Audited Financial Statements

June 30, 2024

Big Spring School District

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of School Directors
Big Spring School District
Newville, Pennsylvania

REPORT ON THE AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Big Spring School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Big Spring School District, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 *Governmental 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 Big Spring School District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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; this includes 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 Big Spring School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Big Spring School District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Big Spring School District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 15, the budgetary comparison schedule on page 62, and pension and OPEB schedules on pages 63 through 67 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. 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 response 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Big Spring School District's basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 (CFR), *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* and is also not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

OTHER REPORTING REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

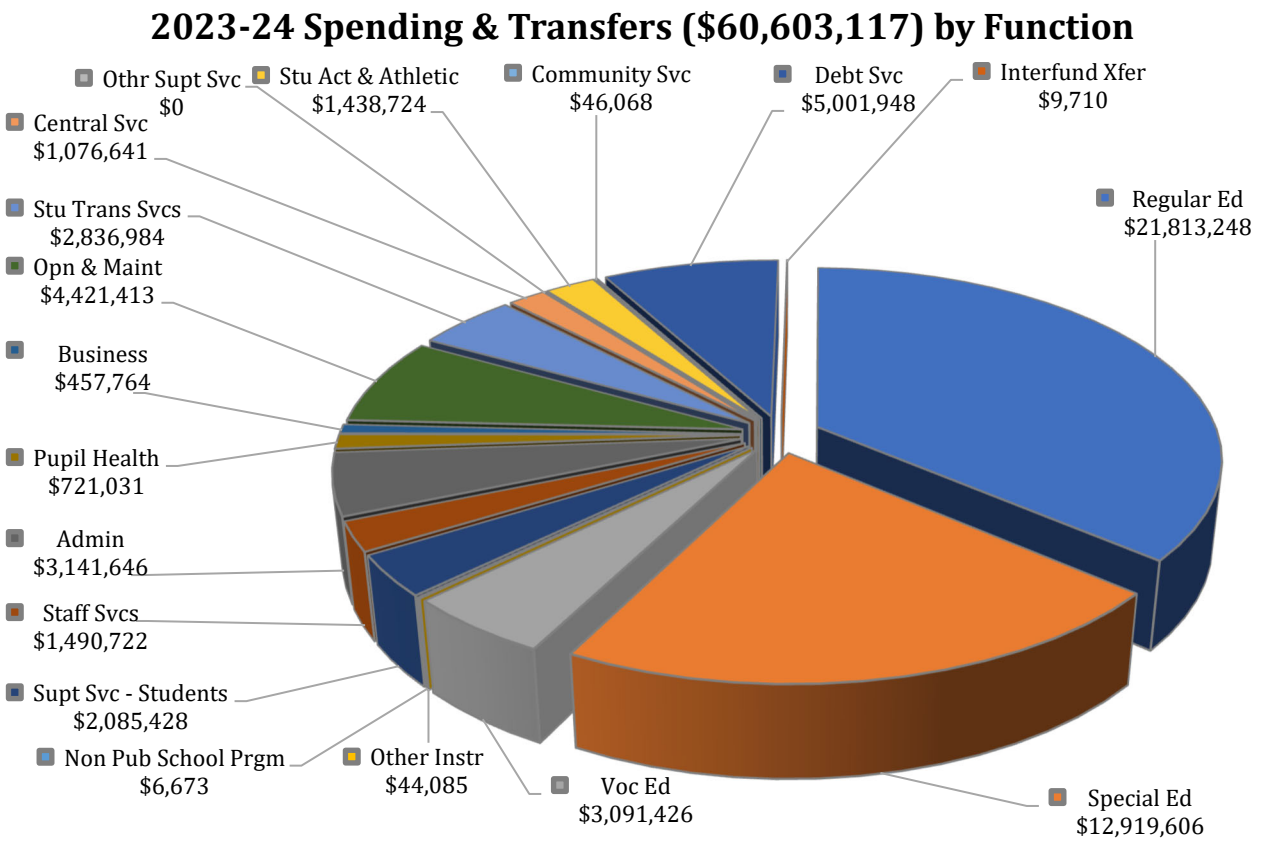
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 20, 2025, on our consideration of Big Spring School District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Big Spring School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
July 29, 2025

