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## Beulah Public School District

Beulah, North Dakota

Audit Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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# BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

School Officials

June 30, 2023

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## SCHOOL OFFICIALS

Doug Moore  
Blake Seibel  
Auston Biles  
Dwight Hatzenbuehler  
Kory McGraw  
Jessica Schmidt  
Dan Ziman

Travis Jordan  
Krista Richau

Chair  
Vice-Chair  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director  
Director  
  
Superintendent  
Business Manager

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

### Report on the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the modified cash basis 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, 2023, 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 accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Beulah Public School District, Beulah, North Dakota, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audits 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 – Basis of Accounting**

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 January 29, 2024 on our consideration of 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 internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Beulah Public School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

/S/

Joshua C. Gallion  
State Auditor

Bismarck, North Dakota  
January 29, 2024

**BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis  
June 30, 2023

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Investments	\$ 4,646,252
Capital Assets	
Nondepreciable	16,341
Depreciable, Net	<u>15,426,677</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 20,089,270</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Long Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year	
Long-Term Debt	\$ 398,000
Due Outside One Year	
Long-Term Debt	<u>8,327,827</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 8,725,827</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 6,717,191
Restricted	
Capital Projects	1,310,078
Debt Service	332,822
Special Purposes	410,543
Unrestricted	<u>2,592,809</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 11,363,443</u></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, 2023

					Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Governmental Activities
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
<b>Governmental Activities</b>					
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,480,422	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (4,480,422)
Special Education	188,492	-	-	-	(188,492)
Vocational Education	321,404	-	-	-	(321,404)
Federal Programs	525,296	-	530,419	-	5,123
District Wide Services	456,222	-	-	-	(456,222)
Administration	830,718	-	-	-	(830,718)
School Food Services	660,863	310,546	256,437	-	(93,880)
Operations and Maintenance	1,627,908	-	-	-	(1,627,908)
Transportation	651,403	-	219,578	-	(431,825)
Co-curricular Activities	799,333	-	324,503	-	(474,830)
Other Programs & Services	380	-	-	-	(380)
	-	-	-	-	-
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt	175,641	-	-	-	(175,641)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 10,718,082</u>	<u>\$ 310,546</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,937</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (9,076,599)</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
Property Taxes					\$ 3,184,470
Unrestricted State Grants					6,462,030
Unrestricted Interest Earnings					33,113
Miscellaneous Revenue					144,854
Net Gain on Sale of Capital Assets					1,210
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments					(86,743)
Total General Revenues					<u>\$ 9,738,934</u>
<b>Special Item</b>					
Contribution from Dunn County					<u>\$ 332,822</u>
Changes in Net Position					<u>\$ 995,157</u>
Net Position - July 1					<u>\$ 10,368,286</u>
Net Position - June 30					<u>\$ 11,363,443</u>

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, 2023

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash and Investments	\$ 2,592,809	\$ 1,310,078	\$ 410,543	\$ 332,822	\$ 4,646,252
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>					
Fund Balances					
Restricted					
Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,310,078	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,310,078
Debt Service	-	-	-	332,822	332,822
Student Activity	-	-	233,706	-	233,706
Assigned					
Food Service	-	-	176,837	-	176,837
Unassigned	2,592,809	-	-	-	2,592,809
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,592,809	\$ 1,310,078	\$ 410,543	\$ 332,822	\$ 4,646,252
Total Fund Balances	\$ 2,592,809	\$ 1,310,078	\$ 410,543	\$ 332,822	\$ 4,646,252

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

## BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis  
June 30, 2023

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<b>Total Fund Balances for Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ 4,646,252</b>
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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.	15,443,018
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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	(8,405,000)	
Bond Premium	<u>(320,827)</u>	<u>(8,725,827)</u>

<b>Total Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 11,363,443</b>
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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, 2023

