

**HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
HATTON, NORTH DAKOTA**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
ROSTER OF SCHOOL OFFICIALS (UNAUDITED)
JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Education
Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7
Hatton, North Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7 (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7 as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 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.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and 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 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* 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 generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, 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 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 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of District's contributions to the TFFR pension plan, and schedule of District's proportionate share of net pension liability as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards

Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included on page 1. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 5, 2024, on our consideration of Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting and 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 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 Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA**

September 5, 2024

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of Hatton Eielson Public School District's financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the District's financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and related notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Financial Highlights

- The ending fund balance for the District Funds were as follows:

	<u>06/30/24</u>	<u>06/30/23</u>
• General	\$1,177,535	\$1,252,902
• Special Reserve	111,155	80,643
• Capital Projects	185,766	101,347
• Debt Service	128,219	107,236
• Food Service	72,250	74,959

- The General Fund had \$3,509,532 in revenue, which primarily consisted of the state and federal funding, property tax levies, state and federal grants, and student activities. There was \$3,584,899 in expenditures, which primarily consisted of salaries, transportation, materials and supplies for instruction.
- The Special Reserve Fund had \$30,512 in revenue, consisting of property tax levies.
- The Capital Projects Fund had \$101,159 in revenue, consisting mainly of property tax levies. There was \$16,740 in expenditures, consisting mainly of a solar screen project, destratification fans, and parking lot crack seal.
- The Debt Service Fund had \$398,707 in revenue, consisting of property tax levies. There was \$377,724 in expenditures, consisting of principal and interest payments on outstanding bonds payable.
- The Food Service Fund had \$141,766 in revenue, which consisted of sales of meals and federal reimbursements. There was \$144,475 in expenditures, which consisted of salaries, food, and supplies.

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the District's basic financial statements. The District's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The statement of net position presents information on all of the District's assets, deferred inflows/outflows and liabilities, with the difference between reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the District's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the District that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the District include instruction, support services, operation and maintenance of plant, student transportation and operation of non-instructional services. Fixed asset purchases and related debt are also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 11-12 of this report.

Fund financial statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. This is a state mandated uniform system and chart of accounts for all North Dakota public school districts. The District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the District can be divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary funds and fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are trust funds established by benefactors to aid in student education, welfare and teacher support. There are currently no activities classified as fiduciary or proprietary funds in the District. All other activities of the District are included in the governmental funds.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 13-16 of this report.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found starting on page 17 of this report.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the District, assets and deferred inflows exceeded liabilities and deferred outflows by \$2,525,063 as of June 30, 2024.

A large portion of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land and improvements, buildings and improvements, vehicles, furniture and equipment and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its students; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in its capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

The District's financial position is the product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets, and the depreciation of capital assets.

Net Position

The following is a comparison of assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, and net position as presented in the current year to those presented in the prior year.

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 1,764,748	\$ 1,707,633
Noncurrent Assets	<u>7,520,588</u>	<u>7,466,869</u>
Total Assets	<u>9,285,336</u>	<u>9,174,502</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>527,534</u>	<u>489,200</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	333,914	338,758
Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>6,747,101</u>	<u>7,021,537</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,081,015</u>	<u>7,360,295</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>206,792</u>	<u>171,111</u>
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,933,789	2,589,020
Restricted	552,256	377,472
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(960,982)</u>	<u>(834,196)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,525,063</u>	<u>\$ 2,132,296</u>

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

The following presents comparative changes in net position for the years ended June 30, 2024 and 2023:

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 293,673	\$ 304,745
Operating Grants and Contributions	668,900	568,158
General Revenues		
Taxes	1,291,507	1,237,282
Federal and State Aid not Restricted to a Specific Function	1,902,691	1,798,657
Other Revenues	8,676	16,873
Interest Income	25,134	10,525
Total Revenues	<u>4,190,581</u>	<u>3,936,240</u>
Expenses		
Instructional Support Services	435,851	363,969
Operations and Maintenance	561,748	672,877
School Food Services	144,475	143,964
Transportation	188,519	74,078
Regular Instruction	1,675,096	1,566,876
Special Education	171,368	212,301
Vocational Education	147,431	137,659
Extra-Curricular Activities	377,068	369,811
Interest on Long-Term Debt and Lease Liabilities	96,258	101,570
Total Expenses	<u>3,797,814</u>	<u>3,643,105</u>
Change in Net Position	392,767	293,135
Net Position - Beginning	<u>2,132,296</u>	<u>1,839,161</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 2,525,063</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,132,296</u></u>

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2024, the District had \$7,520,588 invested in capital assets. Following are the balances as of June 30, 2024:

Governmental Activities	Balance 06/30/23	Additions	Disposals	Transfer	Balance 06/30/24
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 5,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,693
Construction in progress	21,600	154,747	-	(176,347)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	27,293	154,747	-	(176,347)	5,693
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings	8,875,376	-	-	-	8,875,376
Equipment	577,881	122,406	54,626	176,347	822,008
Leased equipment	45,016	-	-	-	45,016
Total capital assets being depreciated	9,498,273	122,406	54,626	176,347	9,742,400
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings	1,534,168	177,159	-	-	1,711,327
Equipment	503,752	35,887	54,626	-	485,013
Total accumulated depreciation	2,037,920	213,046	54,626	-	2,196,340
Less accumulated amortization					
Leased equipment	20,777	10,388	-	-	31,165
Total accumulated amortization	20,777	10,388	-	-	31,165
Net capital assets being depreciated and amortized	7,439,576	(101,028)	-	176,347	7,514,895
Net capital assets for governmental activities	\$ 7,466,869	\$ 53,719	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,520,588

Debt Administration

As of June 30, 2024, the District had \$4,589,167 in outstanding debt. The net decrease in the District's debt was \$291,050 from June 30, 2023. See below for a description of the District's debt:

Title	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due within One Year
General Obligation State School Construction Bonds of 2018	\$4,853,534	\$ -	\$ 280,653	\$4,572,881	\$ 285,423
Lease Liability	24,315		10,397	13,918	10,433
Compensated Absences	2,368	-	-	2,368	-
	<u>\$4,880,217</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 291,050</u>	<u>\$4,589,167</u>	<u>\$ 295,856</u>

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Comments on Budget Comparisons

- The District's total General Fund revenues for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were \$3,509,532.
- General Fund budget compared to actual revenue varied slightly from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$51,055 more than budget or approximately 1.48%.
- The District's total General Fund expenditures for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, were \$3,584,899.
- General fund budget expenditures to actual expenditures varied slightly from line item to line item with the ending actual balance being \$72,523 more than budget or approximately 2.06%.

BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

In North Dakota, the fiscal year for public schools is July 1 to June 30. Other programs, such as federal, operate on a different fiscal calendar but are reflected in the District's overall budget.

In the General Fund, the District received \$447,000 in combined federal funds which helped the District by offering Title I services, the Extend School Program allowing the District's elementary students before and after school activities; professional development for teachers and associated expenses, hiring of a paraprofessional for learning loss assistance; curriculum updates, library books, classroom novels, AMIRA reading materials; special guest speakers focusing on reading; Smart Panels for classrooms, a vinyl printer; and laptops.

Significant Board action that impacted the financial statements included approving the Certificate of Levy and setting the budget and issuing administrative and teaching contracts along with ancillary staff intent-to-hire agreements. The Board was diligent with policy updates; completed the required evaluations of the superintendent and business manager; approved an agreement with the Hatton Park Board; joined the State Purchasing Card Program; and adopted the Hatton Eielson Cybersecurity Integration Plan.

Contacting the District's Financial Management

Questions regarding this report should be directed to Kevin Beaudoin, Superintendent (701) 543-3456 or to Roxanne Phipps, Business Manager (701) 543-3456 or by mail at PO Box 200, Hatton, ND 58240.

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 1,388,435
Prepays	13,037
Due From Other Governments	291,012
Property Taxes Receivable	72,264
Total Current Assets	<u>1,764,748</u>
Capital Assets:	
Land-Not Being Depreciated	5,693
Buildings	8,875,376
Equipment	822,008
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,196,340)
Lease Assets	45,016
Less Accumulated Amortization	(31,165)
Total Capital Assets	<u>7,520,588</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>9,285,336</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan - TFFR	527,534
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>527,534</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Payroll Liabilities	22,667
Interest Payable	15,391
Lease Liabilities Due Within One Year	10,433
Bonds Payable Due Within One Year	285,423
Total Current Liabilities	<u>333,914</u>
Long-Term Liabilities	
Lease Liabilities (Net of Current Maturities)	3,485
Bonds Payable (Net of Current Maturities)	4,287,458
Compensated Absences	2,368
Net Pension Liability	2,453,790
Total Non-Current Liabilities	<u>6,747,101</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>7,081,015</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Cost Sharing Defined Benefit Pension Plan-TFFR	206,792
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>206,792</u>
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,933,789
Restricted Student Activities	66,410
Restricted for Miscellaneous Levy	47,648
Restricted for Building Projects	191,142
Restricted for Special Reserve	112,768
Restricted for Debt Service	134,288
Unrestricted (Deficit)	<u>(960,982)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 2,525,063</u>

See Notes to the Financial Statements

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Charges For Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES				
Instructional Support Services	\$ 435,851	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (435,851)
Operations and Maintenance	561,748	3,400	-	(558,348)
School Food Services	144,475	72,781	68,985	(2,709)
Transportation	188,519	-	88,325	(100,194)
Regular Instruction	1,675,096	91,584	447,535	(1,135,977)
Special Education	171,368	-	39,964	(131,404)
Vocational Education	147,431	-	24,091	(123,340)
Extra-Curricular Activities	377,068	125,908	-	(251,160)
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt and Lease Liabilities	96,258	-	-	(96,258)
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	\$ 3,797,814	\$ 293,673	\$ 668,900	(2,835,241)
GENERAL REVENUES				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purposes				761,612
Property Taxes, Levied for Special Reserve				30,347
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects				101,159
Property Taxes, Levied for Debt Service				398,389
Federal and State Aid not Restricted to a Specific Function				1,902,691
Interest Income				25,134
Other Revenues				8,676
TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES				3,228,008
Change in Net Position				392,767
Net Position-Beginning				2,132,296
Net Position-Ending				\$ 2,525,063

