

***ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL
DISTRICT NO. 29***

AUDIT REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
ROLETTE, NORTH DAKOTA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Governing Board
Rolette Public School District No. 29
Rolette, North Dakota

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rolette Public School District No. 29, Rolette, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rolette Public School District No. 29 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 Rolette Public School District No. 29, 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 Rolette Public School District No. 29'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 Rolette Public School District No. 29'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 Rolette Public School District No. 29'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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, Rolette Public School District No. 29 adopted GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the District share of net pension liability and employer contributions – ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement on page 34, the District's share of net pension liability and employer contributions – ND Public Employees Retirement System on page 35, the District's share of net OPEB liability and employer contributions – ND Public Employees Retirement System on page 36, the budgetary comparison information on page 37, and the notes to the required supplementary information on pages 38 to 39 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.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 21, 2025, on our consideration of Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Mandan, North Dakota
January 21, 2025

Rolette Public School District No. 29
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 460,685
Investments	1,233,186
Due from County Treasurer	1,405
Accounts Receivable, Net	9,892
Taxes Receivable, Net	15,527
Capital Assets	
Land	7,500
Building Improvements	306,422
Buildings	1,750,748
Equipment	321,274
Vehicles	202,045
Construction in Progress	1,531,873
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(1,859,335)</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>2,260,527</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	3,981,222
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Derived from Pensions and OPEB	677,995
LIABILITIES	
Accrued Salaries/Benefits Payable	12,976
Accounts Payable	584
Long-Term Liabilities	
Due Within One Year:	
RSB Bond Anticipation Note	450,000
Due After One Year:	
Net Pension and OPEB Liability	2,599,018
Compensated Absences	<u>25,544</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,088,122
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Derived from Pensions and OPEB	866,318
NET POSITION	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	1,810,527
Restricted for:	
Special Reserve	128,340
Capital Projects	(191,255)
Unrestricted	<u>(1,042,835)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 704,777</u>

Rolette Public School District No. 29
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Assets
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities
Functions/Programs				
Governmental Activities				
Instruction & Instruction-Related Services	\$ 1,221,258	\$ -	\$ 260,039	\$ (961,219)
School Administration & Support Services	1,132,867	-	-	(1,132,867)
Student Activities	113,045	138,146	-	25,101
Student Support Services	632,444	83,197	78,402	(470,845)
Scholarships	2,814	-	110	(2,704)
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 3,102,428</u>	<u>\$ 221,343</u>	<u>\$ 338,551</u>	(2,542,534)
General Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property Taxes, Levied for General Purpose				522,864
Property Taxes, Levied for Special Reserve				18,736
Property Taxes, Levied for Capital Projects				125,507
State Aid				1,993,250
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				45,538
Other Revenues				7,015
Total General Revenues				<u>2,712,910</u>
Change in Net Position				170,376
Net Position - Beginning of Year				<u>534,401</u>
Net Position - End of Year				<u>\$ 704,777</u>

Rolette Public School District No. 29
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 135,311	\$ 33,507	\$ 291,867	\$ 460,685
Investments	1,150,000	-	83,186	1,233,186
Due from County Treasurer	1,131	238	36	1,405
Accounts Receivable	8,135	-	1,757	9,892
Taxes Receivable, Net	12,126	2,958	443	15,527
Due from Capital Projects Fund	225,000	-	-	225,000
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,531,703</u>	<u>\$ 36,703</u>	<u>\$ 377,289</u>	<u>\$ 1,945,695</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Salaries/Benefits Payable	\$ 12,976	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,976
Accounts Payable	(269)	-	853	584
Due to General Fund	-	225,000	-	225,000
Total Liabilities	<u>12,707</u>	<u>225,000</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>238,560</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Uncollected Taxes	12,126	2,958	443	15,527
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>24,833</u>	<u>227,958</u>	<u>1,296</u>	<u>254,087</u>
Fund Balances:				
Restricted for Special Reserve	-	-	128,340	128,340
Restricted for Capital Projects	-	(191,255)	-	(191,255)
Assigned for Housing	-	-	85,886	85,886
Assigned for Food Service	-	-	58,638	58,638
Assigned for Student Activities	-	-	88,093	88,093
Assigned for Scholarship	-	-	15,036	15,036
Unassigned	1,506,870	-	-	1,506,870
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,506,870</u>	<u>(191,255)</u>	<u>375,993</u>	<u>1,691,608</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,531,703</u>	<u>\$ 36,703</u>	<u>\$ 377,289</u>	<u>\$ 1,945,695</u>

Rolette Public School District No. 29
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds	\$	1,691,608
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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 in the funds.