	General Fund	Building Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Debt Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Local Sources	\$ 2,205,651	\$ 1,008,075	\$ 654,518	\$ -	\$ 3,868,244
State Sources	6,681,608	-	6,311	-	6,687,919
Federal Sources	530,418	-	250,126	-	780,544
Other Sources	63,456	65,787	-	-	129,243
Total Revenues	\$ 9,481,133	\$ 1,073,862	\$ 910,955	\$ -	\$ 11,465,950
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current					
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,474,195	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,474,195
Special Education	188,492	-	-	-	188,492
Vocational Education	321,404	-	-	-	321,404
Federal Programs	525,296	-	-	-	525,296
District Wide Services	456,222	-	-	-	456,222
Administration	830,718	-	-	-	830,718
School Food Services	-	-	660,743	-	660,743
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	1,081,157	399,012	-	-	1,480,169
Transportation	633,081	-	-	-	633,081
Co-curricular Activities	347,257	-	416,901	-	764,158
Other Programs and Services	380	-	-	-	380
Capital Outlay	-	873,347	-	-	873,347
Debt Service					
Principal	-	-	-	365,000	365,000
Interest	-	-	-	192,451	192,451
Fees	-	-	-	1,190	1,190
Total Expenditures	\$ 8,858,202	\$ 1,272,359	\$ 1,077,644	\$ 558,641	\$ 11,766,846
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 622,931	\$ (198,497)	\$ (166,689)	\$ (558,641)	\$ (300,896)
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 64,000	\$ 133,207	\$ 197,207
Change in Investment Market Value	(86,743)	-	-	-	(86,743)
Transfers Out	(64,000)	(133,207)	-	-	(197,207)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	\$ (150,743)	\$ (133,207)	\$ 64,000	\$ 133,207	\$ (86,743)
<b>SPECIAL ITEM</b>					
Contribution from Dunn County	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 332,822	\$ 332,822
Net Change in Fund Balances	\$ 472,188	\$ (331,704)	\$ (102,689)	\$ (92,612)	\$ (54,817)
Fund Balances - July 1	\$ 2,120,621	\$ 1,641,782	\$ 513,232	\$ 425,434	\$ 4,701,069
Fund Balances - June 30	\$ 2,592,809	\$ 1,310,078	\$ 410,543	\$ 332,822	\$ 4,646,252

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, 2023

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<b>Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds</b>	<b>\$ (54,817)</b>
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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	\$ 1,131,247	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(464,273)</u>	666,974

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	365,000
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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.

<u>18,000</u>
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<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b><u>\$ 995,157</u></b>
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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, 2023

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## 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

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**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:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Years</b>
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.

**BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

**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.

	Transfers In	Transfers Out
<b>Major Funds</b>		
General Fund	\$ -	\$ 64,000
Building Fund	-	133,207
<b>Nonmajor Funds</b>		
Debt Service Fund	133,207	-
Special Revenue Fund	64,000	-
<b>Total Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 197,207</b>	<b>\$ 197,207</b>

**NOTE 4 RISK MANAGEMENT**

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

In 1986 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The School District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, automobile insurance coverage and inland marine. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of three million dollars per occurrence 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, 2023 was \$46,226.

**NOTE 6 DEPOSITS**

**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, 2023, the School District's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,540,623 and the bank balances totaled \$4,363,051. Of the bank balances, \$552,261 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.

**NOTE 7 INVESTMENTS**

As of June 30, 2023, the County had the following investments:

Investment Type	Total Fair Value	Less Than 1 Year	1-6 Years	6-10 Years *	More Than 10 Years **
Government Bonds	\$ 1,105,628	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 870,344	\$ 235,284

\*\$281,506 mature March 2031 but are callable July 2023, \$237,699 mature June 2032 but are callable July 2023, and \$351,140 mature May 2033 but are callable July 2023.

\*\*\$235,284 mature October 2035 but are callable July 2023.

As authorized in North Dakota Statutes, idle funds may be invested as follows:

1. Bonds, treasury bills and notes, or other securities that are a direct obligation of, or an obligation insured or guaranteed by, the treasury of the United States, or its agencies, instrumentalities, or organizations created by an act of Congress.
2. Securities sold under agreements to repurchase written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of a type listed above.
3. Certificates of deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or by the state.

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4. Certificates of deposit, savings deposits, or other deposits fully insured or guaranteed by the federal deposit insurance corporation and placed for the benefit of the public depositor by a public depository through an appropriate deposit placement service as determined by the commissioner of financial institutions.
5. State and local securities:
  - a. Any security that is a general obligation of any state or local government with taxing powers and is rated in the highest three categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
  - b. An obligation of the state housing finance agency that is rated in the highest two categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
  - c. Any security that is a general obligation of a school district and is rated in the highest two categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.
  - d. Obligations of this state and general obligations of its political subdivisions.
6. 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 two hundred seventy days or less.