See Notes to the Financial Statements

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Special Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Food Service Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS						
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 894,044	\$ 111,040	\$ 185,383	\$ 126,681	\$ 71,287	\$ 1,388,435
Prepays	13,037	-	-	-	-	13,037
Due From Other Governments	290,049	-	-	-	963	291,012
Property Taxes Receivable	41,779	1,728	5,759	22,998	-	72,264
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,238,909	\$ 112,768	\$ 191,142	\$ 149,679	\$ 72,250	\$ 1,764,748
LIABILITIES						
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 22,667	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 22,667
TOTAL LIABILITIES	22,667	-	-	-	-	22,667
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES						
Unavailable Revenue - Delinquent Taxes	38,707	1,613	5,376	21,460	-	67,156
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	38,707	1,613	5,376	21,460	-	67,156
FUND BALANCES						
Nonspendable for Prepays	13,037	-	-	-	-	13,037
Restricted for Building Projects	-	-	185,766	-	-	185,766
Restricted for Student Activities	66,410	-	-	-	-	66,410
Restricted for Miscellaneous Levy	47,648	-	-	-	-	47,648
Restricted for Special Reserve	-	111,155	-	-	-	111,155
Restricted for Debt Service	-	-	-	128,219	-	128,219
Assigned for School Lunch	-	-	-	-	72,250	72,250
Unassigned	1,050,440	-	-	-	-	1,050,440
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,177,535	111,155	185,766	128,219	72,250	1,674,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,238,909	\$ 112,768	\$ 191,142	\$ 149,679	\$ 72,250	\$ 1,764,748

See Notes to the Financial Statements

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds \$ 1,674,925

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.

Land	\$	5,693	
Buildings		8,875,376	
Equipment		822,008	
Less: accumulated depreciation		(2,196,340)	
Lease assets		45,016	
Less: accumulated amortization		<u>(31,165)</u>	
			7,520,588

Net deferred outflows (inflows) of resources relating to the cost sharing of defined benefit plans in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as deferred outflows (inflows) of resources in the governmental funds. 320,742

Property taxes receivable will be collected during the year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore, are deferred in the funds. 67,156

Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable and compensated absences, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds.

Lease Liabilities		(13,918)	
Bonds Payable		(4,572,881)	
Net Pension Liability		(2,453,790)	
Compensated Absences		(2,368)	

Interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore is not reported as a liability in the governmental fund. (15,391)

Total net position - governmental activities \$ 2,525,063

See Notes to the Financial Statements

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES –
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Fund Types					
	General Fund	Special Reserve Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Debt Service Fund	Food Service Fund	Total
REVENUES						
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 752,707	\$ 30,347	\$ 101,159	\$ 398,389	\$ -	\$ 1,282,602
Other Local and County Revenues	305,614	165	-	318	72,781	378,878
Revenue from State Sources	2,003,676	-	-	-	904	2,004,580
Revenue from Federal Sources	447,535	-	-	-	68,081	515,616
TOTAL REVENUES	3,509,532	30,512	101,159	398,707	141,766	4,181,676
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
Regular Instruction	1,368,317	-	-	-	-	1,368,317
Special Education	171,368	-	-	-	-	171,368
Vocational Education	147,431	-	-	-	-	147,431
Transportation	181,376	-	-	-	-	181,376
Extra-Curricular Activities	377,068	-	-	-	-	377,068
Instructional Support Services	435,851	-	-	-	-	435,851
Operations and Maintenance	545,081	-	16,740	-	-	561,821
Miscellaneous	70,793	-	-	-	-	70,793
School Food Services	-	-	-	-	144,475	144,475
Debt and Lease Service:						
Principal Retirement	10,397	-	-	280,653	-	291,050
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt and Leases	64	-	-	97,071	-	97,135
Capital Outlay	277,153	-	-	-	-	277,153
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,584,899	-	16,740	377,724	144,475	4,123,838
Net Change in Fund Balances	(75,367)	30,512	84,419	20,983	(2,709)	57,838
FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR	1,252,902	80,643	101,347	107,236	74,959	1,617,087
FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR	\$ 1,177,535	\$ 111,155	\$ 185,766	\$ 128,219	\$ 72,250	\$ 1,674,925

See Notes to the Financial Statements

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RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds	\$	57,838
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital Outlay	\$	277,153	
Depreciation Expense		(213,046)	
Amortization expense - leases		<u>(10,388)</u>	
			53,719

Lease payments are reported in the governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, those assets are set up as lease assets and amortized over the life of the lease along with interest expenses. In the current period, this resulted in the following difference

Interest expense - leases		(64)	
Fund financials expenses - leases		<u>10,461</u>	10,397

Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position	280,653
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of activities, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.	941
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Property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore are deferred in the funds.