This discussion and analysis provides an overview of the School District's financial performance for the year ending June 2024. The report format is in accordance with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) includes comparisons of financial position at June 30, 2024 and 2023. The MD&A also includes comparisons of current year financial activities to the previous year. The 2023 amounts come from our prior year MD&A and are otherwise not a part of the June 2024 financial statements. Please read our discussion and analysis in conjunction with the School District's financial statements, which begin on page 16. To preserve readability, dollar amounts in comparative tables derived from the financial statements are presented in millions. Some amounts may not add due to rounding.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

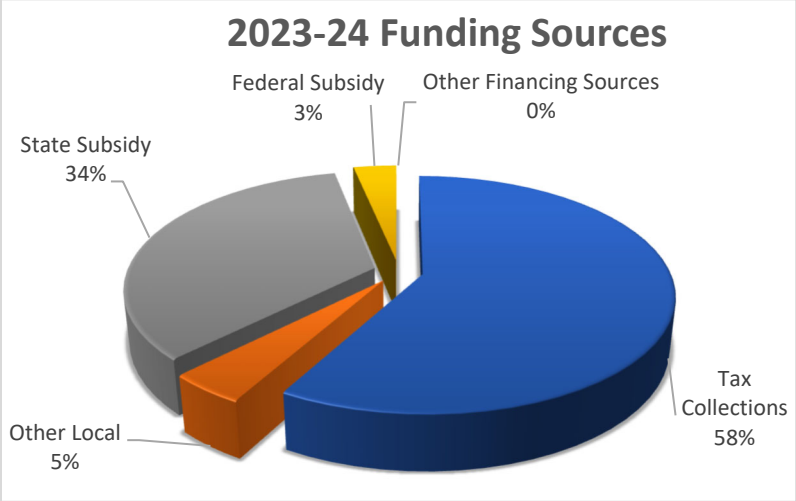


General Fund revenues increased 4.8% from $ 62,736,517 in 2022-23 to $ 65,825,747 in 2023-24; expenditures and other uses (sources) decreased from $ 62,461,534 in 2022-23 to $ 60,688,260 in 2023-24 or 2.8% decrease from the prior year. At year end, the School District added $ 5,137,487 to fund balance. With the other financing sources (uses), including transfers, the general fund balance at June 30, 2024, was $ 21,621,056. Of that total, $ 4,059,916 is prepaid employee health insurance, $ 554,000 is committed for PSERS expense and $ 12,549,027 is assigned for various uses, including PSERS, healthcare, special education, security, capital projects, mental health and technology, leaving an unassigned balance of $ 4,458,113. The General Fund unassigned balance is 7.1% of the $ 62,590,337 contained in the 2024-25 Budget – under the 8% maximum required under state law.

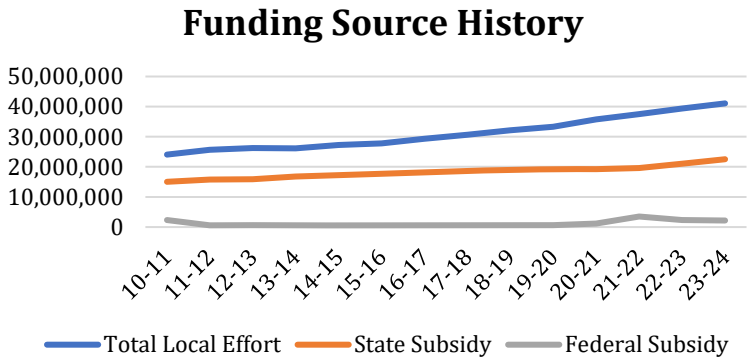
The funding source graphs below show the trend of increasing dependence on local taxes and decreasing subsidy support from both the State and Federal Department of Education. Local effort continues to be the biggest portion of the revenue pie; in 2006-07 it was 53% of revenues and this year it is 62% of revenues. In 2010-11 the Federal portion of total revenue was 6% due to American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding. Ten years later, in 2022-23, Federal revenue is the lower than the pre-ARRA 4% of total revenues. The Commonwealth's contribution was 34% in 2023-24 and 2022-23, respectively.