**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 rate. The County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to potential fair value losses arising from future changes in interest rates.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The County does not have a formal investment policy that specifically addresses credit risk.

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of a government's investment in a single issuer. The County does not have an investment policy that specifically addresses concentrations of credit risk in a single issuer.

**NOTE 8 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, 2023:

<b>Asset</b>	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3</b>	<b>Total</b>
Government Bonds	\$ -	\$ 1,105,628	\$ -	\$ 1,105,628

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**NOTE 9 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES****Primary Government**

During the year ended June 30, 2023, 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	\$ 8,770,000	\$ -	\$ 365,000	\$ 8,405,000	\$ 380,000
Bond Premium	338,827	-	18,000	320,827	18,000
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 9,108,827	\$ -	\$ 383,000	\$ 8,725,827	\$ 398,000

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

Governmental Activities			
Year Ending June 30	G.O. Bonds Payable		Bond Premium
	Principal	Interest	
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	435,000	118,076	18,000
2029-2033	2,355,000	436,372	90,001
2034-2038	2,540,000	252,209	90,001
2039-2043	1,480,000	40,056	50,825
Totals	\$ 8,405,000	\$ 1,472,942	\$ 320,827

**NOTE 10 CAPITAL ASSETS**

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Balance July 1	Increases	Decreases	Transfers	Balance June 30
<i>Capital assets not being depreciated</i>					
Land	\$ 16,341	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,341
Construction in Progress	10,094,310	873,346	-	(10,967,656)	-
Total Capital Assets, Not Being Depreciated	\$ 10,110,651	\$ 873,346	\$ -	\$ (10,967,656)	\$ 16,341
<i>Capital assets being depreciated</i>					
Buildings	\$ 13,638,459	\$ 210,000	\$ -	\$ 10,967,656	\$ 24,816,115
Building Improvements	956,579	-	-	-	956,579
Equipment and Furniture	1,015,683	-	-	-	1,015,683
Vehicles	1,252,937	47,900	103,969	-	1,196,868
Total Capital Assets, Being Depreciated	\$ 16,863,658	\$ 257,900	\$ 103,969	\$ 10,967,656	\$ 27,985,245
<i>Less Accumulated Depreciation for</i>					
Buildings	\$ 10,360,997	\$ 299,304	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,660,301
Building Improvements	142,690	52,889	-	-	195,579
Equipment and Furniture	654,494	49,518	-	-	704,012
Vehicles	1,040,084	62,563	103,969	-	998,678
Total Accumulated Depreciation	\$ 12,198,265	\$ 464,274	\$ 103,969	\$ -	\$ 12,558,570
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	\$ 4,665,393	\$ (206,374)	\$ -	\$ 10,967,656	\$ 15,426,677
<i>Governmental Activities Capital Assets, Net</i>	\$ 14,776,044	\$ 666,972	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,443,018

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

Transportation	\$ 65,012
Regular Instruction	6,227
Operations and Maintenance	357,739
Co-Curricular	35,175
Food Service	121
Total Depreciation Expense	\$ 464,274

**NOTE 11      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.

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#### *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, 2023 the School District would report a liability of \$7,269,150 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2022, 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, 2023, the district's proportion was .499237%, a decrease of 0.014560%.

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, 2022 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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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%	0.35%
Global Real Assets	18%	4.6%
Cash Equivalents	1%	-1.05%

### Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25% as of June 30, 2022. 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, 2022, 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, 2022. 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, 2022.

**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, 2022, 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:

	<b>1% Decrease (6.25%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (7.25%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (8.25%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 9,987,146	\$ 7,269,150	\$ 5,014,915

**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, 2023 the School District would report a liability of \$2,708,415 for its proportionate share of net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, 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 0.094040%, which was a decrease of 0.003384% 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.



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**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2022 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	5.10%, 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:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>Long -Term Expected Real Rate of Return</b>
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 6.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.69%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 5.10%.