Net change in unavailable property tax revenue	8,905
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Changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to net pension liability	2,653
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Changes in net pension liability	<u>(22,339)</u>
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Change in net position - governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 392,767</u></u>
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See Notes to the Financial Statements

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Reporting Entity

Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7 (The District), in accordance with generally accepted government accounting standards, has developed criteria to determine whether outside agencies with activities which benefit the District should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria include, but are not limited to, whether the District exercises oversight responsibility on financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters, scope of public service and special financing relationships. The District has determined that no other outside agency meets the above criteria and, therefore, no other agency has been included as a component unit in the District's financial statements.

Basis of Presentation

The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements and fund financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. All assets and liabilities associated with the operation of the District are included in the statement of net position.

Government-wide financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

The government-wide financial statements consist of a statement of net position and a statement of activities. These statements display information about the District as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the District.

The statement of net position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year-end.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. The statement identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or drawing from the general revenues of the District. Direct expenses are expenses that are specifically associated with a service, program or department. The direct expenses are clearly identifiable to a particular function.

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Program revenues include charges to recipients for goods or services offered by the program, grants and contributions that are restricted to meet the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues, which are not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the District.

Fund Financial Statements

The governmental funds are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. Under this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources.

The District's governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. The District considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of its fiscal year. Expenditures are generally recorded as the related fund liability is incurred.

Major revenue sources susceptible to accrual under the modified accrual basis include: property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

The current financial resources measurement focus differs from the manner that the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Due to the difference, the District's financial statements include reconciliations with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Separate fund financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds, when present. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Typically, aggregated information for the remaining nonmajor governmental funds is reported in a single column in the fund financial statements; currently, however, all funds of the District are considered major in the fund financial statements.

When fund balance resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned resources as they are needed in that order.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are utilized to account for most of the District's governmental functions. The reporting focuses on the sources, uses and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purpose for which they may or must be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which the obligation will be paid. Fund balance represents the difference between the governmental fund assets and liabilities. The District's major governmental funds consist of the following:

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General Fund

This fund is the general operating fund of the District and includes student activity programs. It accounts for all financial resources except those requiring to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Reserve Fund

This fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments, expendable trusts, or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Projects Fund

This fund is used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities.

Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payments of bonds.

Food Service

This fund is used to account for the financial resources associated with the District's food service program.

Non-major Governmental Funds

Typically, aggregated information for the non-major governmental funds is reported in a single column in the fund financial statements; currently, however, all funds of the District are considered major in the fund financial statements so there are no non-major funds in the District's financial statements.

Revenues-Exchange and Non-Exchange Transactions

Exchange transactions are transactions in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenue for exchange transactions is recorded when the exchange takes place. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue for exchange transactions is recorded when the resources are measurable and available.

Non-exchange transactions include transactions in which the District receives value without directly providing value in return. Non-exchange transactions include property taxes, grants, entitlements, and donations.

Under the accrual basis of accounting, property taxes are recorded as revenue in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations are recorded in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it is recorded in the financial records of the District.

Revenue sources susceptible to accrual include: property taxes, intergovernmental revenues and investment income.

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Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized in the financial statements before the revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before the eligibility requirements are met are recorded as unearned revenues.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resource (expense/expenditure) until then. The District has one item reported on the statement of net position as *cost sharing defined benefit pension plan*, which represents actuarial differences within the TFFR pension plan as well as amounts paid to the plans after the measurement date. See Note 4 for more details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The District has one type of item, which arises only under a modified accrual basis of accounting, that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, *unavailable property taxes*, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. The governmental funds report unavailable revenues from one source, property taxes. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available. The District also has one item reported on the statement of net position as *cost sharing defined benefit pension plan*, which represents the actuarial differences within the TFFR pension plan. See Note 4 for more details.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Board of Education adopts an “appropriated budget” on a basis consistent with GAAP for the General Fund, Special Reserve Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Food Service Fund.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the required supplementary information:

1. The superintendent prepares the School District budget. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis.
2. The School Board reviews the budget, makes any necessary revisions, and approves the final budget on or before August 10. The final budget must be filed with the county auditor by August 10 of each year.
3. The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared, except no amendment changing the taxes levied can be made after October 10, of each year. The budget amounts shown in the schedule are the final authorized amounts as revised.
4. The balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated balance at year end.

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Cash and Cash Equivalents

The District considers certificates of deposit and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of twelve months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost for assets where actual acquisition value is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated acquisition value at the date of donation. The District has established a capitalization threshold of \$5,000. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Capital assets are recorded in the District-wide financial statements but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are typically sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public school purpose by the District, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 35 to 50 years for buildings and 10 years for equipment.

Capital assets not being depreciated include land and construction in progress. The District does not possess any material amounts of infrastructure capital assets. Items such as sidewalks and other land improvements are considered to be part of the cost of buildings or other improvable property.

Leases

The determination of whether an arrangement contains a lease is made at inception by evaluating whether the arrangement conveys the right to use an identified asset and whether the District has control of the right to use asset. Control includes the right to obtain present service capacity and the right to determine the nature and manner of use of the underlying asset, as specified in the contract.

