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Beulah, North Dakota

Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officials

June 30, 2022

SCHOOL OFFICIALS

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Blake Seibel
Auston Biles
Dwight Hatzenbuhler
Kory McGraw
Jessica Schmidt
Dan Ziman

Travis Jordan
Krista Richau

Chair
Vice-Chair
Director
Director
Director
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Superintendent
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Beulah Public School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Beulah Public School District, Beulah, North Dakota, as of June 30, 2022, 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 for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Government Auditing Standards (GAS) issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Beulah Public School District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Beulah Public School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and GAS will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and GAS, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Beulah Public School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Beulah Public School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary 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 schedules, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards*, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The 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 or the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. In our opinion, the *budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards and notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards* are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with GAS, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2022 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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of the effectiveness of the Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with GAS in considering the Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota
December 21, 2022

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
June 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,701,069
Capital Assets	
Nondepreciable	10,110,650
Depreciable, Net	<u>4,665,394</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 19,477,113</u>
LIABILITIES	
Long Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Long-Term Debt	\$ 378,000
Due Outside One Year	
Long-Term Debt	<u>8,730,827</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,108,827</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 5,667,217
Restricted	
Capital Projects	1,641,782
Debt Service	425,434
Special Purposes	513,232
Unrestricted	<u>2,120,621</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 10,368,286</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities					Governmental Activities
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,264,147	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,264,147)
Special Education	208,497	-	-	-	(208,497)
Vocational Education	356,364	-	141,511	-	(214,853)
Federal Programs	998,640	-	791,351	255,811	48,522
District Wide Services	588,397	-	-	-	(588,397)
Administration	833,713	-	-	-	(833,713)
School Food Services	553,161	61,499	566,560	-	74,898
Operations and Maintenance	1,165,222	-	-	-	(1,165,222)
Transportation	629,609	-	228,986	-	(400,623)
Co-curricular Activities	753,868	-	287,029	-	(466,839)
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	169,809	-	-	-	(169,809)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 10,521,427	\$ 61,499	\$ 2,015,437	\$ 255,811	\$ (8,188,680)
General Revenues					
Property Taxes					\$ 3,186,612
Unrestricted State Grants					6,025,875
Unrestricted Interest Earnings					19,441
Miscellaneous Revenue					138,708
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments					(215,594)
Total General Revenues					\$ 9,155,042
Special Item					
Contribution from Dunn County					\$ 85,034
Changes in Net Position					\$ 1,051,396
Net Position - July 1					\$ 9,316,890
Net Position - June 30					\$ 10,368,286

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,120,621	\$ 1,641,782	\$ 513,232	\$ 425,434	\$ 4,701,069
FUND BALANCES					
Fund Balances					
Restricted					
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,641,782	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,641,782
Debt Service	-	-	-	425,434	425,434
Student Activity	-	-	254,233	-	254,233
Assigned					
Food Service	-	-	258,999	-	258,999
Unassigned	2,120,621	-	-	-	2,120,621
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,120,621	\$ 1,641,782	\$ 513,232	\$ 425,434	\$ 4,701,069
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BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis
June 30, 2022

Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds \$ 4,701,069

Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and are not reported in the governmental funds. 14,776,044

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	(8,770,000)	
Bond Premium	(338,827)	(9,108,827)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 10,368,286

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local Sources	\$ 2,290,972	\$ 1,053,642	\$ 377,772	\$ -	\$ 3,722,386
State Sources	6,254,861	-	-	-	6,254,861
Federal Sources	1,047,162	-	566,560	-	1,613,722
Other Sources	102,010	10,403	-	-	112,413
Total Revenues	\$ 9,695,005	\$ 1,064,045	\$ 944,332	\$ -	\$ 11,703,382
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,257,926	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,257,926
Special Education	208,497	-	-	-	208,497
Vocational Education	356,364	-	-	-	356,364
Federal Programs	998,640	-	-	-	998,640
District Wide Services	588,397	-	-	-	588,397
Administration	833,713	-	-	-	833,713
School Food Services	-	-	553,040	-	553,040
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	976,865	228,183	-	-	1,205,048
Transportation	654,827	-	-	-	654,827
Co-curricular Activities	353,950	-	364,743	-	718,693
Capital Outlay	-	2,602,463	-	-	2,602,463
Debt Service					
Principal	-	-	-	445,000	445,000
Interest	-	-	-	186,969	186,969
Fees	-	-	-	840	840
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,229,179	\$ 2,830,646	\$ 917,783	\$ 632,809	\$ 13,610,417
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 465,826	\$ (1,766,601)	\$ 26,549	\$ (632,809)	\$ (1,907,035)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,000	\$ 632,809	\$ 696,809
Change in Investment Market Value	(215,594)	-	-	-	(215,594)
Transfers Out	(64,000)	(632,809)	-	-	(696,809)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ (279,594)	\$ (632,809)	\$ 64,000	\$ 632,809	\$ (215,594)
SPECIAL ITEM					
Contribution from Dunn County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 85,034	\$ 85,034
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 186,232	\$ (2,399,410)	\$ 90,549	\$ 85,034	\$ (2,037,595)
Fund Balances - July 1	\$ 1,934,389	\$ 4,041,192	\$ 422,683	\$ 340,400	\$ 6,738,664
Fund Balances - June 30	\$ 2,120,621	\$ 1,641,782	\$ 513,232	\$ 425,434	\$ 4,701,069

