of service	Greater of one percent of monthly salary or \$25
13 to 24 months of service	Greater of two percent of monthly salary or \$25
25 to 36 months of service	Greater of three percent of monthly salary or \$25
Longer than 36 months of service	Greater of four percent of monthly salary or \$25

# Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

If reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting, at June 30, 2020 the School District would report a liability of \$1,137,824 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the district's share of covered payroll in the main system pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating main system employers. At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was 0.097078%, which was a decrease of .005015% from its proportion measured at June 30, 2018.

There were no deferred inflows or outflows of resources reported on the School District's financial statements as they are reporting on the modified cash basis of accounting.

#### Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	Service at Beginning of year: Increase Rate:
	0 15.00%
	1 10.00%
	2 8.00%
	Age*
	Under 30 10.00%
	30 – 39 7.50%
	40 – 49 6.75%
	50 – 59 6.50%
	60+ 5.25%
	* Age-based salary increase rates apply for
	employees with three or more years of service
Investment rate of return	7.50%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long -Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	30%	6.25%
International Equity	21%	6.95%
Private Equity	7%	10.15%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	2.11%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	5.41%
Cash Equivalents	0%	0.00%

#### **Discount Rate**

For PERS, GASB Statement No. 67 includes a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the Total Pension Liability. This rate considers the ability of the System to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The current employer and employee fixed rate contributions are assumed to be made in each future year. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be determined and compared to its obligation to make benefit payments in those years. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, which is the case for the PERS plan, the use of a municipal bond rate is required.

The Single Discount Rate (SDR) is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods. The SDR reflects (1) the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits) and (2) a tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 7.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.13%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.50%.

#### Sensitivity of the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.50 percent, as well as what the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.50 percent) than the current rate:

		Current				
	1%			Discount	1%	
	Decrea	ase (6.50%)		Rate (7.50%)	Increase	(8.50%)
School District's Proportionate Share						
of the Net Pension Liability	\$	1,631,395	\$	1,137,824	\$	723,139

#### Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately issued NDPERS financial report.

#### NOTE 11 OPEB PLAN

#### General Information about the OPEB Plan

#### North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System

The following brief description of NDPERS is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to NDAC Chapter 71-06 for more complete information.

NDPERS OPEB plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit OPEB plan that covers members receiving retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, and Judges retired under Chapter 27-17 of the North Dakota Century Code a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan based upon the member's years of credited service. Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019 the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long term care plan premium expense. The Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund is advance-funded on an actuarially determined basis.

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit OPEB plan is assigned to a Board comprised of nine members. The Board consists of a Chairman, who is appointed by the Governor; one member appointed by the Attorney General; one member appointed by the State Health Officer; three members elected by the active membership of the NDPERS system, one member elected by the retired public employees and two members of the legislative assembly appointed by the chairman of the legislative management.

#### **OPEB Benefits**

The employer contribution for the PERS, the HPRS and the Defined Contribution Plan is set by statute at 1.14% of covered compensation. The employer contribution for employees of the state board of career and technical education is 2.99% of covered compensation for a period of eight years ending October 1, 2015. Employees participating in the retirement plan as part-time/temporary members are required to contribute 1.14% of their covered compensation to the Retiree Health Insurance Credit Fund. Employees purchasing previous service credit are also required to make an employee contribution to the Fund. The benefit amount applied each year is shown as *"prefunded credit applied"* on the Statement of Changes in Plan Net Position for the OPEB trust funds. Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There were no other benefit changes during the year.

Retiree health insurance credit benefits and death and disability benefits are set by statute. There are no provisions or policies with respect to automatic and ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases. Employees who are receiving monthly retirement benefits from the PERS, the HPRS, the Defined Contribution Plan, the Chapter 27-17 judges or an employee receiving disability benefits, or the spouse of a deceased annuitant receiving a surviving spouse benefit or if the member selected a joint and survivor option are eligible to receive a credit toward their monthly health insurance premium under the state health plan.

Effective July 1, 2015, the credit is also available to apply towards monthly premiums under the state dental, vision and long-term care plan and any other health insurance plan. Effective August 1, 2019 the benefit may be used for any eligible health, prescription drug plan, dental, vision, or long term care plan premium expense. The benefits are equal to \$5.00 for each of the employee's, or deceased employee's years of credited service not to exceed the premium in effect for selected coverage. The retiree health insurance credit is also available for early retirement with reduced benefits.

## OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

If reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting, at June 30, 2020, the School District would report a liability of \$72,684 for their proportionate shares of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2019, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on their share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employers. At June 30, 2019, the School District's proportion was 0.090494% which was a decrease of .005357% from its proportion measured June 30, 2018.

#### Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2018 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary Increases	Not applicable
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table set back two years for males and three years for females, projected generationally using the SSA 2014 Intermediate Cost scale from 2014. For disabled retirees, mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table set back one year for males (no setback for females) multiplied by 125%.

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2019 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	33%	6.00%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	6%	7.30%
Domestic Fixed Income	40%	2.07%
International Equities	21%	6.95%

#### Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory/Board approved employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2018, and July 1, 2017, HPRS actuarial valuation reports. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

#### Sensitivity of the School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Plans as of June 30, 2019, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25%, as well as what the RHIC net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	Current1%DiscountDecrease (6.25%)Rate (7.25%)			scount	1% Increase (8.25%)		
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	¢	92.771	¢	72,684	¢	55.489	

#### NOTE 12 CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The School District had an open construction commitment as of June 30, 2020 as follows:

Project	Contract Total Amount Completed		Retainages		Remaining Balance	
New School Construction	\$ 9,608,843	\$ 565,750	\$	-	\$9,043,093	
Total	\$ 9,608,843	\$ 565,750	\$	-	\$9,043,093	

#### NOTE 13 SPECIAL ITEM

In 2020, the Beulah Public School District received a one-time grant in the amount of \$340,400 from Dunn County to be applied to bond debts, sinking and interest fund balances. This amount is reported as a Special Item in the Statement of *Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis* and the *Government-wide Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis*.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund June 30, 2020

	Original Final Budget Budget					Actual	Variance with Final Budget		
REVENUES Local Sources	\$	2,889,467	\$	2,889,467	\$	3,055,378	\$	165,911	
State Sources	Ψ	5,054,020	Ψ	4,763,071	Ψ	4,768,264	Ψ	5,193	
Federal Sources		178,277		178,889		178,779		(110)	
Other Sources		25,000		25,000		64,557		39,557	
Total Revenues	\$	8,146,764	\$	7,856,427	\$	8,066,978	\$	210,551	
EXPENDITURES									
Current									
Regular Instruction	\$	4,268,992	\$	4,280,931	\$	4,264,561	\$	16,370	
Special Education		237,592		237,592		218,179		19,413	
Vocational Education		600,685		600,685		512,559		88,126	
Federal Programs		185,394		185,394		182,483		2,911	
District Wide Services Administration		571,584		571,584		494,973		76,611	
Operations and Maintenance		847,159 910,033		847,159 910,033		829,664 877,230		17,495 32,803	
Transportation		554,663		554,663		495,891		52,803 58,772	
Co-curricular Activities		394,209		394,209		397,992		(3,783)	
		001,200		001,200		001,002		(0,100)	
Total Expenditures	\$	8,570,311	\$	8,582,250	\$	8,273,532	\$	308,718	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$	(423,547)	\$	(725,823)	\$	(206,554)	\$	519,269	
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b> Change in Investment Market Value	\$		\$	_	\$	20,627	\$	20,627	
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$	(423,547)	\$	(725,823)	\$	(185,927)	\$	539,896	
Fund Balances - July 1	\$	2,835,435	\$	2,835,435	\$	2,432,767	\$	(402,668)	
Prior Period Adjustment	\$	-	\$	-	\$	174,092	\$	(174,092)	
Fund Balances - July 1 Restated	\$	2,835,435	\$	2,835,435	\$	2,606,859	\$	(576,760)	
Fund Balances - June 30	\$	2,411,888	\$	2,109,612	\$	2,420,932	\$	311,320	

The accompanying supplementary information notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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#### REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Bismarck, North Dakota, 58505

Independent Auditor's Report

School Board of Directors Beulah Public School District Beulah, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beulah Public School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beulah Public School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2020.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beulah Public School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beulah Public School District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings* as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* - Continued

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Beulah Public School District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### **Beulah Public School District's Response to Findings**

Beulah Public School District's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings*. Beulah Public School District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 17, 2020 Summary of Auditor's Results For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### **Financial Statements**