Cost of Capital Assets	\$	4,119,862	
Accumulated Depreciation		<u>(1,859,335)</u>	
			2,260,527

Deferred outflows of resources are not a financial resource available for the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.		677,995
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The net pension and OPEB liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.		(2,599,018)
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Deferred inflows of resources are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheet.		(866,318)
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Property taxes will be collected after year-end, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures and therefore are reported as deferred revenues in the funds.		15,527
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Long-term liabilities applicable to the District's governmental activities are not due and payable in the current period and, accordingly, are not reported as fund liabilities. All liabilities, both current and long-term, are reported in the statement of net position. Balances at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Compensated Absences Payable		(25,544)	
RSB Bond Anticipation Note		<u>(450,000)</u>	

Net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>704,777</u>
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Rolette Public School District No. 29
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General	Capital Projects	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes & Revenue in Lieu	\$ 557,491	\$ 133,952	\$ 20,003	\$ 711,446
State Aid	1,993,250	-	5,005	1,998,255
Federal Aid	260,039	-	73,397	333,436
Tuition	32,977	-	-	32,977
Charges for Services	-	-	50,220	50,220
Earnings on Investments	42,878	278	2,382	45,538
Co-Curricular Activities	-	-	138,146	138,146
Other Sources	448	-	6,677	7,125
TOTAL REVENUES	2,887,083	134,230	295,830	3,317,143
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Regular Education Programs	1,171,009	-	-	1,171,009
Title Programs	187,823	-	-	187,823
Other Federal Programs	57,037	-	-	57,037
Improvement of Instruction Service	4,535	-	-	4,535
Instructional Media Service	3,061	-	-	3,061
School Board	61,027	-	-	61,027
Executive Administration	104,689	-	-	104,689
Supportive Service - Business	114,728	-	-	114,728
Operation & Maintenance	203,117	-	545	203,662
Other Instruction Support Service	84,383	-	-	84,383
Student Activities	-	-	113,045	113,045
Extra-Curricular Activities	120,727	-	-	120,727
Student Transportation	289,148	-	-	289,148
Construction Services	-	662,381	-	662,381
Vocational Education	160,713	-	-	160,713
Special Education	120,521	-	-	120,521
Adult Education/Community Services	6,385	-	-	6,385
Food Service	90,373	-	111,991	202,364
Scholarships	-	-	2,814	2,814
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,779,276	662,381	228,395	3,670,052
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	107,807	(528,151)	67,435	(352,909)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In (Out)	59,204	-	(59,204)	-
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	167,011	(78,151)	8,231	97,091
Fund Balances - July 1, 2023	1,339,859	(113,104)	367,762	1,594,517
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2024	\$ 1,506,870	\$ (191,255)	\$ 375,993	\$ 1,691,608

Rolette Public School District No. 29
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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	97,091
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The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.

Current Year Capital Outlay	\$ 623,125	
Current Year Depreciation Expense	<u>(91,222)</u>	
		531,903

Governmental funds report the pension expense as accrued for actual salaries paid in the expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the pension and OPEB expense is an actuarial calculation of the cost of the plan accounting for projected future benefits, plan earnings, and contributions.

43,604

Because some property taxes will not be collected for several months after the District's fiscal year ends, they are not considered "available" revenues in the governmental funds. Deferred tax revenues decreased by this amount this year.

(44,339)

Compensated absences is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Compensated absences increased by this amount this year.

(7,883)

The proceeds of debt issuances are reported as financing sources in governmental funds and thus contribute to the change in fund balance. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement. The amount of debt issued is:

(450,000)

Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	<u>170,376</u>
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ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Rolette Public School District No. 29 complies with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

A. Reporting Entity

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 *The Financial Reporting Entity*, for financial reporting purposes the District's financial statements include all accounts of the District's operations. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the District's reporting entity include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the District holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the District appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the District is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the District
- there is a fiscal dependency by the organization on the District

The District receives funding from local, county, state and federal government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. But, based upon the criteria of Statement No. 14, there are no component units to be included within the District as a reporting entity and the District is not includable as a component unit within another reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are supported by taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services. Currently, the District does not classify any activities as business-type.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given program are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific program. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given program and 2) operating or capital grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Separate statements are presented for governmental, proprietary and fiduciary activities. The District has no proprietary or fiduciary activities at this time. These statements present each major fund as a separate column on the fund financial statements; all non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Governmental funds are those funds through which most governmental functions typically are financed. The measurement focus of governmental funds is on the sources, uses, and balance of current financial resources. The District has presented the following major funds:

General Fund: The General Fund is the main operating fund of the District. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not accounted for in other funds. All general tax revenues and other receipts that are not restricted by law or contractual agreement to some other fund are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures, fixed charges and capital improvement costs that are not paid through other funds are paid from the General Fund.