Leases with an initial lease term of more than 12 months, or that contain an option to purchase that the District is reasonably certain to exercise, are recognized based on the present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using the interest rate implicit in the lease. In cases where the implicit rate is not readily determinable, the District uses its incremental borrowing rate based on the information available at the lease commencement date. The District has made an accounting policy election to use a risk free rate based on US Treasury T-bill rate as of the lease commencement. The District accounts for lease agreements with lease and non-lease components together as a single lease component for all underlying classes of assets.

The District continues to record rent expense for short term leases on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Short term leases have a term of 12 months or less at lease commencement and do not include an option to purchase the underlying asset that the District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The depreciable life of assets and leasehold improvements are limited by the expected lease term unless there is a transfer of title or purchase option reasonably certain of exercise.

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The District's lease agreements do not include any material residual value guarantees or restrictive covenants.

Property taxes

Property tax levies are set by the School Board each year and are certified to Grand Forks, Traill and Steele counties for collection in the following year. In North Dakota, counties act as collection agents for all property taxes.

The counties spread all levies over taxable property. Property taxes are attached as an enforceable lien on the real estate and become due January 1 of the year following the assessment date. A 5% reduction is allowed if paid by February 15th. Penalty and interest are added March 1st unless the first half of the taxes have been paid. Additional penalties are added October 15th if not paid.

In the governmental funds, property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available includes those property tax receivables expected to be collected within sixty days after year end. All other taxes are fully offset by unearned revenue because they are not known to be available to finance current expenditures.

Compensated Absences

Each teacher shall have ten (10) school days of sick leave annually, accumulative to eighty (80) school days. Non-certified employees can accumulate up to 30 days. Upon termination, a teacher or non-certified employee who has been in the school system fifteen years or more will be compensated at a rate of \$20 per day for unused sick leave.

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 Teachers' Fund for Retirement (TFFR) and additions to/deductions from TFFR's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TFFR. 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.

Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report fund balance in the classifications that disclose constraints for which amounts in those funds can be spent. These classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – consists of amounts that are not in spendable form, such as inventory and prepaid items.

Restricted – consists of amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions and administered by the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction.

Committed – consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints are established by Resolution of the Board of Education.

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Assigned – consists of internally imposed constraints. These constraints reflect the specific purpose for which it is the District's intended use. These constraints are established by the Board of Education and/or management.

Unassigned – is the residual classification for the general fund and also reflects negative residual amounts in other funds.

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

When committed, assigned or unassigned resources are available for use, the District's preference is to use resources in the following order; 1) committed, 2) assigned and 3) unassigned.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as "net position" and displayed in three components:

1. Net Investment in Capital Assets – Consists of the remaining undepreciated cost of the assets less the outstanding debt associated with the purchase or construction of the related asset.
2. Restricted Net Position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted Net Position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

Encumbrances

Encumbrances, which represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services, have not been recorded in the financial statements.

Inter-fund Activity

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as inter-fund transfers. Inter-fund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular expenditures/expenses to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements. Inter-fund activities within the District's governmental activities and its business-type activities, are eliminated in the statement of activities.

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JUNE 30, 2024

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District's funds are required to be deposited and invested with the designated depositories in accordance with the laws of North Dakota. North Dakota laws require all public deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond, or collateral pledged by the financial institution. Pledged collateral must equal 110% of the deposits not covered by insurance or bonds. The entire bank balance was covered by Federal Depository Insurance or collateral held by the District's Agent in the District's name in amounts sufficient to meet North Dakota legal requirements.

Interest Rate Risk

The District does not have a formal deposit policy that limits deposit maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk

North Dakota laws restrict allowable investments for public funds in order to safeguard the principal on investments. North Dakota law authorizes political subdivisions including school districts to invest surplus funds in:

- a) 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.
- b) Securities sold under agreements to repurchase, written by a financial institution in which the underlying securities for the agreement to repurchase are of the type listed above.
- c) Certificates of Deposit fully insured by the federal deposit insurance corporation or the state.
- d) Obligations of the state.

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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance 06/30/23	Additions	Disposals	Transfer	Balance 06/30/24
Capital assets not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 5,693	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,693
Construction in progress	21,600	154,747	-	(176,347)	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>27,293</u>	<u>154,747</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(176,347)</u>	<u>5,693</u>
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings	8,875,376	-	-	-	8,875,376
Equipment	577,881	122,406	54,626	176,347	822,008
Leased equipment	45,016	-	-	-	45,016
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>9,498,273</u>	<u>122,406</u>	<u>54,626</u>	<u>176,347</u>	<u>9,742,400</u>
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings	1,534,168	177,159	-	-	1,711,327
Equipment	503,752	35,887	54,626	-	485,013
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,037,920</u>	<u>213,046</u>	<u>54,626</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,196,340</u>
Less accumulated amortization					
Leased equipment	20,777	10,388	-	-	31,165
Total accumulated amortization	<u>20,777</u>	<u>10,388</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>31,165</u>
Net capital assets being depreciated and amortized	<u>7,439,576</u>	<u>(101,028)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>176,347</u>	<u>7,514,895</u>
Net capital assets for governmental activities	<u>\$ 7,466,869</u>	<u>\$ 53,719</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,520,588</u>

Construction in progress as of June 30, 2023, was related to the installation of new playground equipment.