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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, 2022

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (2,037,595)

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	\$ 3,001,042	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(375,052)</u>	2,625,990

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but reduces long-term debt in the statement of net position. The issuance of long-term debt is reported as other financing sources in the governmental funds, but increases liabilities on the statement of net position

Repayment of Long-Term Debt		445,000
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Bond premium amortization is a reduction and to interest expense, respectively, as they are amortized over the life of the outstanding bonds using the straight-line method.

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Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities \$ 1,051,396

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

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. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds, each displayed in a separate column.

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 general obligation school building bonds.

Special Revenue Fund. This fund accounts for the activity and financial resources that support the School District’s student activities as well as the hot lunch and breakfast programs.

Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

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

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

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.

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 & Building Improvements	10 - 50
Vehicles	8
Equipment	5 - 15
Land	Indefinite

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 pensions, and pension 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 (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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, and 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.

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 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 3 TRANSFERS

Transfers are used to move unrestricted general revenue to finance programs that accounts for in other funds in accordance with budget authority and to subsidize other programs.

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 (NDRIF), 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 NDRIF for its general liability, automobile insurance coverage and inland marine. The coverage by NDRIF is limited to losses of three million dollars per occurrence for general liability and automobile, and \$47,000 for public assets/personal property.

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, 2022 was \$43,396.

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, 2022, the School District’s carrying amount of deposits was \$3,480,996 and the bank balances totaled \$3,921,562. Of the bank balances, \$527,702 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, 2022, the School District held investments in the amount of \$1,192,371, 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:

Investment Type	Total		Less Than			More Than	
	Fair Value		1 Year	1-6 Years	6-10 Years *	10 Years **	
Government Bonds	\$	1,192,371	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 563,814	\$	628,557

*\$301,643 mature March 2031 but are callable July 2022 and \$262,170 mature June 2032 but are callable July 2022.

**\$377,550 mature May 2033 but are callable July 2022, and \$251,007 mature October 2035 but are callable July 2022.

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, 2022:

Asset	Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3	Total
Government Bonds	\$ -	\$ 1,192,371	\$ -	\$ 1,192,371

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Primary Government

During the year ended June 30, 2022, the following changes occurred in governmental activities long-term liabilities:

	Balance July 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30	Due Within One Year
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 9,215,000	\$ -	\$ 445,000	\$ 8,770,000	\$ 360,000
Bond Premium	356,828	-	18,000	338,828	18,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 9,571,828	\$ -	\$ 463,000	\$ 9,108,828	\$ 378,000

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

Governmental Activities			
Year Ending June 30	G.O. Bonds Payable		Bond Premium
	Principal	Interest	
2023	\$ 365,000	\$ 192,451	\$ 18,000
2024	380,000	178,576	18,000
2025	390,000	164,226	18,000
2026	405,000	149,401	18,000
2027	420,000	134,026	18,000
2028-2032	2,305,000	480,381	90,001
2033-2037	2,500,000	293,705	90,001
2038-2042	2,005,000	72,628	68,826
Totals	\$ 8,770,000	\$ 1,665,394	\$ 338,828

NOTE 9 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	Balance July 1	Increases	Decreases	Balance June 30
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>				
Land	\$ 16,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,341
Construction in Progress	7,491,847	2,602,463	-	10,094,310
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 7,508,188	\$ 2,602,463	\$ -	\$ 10,110,651
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>				
Buildings	\$ 13,638,459	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,638,459
Building Improvements	657,568	299,011	-	956,579
Equipment and Furniture	1,015,683	-	-	1,015,683
Vehicles	1,153,369	99,568	-	1,252,937
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 16,465,079	\$ 398,579	\$ -	\$ 16,863,658
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for</i>				
Buildings	\$ 10,154,564	\$ 206,433	\$ -	\$ 10,360,997
Building Improvements	98,072	44,618	-	142,690
Equipment and Furniture	602,394	52,100	-	654,494
Vehicles	968,183	71,901	-	1,040,084
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 11,823,213	\$ 375,052	\$ -	\$ 12,198,265
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,641,866	\$ 23,527	\$ -	\$ 4,665,393
Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net	\$ 12,150,054	\$ 2,625,990	\$ -	\$ 14,776,044