Capital Projects Fund: The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for taxes assessed and expended for capital projects.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus refers to what is being measured; basis of accounting refers to when transactions are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurement made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The government-wide statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The economic resources measurement focus means all assets and liabilities (whether current or non-current) are included on the statement of net position and the operating statements present increases (revenues) and decreases (expenses) in net total position. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time the liability is incurred.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual, i.e., when they become both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The District considers property taxes as available if they are collected within 60 days after year end. A one-year availability period is used for recognition of all other governmental fund revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded only when payment is due.

The revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, franchise fees, licenses, charges for services, interest income and intergovernmental revenues. All other governmental fund revenues are recognized when received.

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

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

D. Interfund Transactions

Legally authorized transfers are treated as interfund transfers and are included in the results of operations of governmental funds.

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

E. Encumbrance Accounting

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods and services that may be recorded for budgetary control purposes. Encumbrances are not liabilities and, therefore, are not recorded as expenditures until receipt of material or service. For budgetary purposes, appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end and outstanding encumbrances at year-end are reappropriated in the next year. No reservation of fund balances is provided at year-end.

F. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts in demand deposits, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit with a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Credit Risk:

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

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

Investments are stated at fair value for debt securities as required by GASB 31 and cost for certificates of deposit. All investments are reported at current fair market value.

The District has not adopted a policy limiting the amount that can be invested with any one issuer.

G. Inventory

A food inventory for the Food Service Fund is not recorded at year end because it is immaterial. School supplies are considered to be an expense in the year they are appropriated.

H. Capital Assets

Capital assets include buildings and machinery and equipment and are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized.

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Capital assets are defined by the District as assets with an initial, individual cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of more than one year. Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	25-50 years
Machinery and Equipment	5-20 years

I. Compensated Absences

For teachers, sick leave is compensated at termination of employment at \$25 per day to a maximum of 60 days. Personal leave is paid at daily rate up to 3 days, over 3 days carryover is paid at sub-pay (\$150 per day).

For staff, personal leave is compensated at daily rate up to a maximum of 3 days. No sick leave is paid out and their vacation is on a use it or lose it policy.

A long-term liability for accrued leave as of June 30 has been recorded in the government-wide statements.

J. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net investment in capital assets consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowing used for the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets, and adding back unspent proceeds. Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the school board or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors or laws or regulations of other governments.

L. Deferred Inflows/Outflows of Resources

Deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements consists of amounts for which asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, such amounts are measurable but not available and include uncollected taxes.

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section of 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 resources (expense/expenditure) until then. 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 future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. See Note 12 for additional information.

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Notes to Basic Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

M. Fund Balance Classifications

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The non-spendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Restricted – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the school board – the District’s highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the school board removed the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the District’s “intent” to be used for special purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The school board and superintendent have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as non-spendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned – This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the District’s preference is to first use restricted resources, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned, and unassigned – in order as needed.

N. 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 the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from TFFR and NDPERS’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TFFR and NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

O. Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (NDPERS) and additions to/deductions from NDPERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported for by NDPERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

P. New Accounting Pronouncement

The following accounting pronouncement has been implemented for the year ended June 30, 2024:

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based IT Agreements (SBITAs)*. This standard establishes accounting and financial reporting requirements for SBITAs. It aims to improve the comparability of government financial statements. It is based on the principle that SBITAs are financings of the right to use the underlying subscription assets. The District has no such agreements that are required to be reported in the current year.

NOTE 2 DEPOSITS

In accordance with North Dakota statutes, the District maintains deposits at depository banks designated by the governing board. All depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

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

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

As of June 30, 2024, the District's carrying balances were \$1,680,685 for governmental funds. The bank balance of these deposits as of June 30, 2024 was \$1,790,485. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by Federal Depository Insurance, \$500,000 was covered by an excess deposit insurance bond, and \$1,040,485 was collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institutions' agent not in the District's name.

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NOTE 3 INVESTMENTS

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

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

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counter-party to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District does not have an investment policy that specifically addresses credit risk.

At June 30, 2024, the District's investments included certificates of deposit. These investments are reported at cost. The interest rates earned on the certificates range from 3.25 percent to 5.00 percent.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District's governmental funds contained a scholarship fund. The scholarship fund was formerly known as Rolette Foundation for Education. At June 30, 2024, the scholarship fund included an investment in mutual funds of \$13,186, reported at fair value. In February 2024, the school board approved the transfer of the scholarship fund to the North Dakota Community Foundation. The date of the final transfer of funds to the North Dakota Community Foundation has not been determined.

NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

1. Valuation is based upon quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.
2. Valuation is based upon quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets or liabilities in markets that are not active, and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market.
3. Valuation is generated from model-based techniques that use significant assumptions not observable in the market. These unobservable assumptions reflect our own estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. Valuation techniques include use of option pricing models, discounted cash flow models and similar techniques.