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was charged to the following governmental functions:

Transportation	\$ 7,143
Regular Instruction	<u>205,903</u>
Total Depreciation	<u>\$ 213,046</u>

The District leases copy machines and printers at its school location in Hatton, North Dakota. The term of the lease is for a period of 60 months, commencing in fiscal year 2021 and terminating in fiscal year 2026 with a monthly payment of \$872.

Following is the total lease expense for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Amortization expense by class of underlying asset	
Copy Machines and Printers	<u>\$ 10,388</u>
Total amortization expense	10,388
Interest on lease liabilities	<u>64</u>
Total	<u>\$ 10,452</u>

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NOTE 4 - PENSION PLAN

North Dakota Teacher's Fund for Retirement

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

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retirement from ages 55 to 64, with benefits actuarially reduced by 8% per year from the earlier of age 60/Rule of 90 or age 65. In either case, benefits may not exceed the maximum benefits specified in Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

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

Tier 2

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

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

Death and Disability Benefits

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

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

Member and Employer Contributions

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

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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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$2,453,790 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of July 1, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Employer's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the Employer's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At July 1, 2023, the Employer's proportion was 0.174857 percent which was an increase of 0.007868 from its proportion measured July 1, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Employer recognized pension expense of \$205,490. At June 30, 2024, the Employer reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual economic experience	\$ 9,143	\$ 130,247
Net Investment Income	38,828	-
Difference between projected and actual investment earnings	149,765	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	143,948	76,545
Contributions paid to TFFR subsequent to the measurement date	185,850	-
Total	<u>\$ 527,534</u>	<u>\$ 206,792</u>

\$185,850 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ending June 30:</u>	<u>Pension Expense Amount</u>
2025	\$ 7,634
2026	(14,510)
2027	152,409
2028	(1,630)
2029	(1,410)
Thereafter	(7,601)

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JUNE 30, 2024

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	Composed of 3.80% wage inflations, plus step rate promotional increases for members with less than 30 years of service
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 improvements 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, 2023, 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 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 TFFR target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

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JUNE 30, 2024

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real
		Rate of Return
Global Equities	55.00%	6.20%
Global Fixed Income	26.00%	3.00%
Global Real Assets	18.00%	4.40%
Cash Equivalents	1.00%	0.90%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent as of June 30, 2023. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that member and employer contributions will be made at rates equal to those based on the July 1, 2023 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 for current plan members as of June 30, 2023. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023.

Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the net pension liability of the TFFR employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent as of June 30, 2023, as well as what the employers' proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.25 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease in Discount Rate 6.25%	Discount Rate 7.25%	1% Increase in Discount Rate 8.25%
School's proportionate share of the TFFR net pension liability:	\$ 3,416,366	\$ 2,453,790	\$ 1,655,010

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/annualreport2023.pdf>

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JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The District issued bonds during the year ended June 30, 2019 to provide for the construction of additions and improvements to existing facilities. A summary of long-term debt is as follows:

Title	Balance 6/30/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due within One Year
General Obligation State School Construction Bonds of 2018	\$4,853,534	\$ -	\$ 280,653	\$4,572,881	\$ 285,423
Lease Liability	24,315		10,397	13,918	10,433
Compensated Absences	2,368	-	-	2,368	-
	<u>\$4,880,217</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 291,050</u>	<u>\$4,589,167</u>	<u>\$ 295,856</u>

The General Obligation State School Construction Bonds of 2018 had a total approved principal amount of \$6,300,000, carries an interest rate of 2%, matures in 2038 and is secured by property taxes.

Compensated absences are generally liquidated by the general fund.

Interest expense was \$97,071 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ending June 30	2018 General Obligation State School Construction Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 285,423	\$ 92,301	\$ 377,724
2026	291,184	86,540	377,724
2027	297,062	80,662	377,724
2028	303,058	74,666	377,724
2029	309,175	68,549	377,724
2030-2034	1,642,036	246,582	1,888,618
2035-2038	1,444,943	73,876	1,518,819
Total	<u>\$4,572,881</u>	<u>\$ 723,176</u>	<u>\$ 5,296,057</u>

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JUNE 30, 2024

Annual requirements on lease liabilities are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total Payments
2025	\$ 10,433	\$ 31	\$ 10,464
2026	3,485	2	3,487
Total Future Payments	<u>\$ 13,918</u>	<u>\$ 33</u>	<u>\$ 13,951</u>

NOTE 6 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Grant Programs

The District participates in numerous state and federal grant programs, which are governed by various rules and regulations of the grantor agencies. Costs charged to the respective grant programs are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agencies; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing the grants, refunds of any money received may be required and the collectability of any related receivable at June 30, 2024, may be impaired. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective grants; therefore, no provision has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements for such contingencies.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries insurance for risks of loss considered necessary, including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. The District's property insurance is through the North Dakota State Fire and Tornado Fund, the liability insurance is provided through the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund, employee bond is provided by the North Dakota State Bond Fund, and workers' compensation is provided by the North Dakota Workforce Safety & Insurance. Other risks are covered by private insurance.