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

Transportation	\$ 74,350
Regular Instruction	6,221
Operations and Maintenance	259,185
Co-Curricular	35,175
Food Service	121
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 375,052

NOTE 10 CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The School District had an open construction commitment as of June 30, 2022 as follows:

Project	Contract Amount	Change Orders	Total Contract	Total Completed	Retainages	Remaining Balance
New School Construction - Construction & Engineering	\$ 9,808,122	\$ 663,429	\$10,471,551	\$10,237,254	\$ 474,019	\$ 708,316
Total	\$ 9,808,122	\$ 663,429	\$10,471,551	\$10,237,254	\$ 474,019	\$ 708,316

NOTE 12 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.

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, 2022 the School District would report a liability of \$5,413,646 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2021, 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, 2022, the district's proportion was .513797%, an decrease of 0.001133%.

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, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.30%
Salary Increases	3.80% to 14.80%, varying by service, including inflation and productivity
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%, net of investment expenses, including inflation
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	None

For active and inactive members, mortality rates were based on the PubT-2010 Employee table, projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019. For healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on 104% of the PubT-2010 Retiree table for retirees and to 95% of the PubT-2010 Contingent Survivor table for beneficiaries, both projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019. For disability retirees, mortality rates were based on the PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Mortality table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated March 19, 2020. They are the same as the assumptions used in the July 1, 2021, funding actuarial valuation for TFFR.

The TFFR Board is responsible for establishing investment policy for the fund assets under NDCC 15-39.1-05.2. Benefit payments are projected to occur over a long period of time. This allows TFFR to adopt a long-term investment horizon and asset allocation policy for the management of fund assets. Asset allocation policy is critical because it defines the basic risk and return characteristics of the investment portfolio. Asset allocation targets are established using an asset-liability analysis designed to assist the Board in determining an acceptable volatility target for the fund and an optimal asset allocation policy mix. This asset-liability analysis considers both sides of the plan balance sheet, utilizing both quantitative and qualitative inputs, in order to estimate the potential impact of various asset class mixes on key measures of total plan risk, including the resulting estimated impact of funded status and contribution rates.

The long-term expected rate of return on TFFR investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of 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 TFFR target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021, is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	55%	6.9%
Global Fixed Income	26%	0.7%
Global Real Assets	18%	4.8%
Cash Equivalents	1%	-1.0%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25% as of June 30, 2021. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2021, 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, TFFR’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members as of July 1, 2021. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on TFFR investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2021.

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

The following presents the net pension liability of the TFFR employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.25% as of June 30, 2021, as well as what the employers’ net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Increase (8.25%)
School District’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 8,128,790	\$ 5,413,646	\$ 3,158,994

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:
<https://www.rio.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/PDFs/RIO/Reports/annualreport2021.pdf>.

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 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, 2022 the School District would report a liability of \$1,015,451 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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, 2021, the School District’s proportion was 0.097424%, which was a decrease of 0.003142% from its proportion measured at June 30, 2020.

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, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	3.5% to 17.75% including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.00%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Sex-distinct Pub-2010 table for General Employees, with scaling based on actual experience. Respective corresponding tables were used for healthy retirees, disabled retirees, and active members. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale. 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%	6.00%
International Equity	21%	6.70%
Private Equity	7%	9.50%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	0.73%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	4.77%
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 7.00%; the municipal bond rate is 1.92%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 7.00%.

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

The following presents the Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00 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 (6.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.00 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,614,908	\$ 1,015,451	\$ 516,308

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

NOTE 13 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

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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, 2022, the School District would report a liability of \$49,510 for their proportionate shares of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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, 2021, the School District's proportion was 0.089019% which was a decrease of .006704% from its proportion measured June 30, 2020.