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NOTE 4 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS - CONTINUED

The following table below presents the balances of assets, deferred outflow of resources, and deferred inflow of resources measure at fair value on a recurring basis at June 30, 2024.

Assets	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1	Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2	Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3
Mutual Funds	\$ 13,186	\$ 13,186	\$ -	\$ -
	<u>\$ 13,186</u>	<u>\$ 13,186</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

NOTE 5 PROPERTY TAX

Under state law, the District is limited in its ability to levy property taxes. All school tax levies are in compliance with state laws. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. A 5% reduction is allowed if paid by February 15th. Penalty and interest are added March 1st unless the first half of the taxes has been paid. Additional penalties are added October 15th if not paid. Taxes are collected by the county and remitted monthly to the school.

In its fund financial statements, property taxes are recorded as revenue in the period levied to the extent they are collected within 60 days of year-end. Taxes receivable consist of current and delinquent uncollected taxes at June 30. No allowance has been established for estimated uncollectible taxes because an offsetting deferred revenue has been recorded.

In the government-wide financial statements, property taxes are recorded as a receivable and revenue when assessed.

NOTE 6 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable consists of reimbursements due for expenses in the operation of various school programs, including state reimbursements, and charges for services.

NOTE 7 DUE FROM COUNTY TREASURER

The amount due from county treasurer consists of cash on hand for taxes collected but not remitted to the District at June 30.

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NOTE 8 CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of changes in capital assets and accumulated depreciation for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	June 30, 2023	Increases	Decreases	June 30, 2024
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	\$ 7,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,500
Capital assets being depreciated				
Construction in Progress	908,748	623,125	-	1,531,873
Building Improvements	306,422	-	-	306,422
Buildings	1,750,748	-	-	1,750,748
Equipment	321,274	-	-	321,274
Vehicles	202,045	-	-	202,045
Total capital assets, being depreciated	3,489,237	623,125	-	4,112,362
Less accumulated depreciation for				
Building Improvements	46,383	21,831	-	68,214
Buildings	1,408,535	32,979	-	1,441,514
Equipment	250,180	16,207	-	266,387
Vehicles	63,015	20,205	-	83,220
Total accumulated depreciation	1,768,113	91,222	-	1,859,335
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	1,721,124	531,903	-	2,253,027
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,728,624</u>	<u>\$ 531,903</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,260,527</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$91,222. It is reported in instruction and instruction related services at \$54,810, school administration and support services at \$16,207 and student support services at \$20,205.

NOTE 9 SALARIES AND BENEFITS PAYABLE

Salaries and benefits payable consists of salaries earned by employees but not paid until after year-end. It also consists of benefits owed to federal, state, and private agencies for amounts withheld from teacher's salaries as of June 30.

NOTE 10 LONG-TERM DEBT

Following is a summary of long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balance 6/30/23	Increases	Balance 6/30/24	Due Within One Year
RSB Bond Anticipation Note	\$ -	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Compensated Absences *	\$ 17,661	\$ 7,883	\$ 25,544	\$ -
Total	<u>\$ 17,661</u>	<u>\$ 457,883</u>	<u>\$ 475,544</u>	<u>\$ 450,000</u>

The District has a one year bond anticipation note with Rolette State Bank as a source of interim financing for the HVAC project. The loan was for \$450,000 at 5%. The loan matured on August 15, 2024.

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NOTE 10 LONG-TERM DEBT - CONTINUED

* The change in compensated absences is shown as a net change because changes in salary prohibit exact calculations of additions and reductions.

NOTE 11 DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES (PENSIONS & OPEB)

Details of the Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources on the face of the financial statements as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Derived from pension - TFFR	\$ 400,357
Derived from pension - NDPERS	268,386
Derived from pension - OPEB	9,252
Total	<u>\$ 677,995</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Derived from pension - TFFR	\$ 448,287
Derived from pension - NDPERS	413,280
Derived from pension - OPEB	4,751
Total	<u>\$ 866,318</u>

Note 12 of the financial statements contain detail of the pension plans.

NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

1. 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.

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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 must also qualify for benefits calculated under other formulas.

Tier 1 Non-grandfathered

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

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

Tier 2

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

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

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

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 disability benefit is computed by the retirement formula in NDCC Section 15-39.1-10 without consideration of age and uses the member's actual years of credited service. There is no actuarial reduction for reason of disability retirement.