Going forward, the uncertainty of medical expense and increasing PSERS rates creates a challenge for the School District. As the Commonwealth struggles to meet their obligation of 50% subsidy of the PSERS contributions, the School District absorbs the full cost of healthcare plus its share of the PSERS payment.

Overall taxes levied increased from $ 37,130,768 in 2022-23 to $ 38,260,376 in 2023-24. EIT revenue increased from $ 6,483,489 in 2022-23 to $ 6,663,364 in 2023-24. Investment income in the General Fund increased from $ 873,508 to $ 1,430,030. The increase was attributed to favorable investment rates and an increase in the total dollar value of investments within the District's accounts.



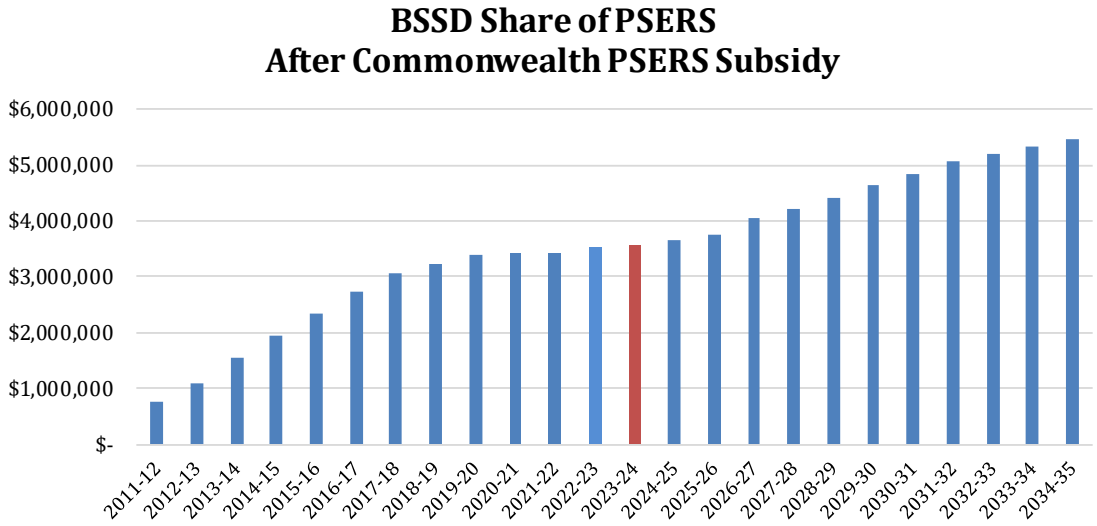
After transfers in and payables, the Capital Reserve Fund's fund balance decreased slightly from $ 14,433,796 at June 30, 2023 to $ 13,307,936. During 2023-24 the School District initiated a number of projects with the Capital Projects and Capital Reserve Funds including but not limited to: district-wide LED lighting upgrades for $ 460,024, district-wide building envelope upgrades for $ 185,893, high school boiler replacement for $ 251,932, middle school HVAC upgrades for $ 2,741,297 and Oak Flat Elementary School roof upgrades for $ 1,248,506.



On February 22, 2022, the Board and the Big Spring Education Association signed a new collective bargaining agreement maintaining the high deductible health plan with its included Health Savings Account as of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2027. Additionally, the School District has experienced very favorable claims rating over the last couple years, allowing for nominal increases in medical costs.