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**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 5.10 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 (4.10 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.12 percent) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (4.10%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (5.10%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.10%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,574,921	\$ 2,708,415	\$ 1,997,043

**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 12 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.

**BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

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

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

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

If reporting on the full accrual basis of accounting, at June 30, 2023, the School District would report a liability of \$98,829 for their proportionate shares of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, 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 0.080670% which was a decrease of .008349% from its proportion measured June 30, 2020.

**Actuarial assumptions**

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 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	5.75%, 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%	0.75%
Domestic Fixed Income	35%	0.50%
International Equities	26%	6.25%

**BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**Notes to the Financial Statements – Continued

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**Discount rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.75%. 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, 2022, calculated using the discount rate of 5.39%, 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 (4.39 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.39 percent) than the current rate:

	<b>1% Decrease (4.39%)</b>	<b>Current Discount Rate (5.39%)</b>	<b>1% Increase (6.39%)</b>
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability	\$ 123,596	\$ 96,829	\$ 74,358

**NOTE 13 SPECIAL ITEM**

In 2023, the Beulah Public School District received a grant in the amount of \$332,822 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, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local Sources	\$ 2,163,324	\$ 2,163,324	\$ 2,205,651	\$ 42,327
State Sources	6,992,608	6,992,608	6,681,608	(311,000)
Federal Sources	695,301	695,301	530,418	(164,883)
Other Sources	30,000	30,000	63,456	33,456
Total Revenues	\$ 9,881,233	\$ 9,881,233	\$ 9,481,133	\$ (400,100)
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current				
Regular Instruction	\$ 4,578,167	\$ 4,578,167	\$ 4,474,195	\$ 103,972
Special Education	212,758	212,758	188,492	24,266
Vocational Education	368,103	368,103	321,404	46,699
Federal Programs	674,683	674,683	525,296	149,387
District Wide Services	559,067	559,067	456,222	102,845
Administration	849,807	849,807	830,718	19,089
Operations and Maintenance	940,472	940,472	1,081,157	(140,685)
Transportation	1,010,591	1,010,591	633,081	377,510
Co-curricular Activities	320,607	320,607	347,257	(26,650)
Total Expenditures	\$ 9,514,255	\$ 9,514,255	\$ 8,858,202	\$ 656,053
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 366,978	\$ 366,978	\$ 622,931	\$ 255,953
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Change in Investment Market Value	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (86,743)	\$ (86,743)
Transfers out	-	-	(64,000)	(64,000)
Total Other Financing Sources	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (150,743)	\$ (150,743)
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 366,978	\$ 366,978	\$ 472,188	\$ 105,210
Fund Balances - July 1	\$ 2,353,367	\$ 2,353,367	\$ 2,120,621	\$ (232,746)
Fund Balances - June 30	\$ 2,720,345	\$ 2,720,345	\$ 2,592,809	\$ (127,536)

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

**NOTE 1: STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Budgetary Information**

- The School Board adopts an “appropriated budget” on the modified cash basis of accounting.
- The Business Manager prepares an annual budget for the general fund and each special revenue fund of the County. NDCC 11-23-02. The budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- The School Board holds a public hearing where any taxpayer may appear and shall be heard in favor of or against any proposed disbursements or tax levies. When the hearing shall have been concluded, the board shall adopt such estimate as finally is determined upon. All taxes shall be levied in specific amounts and shall not exceed the amount specified in the published estimates. NDCC 11-23-04
- The School Board, on or before the October meeting shall determine the amount of taxes that shall be levied for County purposes and shall levy all such taxes in specific amounts. NDCC 11-23-05
- Each budget is controlled by the Business Manager at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- The current budget, except for property taxes, may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared. NDCC 57-15-31.1
- All appropriations lapse at year-end.

**NOTE 2: SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER PENSION AND OPEB LIABILITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

GASB Statements No. 68 and 75 require ten years of information to be presented in these tables. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the School Board will present information for those years for which information is available.