Member and Employer Contributions

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

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$2,217,261 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 District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of covered payroll in the pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating TFFR employers. At July 1, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.15800200%, which was a decrease of 0.021393% from its proportion measured as of July 1, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$135,969. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 8,262	\$ 117,692
Changes of assumptions	35,085	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	135,328	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	71,937	330,595
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	<u>149,745</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 400,357</u>	<u>\$ 448,287</u>

\$149,745 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended 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>For the year ended June 30,</u>	
2025	\$ (62,697)
2026	(77,412)
2027	102,795
2028	(38,387)
2029	(38,181)
Thereafter	(83,793)

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

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

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

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the results of an actuarial experience study dated March 19, 2020. They are the same as the assumption used in the July 1, 2023, funding actuarial valuations 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 is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global Equities	55%	6.2%
Global Fixed Income	26%	3.0%
Global Real Assets	18%	4.4%
Cash Equivalents	1%	0.9%

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, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current plan members as of July 1, 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.

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

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

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

	<u>1% Decrease (6.25%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.25%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.25%)</u>
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 3,087,052	\$ 2,217,261	\$ 1,495,478

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>

2. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (Main System)

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

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

Responsibility for administration of the NDPERS defined benefit pension plan is assigned to a Board comprised of eleven members. The Governor is responsible for appointing three other members in addition to the Chairman of the Board. Four members are appointed by legislative management, and the remaining three Board members are elected from active employees currently contributing to PERS.

Pension Benefits

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

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

Death and Disability Benefits

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

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

Refunds of Member Account Balance

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

Member and Employer Contributions

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

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

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

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

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 \$362,897 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the District's share of covered payroll in the Main System pension plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating Main System employers. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.018820%, which was a decrease of 0.006823% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$(11,322). At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 11,813	\$ 2,001
Changes of assumptions	200,106	275,448
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	9,522	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	24,378	135,831
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	22,567	-
Total	<u>\$ 268,386</u>	<u>\$ 413,280</u>

\$22,567 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

For the year ended June 30,	
2025	\$ (39,700)
2026	(69,826)
2027	(21,835)
2028	(36,100)
2029	-
Thereafter	-

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

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	2.25%
Salary increases	3.5% to 17.75% including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.50%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

For active members, inactive members and healthy retirees, mortality rates were based on the Sex-distinct Pub-2010 table for General Employees, with scaling based on actual experience. Respective corresponding tables were used for healthy retirees, disabled retirees, and active members. Mortality rates were projected from 2010 using the MP-2019 scale.

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

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31%	6.25%
International Equity	20%	6.95%
Private Equity	7%	9.45%
Domestic Fixed Income	23%	2.51%
International Fixed Income	0%	0.00%
Global Real Assets	19%	4.33%
Cash Equivalents	0%	0.00%

Discount Rate

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

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

For the purpose of this valuation, the expected rate of return on pension plan investments is 6.50%; the municipal bond rate is 3.86%; and the resulting Single Discount Rate is 6.50%.

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

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.50 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.50 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (5.50%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (6.50%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (7.50%)</u>
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 500,348	\$ 362,897	\$ 248,871

Pension plan fiduciary net position

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued NDPERS financial report. That report may be obtained by writing to NDPERS; 1600 E Century, Suite 2; PO Box 1657; Bismarck, ND 58502-1657.

3. North Dakota Public Employees Retirement System (OPEB)

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

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

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

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) –
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OPEB Benefits

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

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

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

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$18,860 for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability. The net OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total OPEB liability used to calculate the net OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District's proportion of the net OPEB liability was based on the District's share of covered payroll in the OPEB plan relative to the covered payroll of all participating OPEB employers. At June 30, 2023, the District's proportion was 0.018865 percent, which was an increase of 0.001223 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$2,899. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) – CONTINUED

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 356	\$ 216
Changes of assumptions	4,022	1,562
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments	1,362	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,350	2,973
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (see below)	2,162	-
Total	<u>\$ 9,252</u>	<u>\$ 4,751</u>

\$2,162 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

<u>For the year ended June 30,</u>	
2025	\$ 773
2026	400
2027	1,551
2028	(385)
2029	-
Thereafter	-

Actuarial assumptions

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

Inflation	2.25%
Salary increases	Not Applicable
Investment rate of return	5.75%, net of investment expenses
Cost-of-living adjustments	None

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NOTE 12 PENSION PLANS AND OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB) –
CONTINUED

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

The long-term expected investment rate of return assumption for the RHIC fund was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of RHIC investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return, for each major asset class included in the RHIC's target asset allocation as of July 1, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Large Cap Domestic Equities	33%	6.10%
Small Cap Domestic Equities	6%	7.10%
Domestic Fixed Income	35%	2.59%
International Equities	26%	6.50%

Discount rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 5.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed plan member and statutory rates described in this report. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current RHIC members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries are not included. Based on those assumptions, the RHIC fiduciary net position was projected to be sufficient to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on RHIC investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

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

The following presents the net OPEB liability of the Plans as of June 30, 2023, calculated using the discount rate of 5.75%, as well as what the RHIC net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.75 percent) than the current rate:

	<u>1% Decrease (4.75%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (5.75%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (6.75%)</u>
Employer's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 24,787	\$ 18,860	\$ 13,871

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NOTE 13 RISK MANAGEMENT

The Rolette Public School District No. 29 is exposed to various risks of loss relating to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

In 1986 state agencies and political subdivisions of the state of North Dakota joined together to form the North Dakota Insurance Reserve Fund (NDIRF), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for the state and over 2,000 political subdivisions. The District pays an annual premium to NDIRF for its general liability, auto, and inland marine insurance coverage. The coverage by NDIRF is limited to losses of \$5,000,000 per occurrence.