NOTE 8 - NON-MONETARY TRANSACTIONS

The 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, 2024 was \$8,011.

NOTE 9 - NEW PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, updates the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences through aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*, requires entities to disclose critical information about their exposure to risks due to certain concentrations or limitations that could lead to financial distress or operational challenges. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.

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JUNE 30, 2024

GASB Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*, revises the requirements for management's discussion and analysis with the goal of making it more readable and understandable, requires unusual or infrequent items to be presented separately, defines operating and nonoperating revenues, includes a new section for noncapital subsidies for proprietary funds' statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, removes the option to disclose major component information in the notes and requires them to be shown individually or in combine financial statements following the fund financial statements and requires budgetary comparisons to be presented as RSI with new columns for variances between original-to-final budget and final budget-to-actual results. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025.

Management has not yet determined what effect these statements will have on the District's financial statements.

NOTE 10 - EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF BUDGET

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Excess</u>
General Fund	\$ 3,512,376	\$ 3,584,899	\$ 72,523
Food Service Fund	\$ 135,321	\$ 144,475	\$ 9,154

Funds sufficient to provide for the excess expenditures were made available from other functions within the fund, and the excess has no impact on the financial results of the District.

NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant events occurred subsequent to the District's year end. Subsequent events have been evaluated through September 5, 2024, which is the date these financial statements were available to be issued.

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES				
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 747,096	\$ 747,096	\$ 752,707	\$ 5,611
Other Local and County Revenues	202,570	202,570	305,614	103,044
Revenue from State Sources	2,054,246	2,055,226	2,003,676	(51,550)
Revenue from Federal Sources	535,608	453,585	447,535	(6,050)
TOTAL REVENUES	3,539,520	3,458,477	3,509,532	51,055
EXPENDITURES				
Regular Instruction	1,367,087	1,370,764	1,368,317	2,447
Special Education	215,809	215,809	171,368	44,441
Vocational Education	139,027	139,027	147,431	(8,404)
Transportation	173,844	173,844	181,376	(7,532)
Extra-Curricular Activities	262,800	262,800	377,068	(114,268)
Instructional Support Services	392,301	480,466	435,851	44,615
Operations and Maintenance	632,215	567,558	545,081	22,477
Miscellaneous	-	-	70,793	(70,793)
Debt and Lease Service:				
Principal Retirement	10,507	10,507	10,397	110
Interest and Fees on Long-Term Debt and Leases	-	-	64	(64)
Capital Outlay	226,944	291,601	277,153	14,448
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,420,534	3,512,376	3,584,899	72,523
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	118,986	(53,899)	(75,367)	(21,468)
Net Change in Fund Balances	118,986	(53,899)	(75,367)	(21,468)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfer from Other Funds	30,000	-	-	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	30,000	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	148,986	(53,899)	(75,367)	(21,468)
Fund Balances - Beginning	1,252,902	1,252,902	1,252,902	-
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,401,888</u>	<u>\$ 1,199,003</u>	<u>\$ 1,177,535</u>	<u>\$ (21,468)</u>

See Note to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE SPECIAL RESERVE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original / Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Local Property Tax Levies	\$ 30,504	\$ 30,347	\$ (157)
Other Local and County Revenues	40	165	125
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>30,544</u>	<u>30,512</u>	<u>(32)</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>30,544</u>	<u>30,512</u>	<u>(32)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>30,544</u>	<u>30,512</u>	<u>(32)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfer to Other Funds	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Financing Sources (Uses)	544	30,512	29,968
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>80,643</u>	<u>80,643</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u><u>\$ 81,187</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 111,155</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,968</u></u>

See Note to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE FOOD SERVICE FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original / Final Budget	Actual	Variance
REVENUES			
Other Local and County Revenues	\$ 72,100	\$ 72,781	\$ 681
Revenue from State Sources	-	904	904
Revenue from Federal Sources	60,200	68,081	7,881
TOTAL REVENUES	132,300	141,766	9,466
EXPENDITURES			
School Food Services	135,321	144,475	9,154
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	135,321	144,475	9,154
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,021)	(2,709)	312
Net Change in Fund Balances	(3,021)	(2,709)	312
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(3,021)	(2,709)	312
Fund Balances - Beginning	74,959	74,959	-
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 71,938	\$ 72,250	\$ 312

See Note to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NOTE TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING:

The District's Board follows the procedures established by North Dakota law for the budgetary process. The governing body of each School District, annually on or before the last day of July must levy taxes. The governing body of the School District may amend its tax levy and budget for the current fiscal year on or before the tenth day of October of each year. Taxes for School District purposes must be based upon an itemized budget statement which must show the complete expenditure by program of the District for the current fiscal year and the sources of the revenue from which it is to be financed. The School Board, in levying taxes, is limited by the amount necessary to be raised for the purpose of meeting the appropriations included in the school budget of the current fiscal year, and the sum necessary to be provided as an interim fund, together with a tax sufficient in amount to pay the interest on the bonded debt of the District and to provide a sinking fund to pay and discharge the principal thereon at maturity.