The School District self-funds its healthcare using the South Central Trust (SCT). The net balance in the trust increased from $ 2,985,690 on June 30, 2023 to $ 4,059,916 on June 30, 2024 due to favorable utilization.

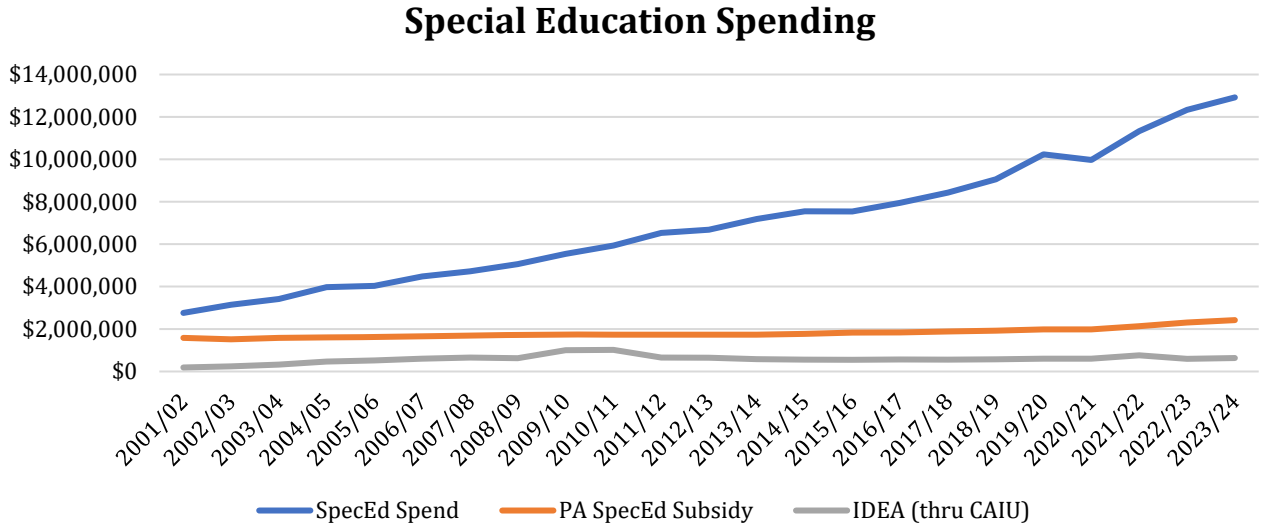
The School District continues under the restrictions of Act 1 which limits future increases in the School District's real estate taxes and displaces a selected amount of local real estate taxes with gaming funds. The School District was allotted gaming funds in the amount of $ 970,986 in 2023-24, a slight decrease of $ 199 from 2022-23. These funds were distributed in equal amounts to each qualified taxpayer of $ 170.66 per homestead/farmstead.



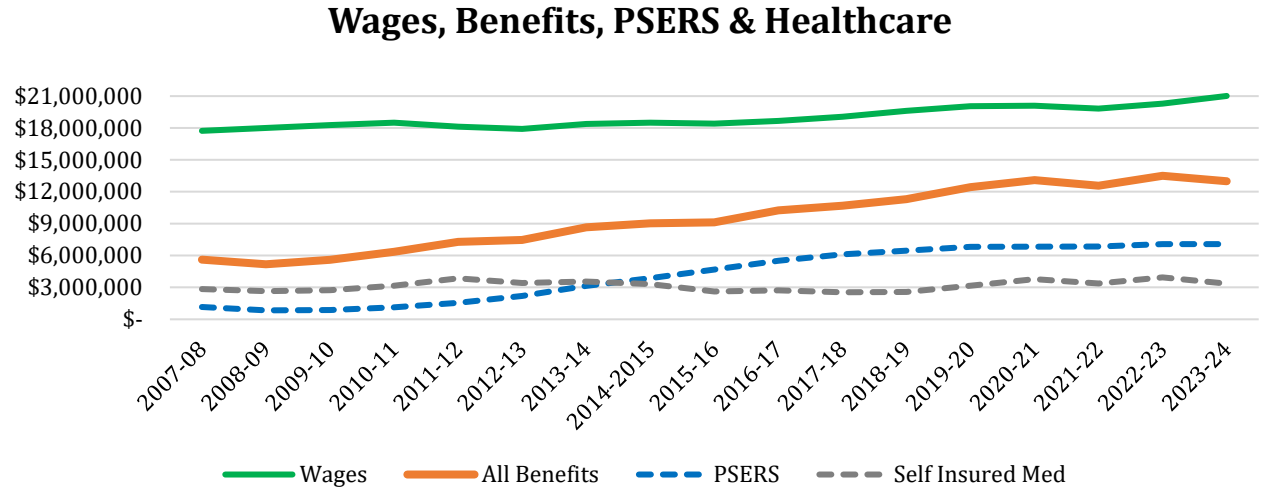
In November 2010 Act 120 reformed the PA State Employees Retirement System (PSERS) by implementing steep increases in employer contributions. As shown below, BSSD's total PSERS payment shot up from $ 1,543,501 in 2011-12 to $ 7,070,206 in 2023-24 with the Commonwealth returning approximately half that as a PSERS subsidy payment.