The State Bonding Fund provides the District with blanket fidelity bond coverage in the amount of \$1,591,091 for its employees. The State Bonding Fund does not currently charge any premium for this coverage.

The District continues to carry commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including workers' compensation, North Dakota fire and tornado fund, and employee health and accident insurance. Any settled claims from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 14 TAX ABATEMENTS

Rolette Public School District No. 29 and political subdivisions within Rolette County can negotiate property tax abatement agreements with individuals and various commercial entities/businesses. The school district will state individually the parties whom received a benefit of the reduction in taxes of 20% or greater when compared to the total reductions of taxes for all tax abatement programs. No such abatements existed as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 15 INTERFUND LOAN

In March 2024, the District's board approved an interfund loan of \$225,000 from the general fund to the building fund for the HVAC project. The interfund loan was to be repaid upon receipt of bond proceeds in August 2024.

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NOTE 16 INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The following is a reconciliation between transfers in and transfers out as reported in the basic financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2024.

<u>Funds</u>	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
<i>Transfer of excess Special Reserve dollars as per state law</i>		
General Fund	\$ 19,860	\$ -
Special Reserve Fund	-	19,860
<i>Transfer of funds for payment of athletic co-op fees</i>		
General Fund	16,344	-
Student Activity Fund	-	16,344
<i>Transfer of funds for payment of hot lunch staff payroll</i>		
General Fund	23,000	-
Food Service Fund	-	23,000
	<u>\$ 59,204</u>	<u>\$ 59,204</u>

NOTE 17 BUDGET AMENDMENTS

The District's board approved the following amendments to the District budget:

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024:

	<u>General Fund</u>		
	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Amendment</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
Revenue	\$ 2,896,986	\$ 35,066	\$ 2,932,052
Expenses	\$ 2,878,654	\$ 39,519	\$ 2,918,173

NOTE 18 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In August of 2024, Rolette Public School District No. 29 issued general obligation bonds, series 2024, totaling \$965,000 for the HVAC project. The bonds are due in annual installments. The term of the bonds is 20 years, with rates of 3.25% to 4%.

The bond anticipation note of \$450,000 from the Rolette State Bank was extinguished in August 2024, with \$22,068 in interest paid.

The interfund loan of \$225,000 from the general fund to the building fund was repaid in August 2024.

***REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION***

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29
Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.158002%	0.179395%	0.17235483%	0.17409257%	0.17574452%	0.18590847%	0.19429381%	0.18543398%	0.187669%	0.177208%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 2,217,261	\$ 2,612,081	\$ 1,816,026	\$ 2,664,493	\$ 2,420,447	\$ 2,477,897	\$ 2,668,676	\$ 2,716,716	\$ 2,454,439	\$ 1,856,826
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 1,267,826	\$ 1,411,679	\$ 1,328,338	\$ 1,270,285	\$ 1,232,898	\$ 1,263,823	\$ 1,311,428	\$ 1,204,811	\$ 1,154,363	\$ 1,027,903
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	174.89%	185.03%	136.71%	209.76%	196.32%	196.06%	203.49%	225.49%	212.62%	180.64%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	69.3%	67.5%	75.7%	63.4%	65.5%	65.5%	63.2%	59.2%	62.1%	66.6%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Teachers' Fund for Retirement
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 149,745	\$ 161,648	\$ 179,989	\$ 169,363	\$ 161,961	\$ 157,195	\$ 161,137	\$ 153,613	\$ 147,174	\$ 110,498
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (149,745)	\$ (161,648)	\$ (179,989)	\$ (169,363)	\$ (161,961)	\$ (157,195)	\$ (161,137)	\$ (153,613)	\$ (147,174)	\$ (110,498)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Employer's covered payroll	\$ 1,174,469	\$ 1,267,826	\$ 1,411,679	\$ 1,328,338	\$ 1,270,285	\$ 1,232,898	\$ 1,263,823	\$ 1,204,811	\$ 1,154,363	\$ 1,027,903
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	12.75%	10.75%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Data reported is measured as of 7/1/2023, 7/1/2022, 7/1/2021, 7/1/2020, 7/1/2019, 7/1/2018, 7/1/2017, 7/1/2016, 7/1/2015 and 7/1/2014.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Employer's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.018820%	0.025643%	0.023505%	0.024993%	0.029434%	0.030807%	0.027209%	0.023040%	0.021751%	0.022604%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 362,897	\$ 738,535	\$ 244,993	\$ 786,285	\$ 344,988	\$ 519,902	\$ 437,338	\$ 224,547	\$ 147,903	\$ 143,472
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 230,140	\$ 297,679	\$ 266,172	\$ 275,707	\$ 306,161	\$ 316,485	\$ 277,760	\$ 232,186	\$ 193,771	\$ 190,403
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	157.69%	248.10%	92.04%	285.19%	112.68%	164.27%	157.45%	96.71%	76.33%	75.35%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	65.31%	54.47%	78.26%	48.91%	71.66%	62.80%	61.98%	70.46%	77.15%	77.70%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 17,411	\$ 22,420	\$ 19,629	\$ 19,522	\$ 22,290	\$ 23,311	\$ 20,141	\$ 16,810	\$ 14,719	\$ 13,557
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (16,423)	\$ (25,776)	\$ (20,397)	\$ (19,537)	\$ (23,778)	\$ (24,877)	\$ (16,789)	\$ (17,807)	\$ (15,386)	\$ (13,557)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 988	\$ (3,356)	\$ (768)	\$ (15)	\$ (1,488)	\$ (1,566)	\$ 3,352	\$ (997)	\$ (667)	\$ -
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 230,140	\$ 297,679	\$ 266,172	\$ 275,707	\$ 306,161	\$ 316,485	\$ 277,760	\$ 232,186	\$ 193,771	\$ 190,403
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	7.14%	8.66%	7.66%	7.09%	7.77%	7.86%	6.04%	7.67%	7.60%	7.12%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2015.

Data reported is measured as of 7/1/2023, 7/1/2022, 7/1/2021, 7/1/2020, 7/1/2019, 7/1/2018, 7/1/2017, 7/1/2016, 7/1/2015 and 7/1/2014.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net OPEB Liability
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Employer's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	0.018865%	0.017642%	0.021985%	0.024185%	0.027437%	0.028923%	0.025675%
Employer's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	\$ 18,860	\$ 21,176	\$ 12,227	\$ 20,344	\$ 22,037	\$ 22,779	\$ 20,309
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 189,629	\$ 182,137	\$ 239,689	\$ 275,707	\$ 306,161	\$ 316,485	\$ 277,760
Employer's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	9.95%	11.63%	5.10%	7.38%	7.20%	7.20%	7.31%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	62.74%	56.28%	76.63%	63.38%	63.13%	61.89%	59.78%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2017.

Schedule of Employer Contributions
ND Public Employees Retirement System
Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Statutorily required contribution	\$ 2,290	\$ 2,217	\$ 2,882	\$ 3,239	\$ 3,561	\$ 3,712	\$ 3,229
Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	\$ (2,517)	\$ (2,813)	\$ (2,870)	\$ (3,128)	\$ (3,807)	\$ (3,984)	\$ (2,688)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ (227)	\$ (596)	\$ 12	\$ 111	\$ (246)	\$ (272)	\$ 541
Employer's covered-employee payroll	\$ 189,629	\$ 182,137	\$ 239,689	\$ 275,707	\$ 306,161	\$ 316,485	\$ 277,760
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	1.33%	1.54%	1.20%	1.13%	1.24%	1.26%	0.97%

* Complete data for this schedule is not available prior to 2017.

Data reported is measured as of 7/1/2023, 7/1/2022, 7/1/2021, 7/1/2020, 7/1/2019, 7/1/2018 and 7/1/2017.

Rolette Public School District No. 29
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 General Fund
 For the year ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget
REVENUES				
Property Taxes & Revenue in Lieu	\$ 603,676	\$ 603,676	\$ 557,491	\$ (46,185)
State Aid	1,995,701	1,990,596	1,993,250	2,654
Federal Aid	239,848	261,424	260,039	(1,385)
Tuition	35,261	32,978	32,977	(1)
Earnings on Investments	20,000	42,878	42,878	-
Other Sources	2,500	500	448	(52)
TOTAL REVENUES	2,896,986	2,932,052	2,887,083	(44,969)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Regular Education Programs	1,286,740	1,229,429	1,171,009	58,420
Title Programs	183,551	188,434	187,823	611
Other Federal Programs	44,881	57,888	57,037	851
Improvement of Instruction Service	5,400	6,285	4,535	1,750
Instructional Media Service	3,000	3,062	3,061	1
School Board	78,323	70,563	61,027	9,536
Executive Administration	100,625	109,123	104,689	4,434
Supportive Service - Business	99,674	116,232	114,728	1,504
Operation & Maintenance	216,500	217,868	203,117	14,751
Other Instruction Support Service	41,969	89,614	84,383	5,231
Student Activities	132,729	134,039	120,727	13,312
Student Transportation	310,680	304,416	289,148	15,268
Vocational Education	167,762	163,003	160,713	2,290
Special Education	100,428	121,655	120,521	1,134
Adult Education/Community Services	6,395	6,395	6,385	10
Food Service	99,997	100,167	90,373	9,794
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,878,654	2,918,173	2,779,276	138,897
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	18,332	13,879	107,807	93,928
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In (Out)	19,860	(165,796)	59,204	225,000
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	38,192	(151,917)	167,011	318,928
Fund Balances - July 1, 2023	1,339,859	1,339,859	1,339,859	-
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30, 2024	\$ 1,378,051	\$ 1,187,942	\$ 1,506,870	\$ 318,928