Type of Report Issued? Governmental Activities – Modified Cash Basis Major Funds – Modified Cash Basis Aggregate Remaining Fund Information – Modified Cash Basis	5	Unmoo Unmoo Unmoo	dified	
Internal control over financial reporting				
Material weaknesses identified?	X	Yes		None Noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		Yes	x	None Noted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		Yes	Х	None Noted

Schedule of Audit Findings For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

#### 2020-001 FINANCIAL STATEMENT PREPARATION - MATERIAL WEAKNESS

#### Condition

Beulah Public School District currently does not prepare the financial statements, including various adjusting entries and accompanying note disclosures, as required by generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Thus, management has elected to have the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note disclosures.

#### Effect

There is an increased risk of material misstatement to the Beulah Public School District's financial statements.

#### Cause

Management chooses not to allocate school district resources for preparation of the financial statements and note disclosures.

#### Criteria

Beulah Public School District is responsible for the preparation of its annual financial statements and related note disclosures to ensure they are reliable, accurate, free of material misstatement, and in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting.

#### Repeat Finding

Yes.

#### Recommendation

We recommend Beulah Public School District consider the additional risk of having the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements including the accompanying note disclosures and consider preparing them in the future.

#### **Beulah Public School District's Response**

Agree. Beulah Public School District is aware that there is a risk having the State Auditor's Office prepare and approve our financial statements and note disclosures. We may attempt to prepare the financial statements and note disclosures in the future.

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#### **GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION**

School Board of Directors Beulah Public School District Beulah, North Dakota

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beulah Public School District, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, which collectively comprise the Beulah Public School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2020. Professional standards require that we provide you with the following information related to our audit.

## Our Responsibility Under Auditing Standards Generally Accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards

As stated in our engagement letter dated November 24, 2020, our responsibility, as described by professional standards, is to plan and perform our audit to obtain reasonable, but not absolute, assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Because of the concept of reasonable assurance and because we did not perform a detailed examination of all transactions, there is a risk that material errors or fraud may exist and not be detected by us.

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Beulah Public School District, North Dakota's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting.

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Beulah Public School District, North Dakota's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit.

#### Significant Accounting Policies/Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. In accordance with the terms of our engagement letter, we will advise management about the appropriateness of accounting policies and their application. The significant accounting policies used by the Beulah Public School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. Application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended June 30, 2020. We noted no transactions entered into by the governmental unit during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. There are no significant transactions that have been recognized in the financial statements in a different period than when the transaction occurred.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements presented by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimate affecting the financial statements is useful lives of capital assets.

#### **Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements**

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are trivial, and report them to the appropriate level of management. Management has corrected all such misstatements. The schedule below lists all misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures and were corrected by management.

	Client Provided	Adjustments	Audit Adjust	ments	Total Adjustment		
General Fund							
Eliminate Payables to Reflect Modified Cash Basis							
Expenditures	446,947	-	-	-	446,947	-	
Health Insurance Payable	169,951	-	-	-	169,951	-	
Salaries Payable	-	603,345	-	-	-	603,345	
Accounts Payable		13,553	-	-	-	13,553	
Record Change in Fair Market Value of Investments							
Other Financing Sources	-	-	18,004	-	18,004	-	
Cash	-	-	-	18,004	-	18,004	
Eliminate Receivables to Reflect Modified Cash Basis							
Revenues	897,743	-	-	-	897,743	-	
Accounts Receivable	-	131,230	-	-	-	131,230	
Interfund Receivable	-	766,513	-	-	-	766,513	
Hot Lunch Fund							
Record Donated Commodities							
Expenditures	-	-	36,107	-	36,107	-	
Revenues	-	-	-	36,107	-	36,107	

#### **Disagreements with Management**

For purposes of this letter, professional standards define a disagreement with management as a matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, concerning a financial accounting, or reporting matter that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated December 17, 2020.

#### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to the School District's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as the governmental unit's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

This information is intended solely for the use of the Board of Directors and management of the Beulah Public School District, North Dakota and should not be used for any other purpose. We would be happy to meet with you and any member of your staff to discuss any of the items in this letter in more detail if you so desire.

Thank you and the employees of the Beulah Public School District for the courteous and friendly assistance we received during the course of our audit. It is a pleasure for us to be able to serve the Beulah Public School District.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota December 17, 2020



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