**NOTE 3: CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS – PENSION AND OPEB**

**Pension**

The interest rate earned on member contributions decreased from 7.00 percent to 6.50 percent effective January 1, 2021 (based on the adopted decrease in the investment return assumption). New Main System members who are hired on or after January 1, 2020 will have a benefit multiplier of 1.75 percent (compared to the current benefit multiplier of 2.00 percent). The fixed employer contribution for new members of the Main System increased from 7.12 percent to 8.26 percent. For members who terminate after December 31, 2019, final average salary is the higher of the final average salary calculated on December 31, 2019 or the average salary earned in the three highest periods of twelve consecutive months employed during the last 180 months of employment. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

**OPEB**

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 have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

## **BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - Continued

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### **NOTE 4: CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS – PENSION AND OPEB**

#### **Pension**

All actuarial assumptions and the actuarial cost method are unchanged from the last actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

#### **OPEB**

All actuarial assumptions and the actuarial cost method are unchanged from the last actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020.

**BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards – Modified Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Assistance Listing Number	Program Title	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
Passed through the North Dakota State Department of Public Instruction			
10.555	National School Lunch Program - Cash	F10555	\$ 174,897
10.555	National School Lunch Program - Commodities	36001	46,226 *
10.553	School Breakfast Program	F10553	28,510
	<i>Child Nutrition Cluster</i>		<u>\$ 249,633</u>
10.560	State Administrative Expenses for Child Nutrition	F10560	<u>\$ 4,822</u>
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			<u>\$ 254,455</u>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
Passed through the North Dakota State Department of Public Instruction			
84.010	Title I Grants to Local Education Agencies	F84010	\$ 111,541
84.287	Twenty-First Century Community Learning Centers	F84287	-
84.367	Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	F84367	35,455
84.369	Grants for State Assessments and Related Activities	F84369A	19,617
84.424A	Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	F84424A	14,966
84.425D	Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	F84425D	78,155
84.425U	American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - ARP ESSER	F84425U	<u>254,236</u>
Total U.S. Department of Education			<u>\$ 513,970</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 768,425</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 Year Ended June 30, 2023

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### **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*

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### 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, 2023, 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 January 29, 2024.

### **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 2023-001 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

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### **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

Bismarck, North Dakota  
January 29, 2024

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

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### 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, 2023. 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, 2023.

#### ***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

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### ***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

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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  
January 29, 2024

# BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Summary of Auditor's Results  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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## Financial Statements

Type of Report Issued:  
Governmental Activities  
Major Funds

Unmodified  
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, 2023

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**2023-001 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY**

**Condition**

Beulah Public School District submitted a fiscal year 2023 School District Financial Report to the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction (DPI) that contained ending fund balances and revenues in the Building Fund and Debt Service Fund 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."

The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) model defines internal control as a process designed to provide reasonable assurance of the achievement of objectives that involve the effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Pertaining to estimates, management is responsible for adequate internal controls surrounding the use of estimates during the budget process.

**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**

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No Findings Noted.



## BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Management's Corrective Action Plan  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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**DATE:** January 25, 2024

**TO:** Joshua C. Gallion, ND State Auditor

**FROM:** Krista Richau, Business Manager

**RE:** Beulah Public School District – FY2023 Corrective Action Plan

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

### **Section I – Financial Statement Findings:**

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#### **2023-001 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY**

##### **Condition:**

Beulah Public School District submitted a fiscal year 2023 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:**

We agree. Beulah Public School will report revenues in the building fund correctly to ensure the revenues and ending fund balances match the trial balance in the LEA financial report for the 2022-2023 LEA financial report.

##### **Anticipated Completion Date:**

1/25/24 - Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (corrected the revenues and resubmitted)

## BEULAH PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Schedule of Prior Year Findings  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

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**Date:** January 25, 2024  
**To:** Joshua C. Gallion, ND State Auditor  
**FROM:** Krista Richau, Business Manager  
**RE:** Beulah Public School District – FY2023 Schedule of Prior Year Findings

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#### 2021-001 SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORT – SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCY

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##### Recommendation

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##### Current Status

Contacted Adam Tescher and he opened the report. I made the changes on the 2022-2023 financial report. The trial balance matches the 2022-2023 LEA Financial report. The 2022-2023 LEA Financial report was resubmitted.

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## GOVERNANCE COMMUNICATION

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January 29, 2024

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, 2023. 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 October 17, 2023. 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 2023. 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. None of the misstatements detected as a result of audit procedures were material, either individually or in the aggregate, to the financial statements taken as a whole.

### **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 January 29, 2024.

### **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  
January 29, 2024



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