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NOTE 1 CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS – ND TEACHERS' FUND FOR RETIREMENT

Changes of assumptions:

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 table was updated to the PubNS-2010 Non-Safety Disabled Mortality table projected with generational improvement using Scale MP-2019.
- 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.

NOTE 2 ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM MAIN

Changes of benefit terms:

In 2023, House Bill 1040 was passed, which closes the Main System to employees newly enrolled into the system on January 1, 2025 and later. The state employer contribution for 2026 and later was changed to be the amount sufficient to fund the Main System on actuarial basis, with the amortization of the unfunded liability determined on a level percent of payroll basis over a closed period beginning on January 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2056.

Changes of assumptions:

All actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 were based on an experience review for the period from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2019, and were adopted for first use commencing with the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Rolette Public School District No. 29
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NOTE 3 ND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM OPEB

Changes of benefit terms:

Beginning January 1, 2020, members first enrolled in the NDPERS Main System and the Defined Contribution Plan on or after that date will not be eligible to participate in RHIC. Therefore, RHIC will become for the most part a closed plan. There have been no other changes in plan provisions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Changes of assumptions:

All actuarial assumptions used in the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022 were based on an experience review for the period from July 1, 2014 to July 1, 2019, and were adopted for first use commencing with the actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. There have been no changes in actuarial assumptions since the previous actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

NOTE 4 STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budgetary Information

The District adopts an annual budget consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for the general fund and special revenue funds. No budget was created for the Special Reserve Fund. The following procedures are used in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- The annual budget must be prepared and school district taxes must be levied on or before August 15 each year.
- The taxes levied must be certified to the county auditor by August 25.
- The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and means of financing them.
- Each budget is controlled by the business manager at the revenue and expenditure function/object level.
- The current budget, except for property taxes, may be amended during the year for any revenues and appropriations not anticipated at the time the budget was prepared.
- The balance of each appropriation becomes a part of the unappropriated fund balance at year-end.

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

Governing Board
Rolette Public School District No. 29
Rolette, North Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Rolette Public School District No. 29, Rolette, North Dakota, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 21, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Rolette Public School District No. 29's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Rolette Public School District No. 29's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Rolette Public School District No. 29's Responses to Findings

Rolette Public School District No. 29's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings. Rolette Public School District No. 29's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

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

Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Haga Kommer, Ltd.
Mandan, North Dakota
January 21, 2025

ROLETTE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 29

Schedule of Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Financial Statement Audit

Finding 2024-001: Segregation of Duties

Condition – The District has lack of segregation of duties in certain areas due to a limited staff.

Criteria – A good system of internal accounting control contemplates an adequate segregation of duties so that no one individual handles or has access to a transaction from its inception to its completion.

Cause – There are limited individuals to perform tasks due to the small size of the District.

Effect – Inadequate segregation of duties could adversely affect the District's ability to detect misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements in a timely manner by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Recommendation –The most effective controls lie in the board's knowledge of matters relating to the organization's operations. Board members should periodically review documentation supporting individual transactions.

Management's Response – The District is aware of the condition and will add controls where feasible.

Finding 2024-002: Preparation of the Financial Statements

Condition – The financial statements, including government-wide adjustments, and the related notes are prepared by the District's auditors.

Criteria – Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause – Limited time and resources of the District to prepare the financial statements in the format required by generally accepted accounting principles including compliance with GASB 34.

Effect – An increased risk of material misstatement in the District's financial statements.

Recommendation –The board should review the audited financial statements for accuracy and accept responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the GAAP financial statements even if the auditor assisted in drafting the financial statements and notes.

Management's Response – The District is aware that someone needs to review the audit report each year to make sure the financial statements and note disclosures are a fair presentation for the District. We will continue to provide information necessary for the auditors to complete the government-wide adjustments, including compensated absences information, and lists of capital asset additions and disposition. We will also review the pension information used in the audit report.