The steep rise in PSERS retirement contributions is remarkable as increases of this magnitude will continue into the foreseeable future. With a corresponding trend increase in healthcare and continued pressure on wages, it is not apparent how the School District, or other subsidy dependent School Districts in Pennsylvania, will survive without some governmental leadership.

This School District is also squeezed by the continuously increasing cost of Special Education services. Over the last eight years, special education has increased at an average of 8.4% per year. The 2023-24 fiscal year saw a 5.3% increase in special education net expense. In contrast, the PDE/State subsidy did increase by only 5.1%. The School District continues to struggle with increasing demands from families, the courts, and widening mandates from both the state and federal level. The expanding mandates contrast dramatically with flat funding from the Commonwealth and the minimal Federal IDEA program (see red line in chart at below).



The chart below shows the relationship between wages and benefits for the budget dollar. Due to the quickly rising cost of retirement contributions, the uncertain future of healthcare and the unknown of the continued inflation, the School District continues to restrain spending in other areas in order to offset personnel expenses.



USING THESE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS –

This report contains a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities are on pages 16 and 17. These statements provide information about the School District as a whole and present a longer-term view of School District finances than fund financial statements. Fund financial statements are on pages 18, 20, and 22 through 26. For governmental funds, the statements show how School District services have been financed in the short-term, as well as the amount remaining for future spending. Proprietary fund statements provide information about non-governmental operations, in this case food service. The fiduciary funds statement reports amounts held in trust by the School District for student activities.

Page 19 reconciles total governmental fund balances to total net position of governmental activities. Page 21 reconciles the total net change in governmental fund balances to the change in net position of governmental activities.

District–Wide Financial Statements

District-wide statements present financial activities and the results of those activities in two categories, governmental and business-type. Capital assets (land, buildings, improvements, furniture and equipment) are included with all other assets. Long-term debt is included with all other liabilities. Also included are the net pension liability, and related deferred outflows and inflows of resources. This is distinctly different from the fund statements in which assets and liabilities are separated into various funds such as General and Capital Reserve.

In the district-wide statements, the approach to measurement of revenues and expenses is similar to that used in the private sector and is referred to as the accrual basis of accounting. This is disclosed further in the notes to financial statements.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund statements provide financial information about the School District's funds rather than the School District as a whole. There are three types of funds, Governmental, Proprietary and Fiduciary. The use of each type of fund is disclosed in the notes to financial statements. Unlike School District-wide statements that report revenues on the accrual basis, the fund statements report revenues only to the extent cash has been received or is expected to be received in the near future.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS A WHOLE

Statement of Net Position

Net position (deficit) equals total assets plus deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflow of resources and represents resources that may be used to pay for future operations and capital assets.