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The administration prepares the District's budget. The budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
2. The Board reviews the budget, may make revisions, and adopts the final budget on or before August 10th of each year. The budget is then filed with the county auditor by August 10th of each year.
3. The budget may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared, except no amendment changing the taxes levied can be made after October 10th of each year. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts.
4. All appropriations lapse at the close of the District's fiscal year. The balance of the appropriation reverts back to each respective fund and is available for future appropriation.

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TFFR PENSION PLAN
LAST TEN YEARS

Teachers Fund for Retirement

Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Statutorily Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	District's Covered- Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered- Employee Payroll
2024	\$ 185,850	\$ (185,850)	\$ -	\$ 1,457,648	12.75%
2023	178,941	(178,941)	-	1,403,458	12.75%
2022	167,543	(167,543)	-	1,314,059	12.75%
2021	168,741	(168,741)	-	1,323,462	12.75%
2020	156,867	(156,867)	-	1,230,334	12.75%
2019	153,472	(153,472)	-	1,203,702	12.75%
2018	143,253	(143,253)	-	1,123,556	12.75%
2017	147,438	(147,438)	-	1,156,381	12.75%
2016	144,251	(144,251)	-	1,131,379	12.75%
2015	140,902	(140,902)	-	1,105,167	12.75%

See Note to the Required Supplementary Information

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
LAST TEN YEARS

Teachers Fund for Retirement

Fiscal Year Ended	District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	District's Covered-Employee Payroll	Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.174857%	\$ 2,453,790	\$ 1,403,058	174.89%	69.34%
2023	0.166989%	2,431,451	1,314,059	185.03%	67.50%
2022	0.171722%	1,809,359	1,323,461	136.71%	75.70%
2021	0.168617%	2,580,693	1,230,334	209.76%	63.40%
2020	0.171583%	2,363,129	1,203,702	196.32%	65.50%
2019	0.165275%	2,202,883	1,123,556	196.06%	65.50%
2018	0.171323%	2,353,163	1,156,380	203.49%	63.20%
2017	0.174132%	2,551,139	1,131,379	225.49%	59.20%
2016	0.179671%	2,349,836	1,105,167	212.62%	62.10%
2015	0.181927%	1,906,272	1,055,272	180.64%	66.60%

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability which is June 30 of the previous fiscal year.

See Note to the Required Supplementary Information

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
NOTE TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

NOTE 1 CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS

TFFR

Amounts reported in 2021 and later reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated March 19, 2020.

- Investment return assumption lowered from 7.75% to 7.25%;
- Inflation assumption lowered from 2.75% to 2.30%;
- Individual salary increases were lowered;
- Rates of turnover, retirement and disability were changed to better reflect anticipated future experience;
- The post-retirement healthy mortality table was updated to 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;
- The disabled mortality was updated to the PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Mortality table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019; and
- The pre-retirement mortality table was updated to the PubT-2010 Employee table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019.

Amounts reported in 2016-2020 reflect the following actuarial assumption changes based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated April 30, 2015.

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

To the Board of Education
Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7
Hatton, 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 Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7 as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 5, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding 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. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and a significant deficiency.

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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2024-002 to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Hatton Eielson Public School District No. 7's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 result 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.



BRADY, MARTZ & ASSOCIATES, P.C.
GRAND FORKS, NORTH DAKOTA

September 5, 2024

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2024-001 Finding – Material Weakness

Criteria

A proper system of internal control has the proper segregation of duties between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

Condition

There is not a system in place for accounting duties to be properly segregated between authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation.

Cause

The organization is subject to size and budget constraints limiting the number of personnel within the accounting department.

Effect

The design of internal control over financial reporting could adversely affect the ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

Recommendation

We recommend the organization review their internal controls over the accounting functions to determine if additional procedures can be implemented that are cost effective. The board should constantly be aware of this condition. Compensating controls that mitigate the related risks could be (or are) provided through appropriate oversight of the performance of these functions and review of the financial reports by individuals with knowledge of current operations and accounting principles.

Management's Response

We concur with the auditor's recommendation; however, considering the size of the entity it is not feasible to obtain proper separation of duties.

HATTON EIELSON PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 7
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES - CONTINUED
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

2024-002 Finding – Significant Deficiency

Criteria:

An appropriate system of internal control requires the District to prepare financial statements in compliance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Condition:

The District's personnel prepare periodic financial information for internal use that meets the needs of management and the board. However, the District currently does not prepare financial statements, including accompanying note disclosures, as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District has elected to have the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and notes.

Cause:

The District elected to not allocate resources for the preparation of the financial statements.

Effect:

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

Recommendation:

We recommend the District consider the additional risk of having the auditors assist in the preparation of the financial statements and note disclosures and consider preparing them in the future. As a compensating control the District should establish an internal control policy to document the annual review of the financial statements and schedules and to review a financial statement disclosure checklist.

Management's Response:

We concur with the auditor's recommendation and will consider the risks and costs associated with the financial statement preparation.