Actuarial assumptions

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.25%
Salary Increases	Not applicable
Investment Rate of Return	6.50%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-Living Adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the MortalityPub-2010 Healthy Retiree Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 103% for males and 101% for females. Pub-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 117% for males and 112% for females. Pub-2010 Employee Mortality table (for General Employees), sex-distinct, with rates multiplied by 92% for both males and females. Mortality rates are projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

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, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	33%	5.85%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	6%	6.75%
Domestic Fixed Income	40%	0.50%
International Equities	21%	6.25%

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory rates described in this report. 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, 2021, calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, 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 (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (5.50%)	Current Discount Rate (6.50%)	1% Increase (7.50%)
School District’s Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 73,430	\$ 49,510	\$ 29,270

NOTE 13 SPECIAL ITEM

In 2022, the Beulah Public School District received a grant in the amount of \$85,034 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.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
 June 30, 2022

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
REVENUES				
Local Sources	\$ 2,161,640	\$ 2,161,640	\$ 2,290,972	\$ 129,332
State Sources	5,943,705	5,943,705	6,254,861	311,156
Federal Sources	1,439,698	1,439,698	1,047,162	(392,536)
Other Sources	30,000	30,000	102,010	72,010
Total Revenues	\$ 9,575,043	\$ 9,575,043	\$ 9,695,005	\$ 119,962
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,560,378	\$ 4,560,378	\$ 4,257,926	\$ 302,452
Special Education	210,820	210,820	208,497	2,323
Vocational Education	584,078	584,078	356,364	227,714
Federal Programs	1,438,385	1,438,385	998,640	439,745
District Wide Services	592,702	592,702	588,397	4,305
Administration	828,423	828,423	833,713	(5,290)
Operations and Maintenance	939,727	939,727	976,865	(37,138)
Transportation	575,011	575,011	654,827	(79,816)
Co-curricular Activities	327,587	327,587	353,950	(26,363)
Total Expenditures	\$ 10,057,111	\$ 10,057,111	\$ 9,229,179	\$ 827,932
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (482,068)	\$ (482,068)	\$ 465,826	\$ 947,894
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Change in Investment Market Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (215,594)	\$ (215,594)
Transfers out	-	-	(64,000)	(64,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (279,594)	\$ (279,594)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (482,068)	\$ (482,068)	\$ 186,232	\$ 668,300
Fund Balances - July 1	\$ 2,835,435	\$ 2,835,435	\$ 1,934,389	\$ (901,046)
Fund Balances - June 30	\$ 2,353,367	\$ 2,353,367	\$ 2,120,621	\$ (232,746)

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

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards – Modified Cash Basis
 For the Years Ended June 30, 2022

CFDA Number	Program Title	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE			
Passed through the North Dakota State Department of Public Instruction			
10.555	National School Lunch Program - Cash	F10555	\$ 465,263
10.555	National School Lunch Program - Commodities	36001	43,396
10.553	School Breakfast Program <i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>	F10553	<u>83,080</u>
			<u>\$ 591,739</u>
10.560	State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	F10560A	\$ 5,451
10.542	Pendemic EBT Food Benefits	F10542	<u>614</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>\$ 597,804</u>
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION			
Passed through the North Dakota State Department of Public Instruction			
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	F84010	\$ 125,040
84.367	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	F84367	37,213
84.369	Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities	F84369A	383
84.424A	Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	F84424A	17,387
84.425D	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - ESSER I & II	F84425D	306,823
84.425U	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - ARP ESSER	F84425U	<u>517,710</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>\$ 1,004,556</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,602,360</u>

* - Noncash assistance

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this statement.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Notes to the Schedule of Federal Awards
For the Years Ended June 30, 2022

NOTE 1 BASIS OF PRESENTATION / ACCOUNTING

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the School District and is presented on the modified cash basis of accounting. For certain programs shown on the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, federal reimbursements are not based upon specific expenditures, the amounts reported here represent cash received rather than federal expenditures. The information in the schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Management and Budget Uniform Guidance. The School District received federal awards both directly and indirectly through pass-through entities. The School District has not provided any deferral financial assistance to subrecipients.

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Governmental fund types account for the School District's federal grant activity. The School District's summary of significant accounting policies is presented in Note 1 in the School District's basic financial statements.

NOTE 3 NON-CASH AWARDS

The amount of commodities reported on the schedule is the value of the supplemental food program distributed by the district during the year as priced by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

NOTE 4 INDIRECT COST RATE

The School District does not draw for indirect administrative expenses and has not elected to use the 10% de minimis cost rate.

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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*

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 and each major fund, of Beulah Public School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, 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 December 21, 2022.

Report on 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) as a basis for designing 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 were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weakness. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings and questioned costs* as item 2022-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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

Report on 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 financial statements. 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

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Beulah Public School District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying *schedule of audit findings and questioned costs*. 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 the response.