The School District's total net position was a surplus of $ 9.4 million on June 30, 2024. The June 2023 result includes the requirement to include pension related debt of $ 52.1 million and $ 8. 4 million other postemployment benefits liability, as a result of the adoption of GASB 68 as of July 1, 2017. The following summarizes the Statement of Net Position (page 16).

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2024	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**
Current and other assets	$ 44.7	$ 46.8	$ 1.4	$ 1.2	$ 46.1	$ 48.0
Capital assets	73.2	68.2	0.8	0.8	74.0	69.0
Total assets	117.9	115.0	2.2	2.0	120.1	116.9
Deferred outflows for OPEB	1.7	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.7	1.9
Defered outflows for pension	9.4	8.7	0.0	0.0	9.4	8.8
Defered outflows for bond refunding	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2
Total deferred outflows of resources	$ 11.1	$ 10.8	$ 0.0	$ 0.0	$ 11.1	$ 10.8
Current and other liabilities	$ 13.6	$ 11.2	$ 0.0	$ 0.0	$ 13.6	$ 11.2
Long-term liabilities	99.5	104.6	0.1	0.1	99.6	104.7
Total liabilities	113.1	115.8	0.1	0.1	113.2	115.9
Deferred inflows for OPEB	2.9	3.2	0.0	0.0	2.9	3.2
Deferred inflows for pension	3.4	4.2	0.0	0.0	3.4	4.2
Deferred charge on bond refunding	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0
Total deferred inflows of resources	6.5	7.4	0.0	0.0	6.5	7.4
Capital assets (net of related debt)	32.2	32.7	0.9	0.8	33.1	33.5
Restricted for capital projects	13.3	22.2	0.0	0.0	13.3	22.2
Unrestricted	(36.1)	(52.8)	1.2	1.1	(34.9)	(51.7)
Total net position	$ 9.4	$ 2.1	$ 2.1	$ 1.9	$ 11.5	$ 4.0

Beginning July 1, 2014, the School District is required to report the net pension liability, pension expense, and deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions. This new Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 68 (GASB 68) requirement significantly and negatively affects the Net Position (Deficit) of the School District's financial statements beginning with 2014-15 and continuing this year.

Statement of Activities

The following summarizes the Statement of Activities (page 17). It shows that total net position increased by $ 7,508,190 in 2024 and $ 8,203,928 in 2023.

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities		Totals	
	2024	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**	**2024**	**2023**
Program revenues						
Charges for services	$ 0.8	$ 0.8	$ 0.6	$ 0.7	$ 1.4	$ 1.5
Operating grants and contributions	11.7	11.6	1.3	1.2	13.0	12.8
Capital grants and contributions	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5
General revenues						
Taxes	38.2	37.1	0.0	0.0	38.2	37.1
Earnings on investments	2.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.1
General subsidies	13.1	11.9	0.0	0.0	13.1	11.9
Total revenues	**66.5**	**63.0**	**1.9**	**2.0**	**68.4**	**64.9**
Direct expenses	**59.2**	**55.0**	**1.7**	**1.7**	**60.9**	**56.7**
Change in net position	**$ 7.3**	**$ 8.0**	**$ 0.2**	**$ 0.2**	**$ 7.5**	**$ 8.2**

The change in net position is the difference between revenues and expenses using the accrual basis of accounting.

The following summarizes expense information from the Statement of Activities (page 17. Direct expenses represent the actual cost of providing the services while the net expense represents the amount of cost that is not recovered through program revenues, meaning user charges, grants and contributions. The net expense must be recovered through general revenues, primarily taxes and state general subsidies. Amounts not recovered reduce funds available for future years.