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

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December 21, 2022

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAMS; AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Beulah Public School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Beulah Public School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022. Beulah Public School District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Beulah Public School District complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (GAS); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Beulah Public School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Beulah Public School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Beulah Public School District's federal programs.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; and Report on Internal control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance - Continued

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Beulah Public School District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, GAS, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Beulah Public School District's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, GAS, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Beulah Public School District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Beulah Public School District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Beulah Public School District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program; and Report on Internal control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance - Continued

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota
December 21, 2022

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summary of Auditor’s Results
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Financial Statements

Type of Report Issued:
Governmental Activities Unmodified
Major Funds Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting

Material weaknesses identified? Yes X None Noted
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses? X Yes None Noted
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes X None Noted

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs

Material weaknesses identified? Yes X None noted
Reportable conditions identified not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes X None noted
Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with CFR §200.516 (Uniform Guidance) requirements? Yes X None noted

Identification of Major Programs

Assistance Listing Number Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425 Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes X No

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Audit Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022

Section I - Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

Condition

Beulah Public School District submitted a fiscal year 2022 School District Financial Report to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that contained revenues, and fund balances that did not agree with its underlying records.

Effect

Beulah Public School District's financial information may not be accurately reported to DPI, which could impact its funding allocation.

Cause

Beulah Public School District has not implemented procedures to ensure amounts included in the School District Annual Financial Report agree to the financial records such as the trial balance and general ledger.

Criteria

The North Dakota School District Financial Accounting and Reporting Manual, provided by DPI, states "The School District Financial Report is the primary source of financial information regarding the revenue and expenditures for K-12 education in North Dakota. It is used for many purposes, including data for inter-district tuition, public information, federal reporting, indirect costs and legislative budget and policy making decisions."

Prior Recommendation

Yes.

Recommendation

We recommend Beulah Public School District update procedures for preparing the School District Financial Report to ensure it is accurate and agrees to underlying records. Further, we recommend Beulah Public School District contact the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to determine if additional information is required.

Beulah Public School District's Response

See Corrective Action Plan

Section II - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No Findings Noted.

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022



Beulah School District #27

204 5th St NW
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DATE: December 13, 2022

TO: Joshua C. Gallion, ND State Auditor

FROM: Krista Richau, Business Manager

RE: Beulah Public School District – FY2022 Corrective Action Plan

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Acton Plan: Krista Richau, Business Manager

Section I – Financial Statement Findings:

2022-001 SCHOOL DISTRCT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

Condition:

Beulah Public School District submitted a fiscal year 2022 School District Financial Report to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that contained revenues, and fund balances that did not agree with its underlying records.

Recommendation:

We recommend Beulah Public School District update procedures for preparing the School District Financial Report to ensure it is accurate and agrees to underlying records. Further, we recommend Beulah Public School District contact the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to determine if additional information is required.

Corrective Action Plan:

Beulah Public School will use the trial balance to ensure the beginning balances of all accounts are correct in the LEA financial report for the 2022-2023 LEA financial report.

Anticipated Completion Date:

Fiscal Year 2022-23

BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2022



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Date: December 5, 2022
To: Joshua C. Gallion, ND State Auditor
FROM: Krista Richau, Business Manager
RE: Beulah Public School District – FY2022 Schedule of Prior Year Findings

2021-001 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

Condition

Beulah Public School District submitted a fiscal year 2021 School District Financial Report to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that contained revenues, and fund balances that did not agree with its underlying records.

Recommendation

We recommend Beulah Public School District update procedures for preparing the School District Financial Report to ensure it is accurate and agrees to underlying records. Further, we recommend Beulah Public School District contact the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) to determine if additional information is required.

Current Status

Beulah Public School submitted the fiscal year 2022 School District Financial Report to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction with the correct numbers from the balance sheet. I was able to enter the beginning balance to accurately reflect the balance we had in our records for July 1, 2021.

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GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION

December 21, 2022

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Beulah Public School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards (and, if applicable, *Government Auditing Standards* and the Uniform Guidance), as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated December 1, 2022. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you with the following information related to our audit.

Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by Beulah Public School District are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during 2022. We noted no transactions entered into by the Beulah Public School District during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

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 governmental activities financial statements were:

Management's estimate of the useful lives of capital assets is based on past history of each classification of capital assets. We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the useful lives of capital assets in determining that it is reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

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

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 lists all misstatements provided by management or detected as a result of audit procedures that were corrected by management.

Government Wide Adjustments	Audit Adjustments	
	Debit	Credit
<u>To Reclassify Operating Grants to Capital Contributions</u>		
Operating Grants and Contributions	255,811	-
Capital Contributions	-	255,811

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 21, 2022.

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.

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.

Other Matters

We were engaged to report on the *budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of expenditures of federal awards and notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards*, which accompany the financial statements but are not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the method of preparing it has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the use of the School Board and management of the Beulah Public School District, and is not intended to be, 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 21, 2022



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