	Governmental Activities					
	Direct Expenses		Program Revenues		Net Expense	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Instruction	$ 39.2	$ 35.7	$ 9.2	$ 8.8	$ 30.0	$ 26.9
Instructional student support	4.9	4.5	0.8	0.9	4.1	3.6
Administrative and financial support	4.8	5.2	0.4	0.5	4.4	4.8
Operation and maintenance of plant	4.6	4.6	0.4	0.5	4.2	4.1
Pupil transportation	3.0	2.8	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3
Student activities	1.5	1.3	0.1	0.2	1.4	1.1
Community services	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest on long-term debt	1.2	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.3
Total	$ 59.2	$ 55.0	$ 13.0	$ 12.8	46.2	42.2
Total governmental activities					46.2	42.2
State general subsidies revenues					13.1	10.8
Total needs from taxes and other local sources					$ 33.1	$ 31.3

	Business-type Activities					
	Direct Expenses		Program Revenues		Net Expense	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
	$ 1.8	$ 1.7	$ 2.0	$ 1.9	$ 0.2	$ 0.2
					$ 0.2	$ 0.2

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds – Fund Balances

Governmental Funds - Fund Balances

	2024	2023	Change
General fund - nonspendable	$ 4.0	$ 3.0	$ 1.0
General fund - committed	0.6	0.6	0.0
General fund - assigned	12.6	8.5	4.1
General fund - unassigned	4.5	4.4	0.1
Capital reserve fund - restricted	13.3	14.5	(1.2)
Capital projects fund - restricted	-	7.8	(7.8)
Governmental fund balances	$ 35.0	$ 38.7	$ (3.7)
Total nonspendable	$ 4.0	$ 3.0	$ 1.0
Total restricted	13.3	22.2	(8.9)
Total committed	0.6	0.6	0.0
Total assigned	12.6	8.5	4.1
Total unassigned	4.5	4.4	0.1
Total governmental funds	$ 35.0	$ 38.7	$ (3.7)

Changes from 2023 to 2024

The general fund balance saw an increase from $ 16,447,226 in 2022-23 to $ 21,621,056 in total fund balance. The 2023-24 activity included a $ 5,500,000 projects set aside for future transfer into Capital Reserve Fund, pending Board approval. Nonspendable fund balance increased due to the health insurance claims remaining favorable during the 2023-24 fiscal year.

General Fund Balance

Balance at June 30, 2023	**$ 4,421,658.00**	**$ 2,985,690**	**$ 8,522,221**	**$ 554,000**	**$ 16,483,569**
	Unassigned	**Nonspendable**	**Assigned**	**Committed**	**Total**
General Fund Balance	$ 4,458,113.00	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 4,458,113
Employee Health Insurance	$ -	4,059,916	-	-	4,059,916
Subsequent year budgeted use of fund balance	$ -	-	506,890	-	506,890
PSERS	$ -	-	650,000	554,000	1,204,000
Healthcare	$ -	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Technology	$ -	-	2,300,000	-	2,300,000
Healthcare Requirements	$ -	-	392,137	-	392,137
Projects		-	5,500,000	-	5,500,000
Special Education	$ -	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
SIS/FIS Software	$ -	-	200,000	-	200,000
Safety/Security/SRO	$ -	-	500,000	-	500,000
Student Svcs and Mental Health	$ -	-	500,000	-	500,000
Balance at June 30, 2024	**$ 4,458,113.00**	**$ 4,059,916**	**$ 12,549,027**	**$ 554,000**	**$ 21,621,056**

The following summarizes the budgetary comparison information presented on page 62, along with comparisons to the previous year.

General Fund Budget

	Final Budget		Actual Amount		Variance	
	2024	2023	2024	2023	2024	2023
Total revenues	$ 61.9	$ 59.4	$ 65.7	$ 62.7	$ 3.8	$ 3.4
Total expenditures	62.3	59.2	60.7	58.2	1.6	1.0
Excess revenues (expenditures)	(0.4)	0.2	5.0	4.5	5.4	4.4
Other financing sources (uses)	(0.1)	(0.4)	0.1	(3.8)	0.2	(3.5)
Net change in fund balance	$ (0.5)	$ (0.2)	$ 5.1	$ 0.7	$ 5.6	$ 0.9

In 2024 actual revenues exceeded expenditures by $ 5,055,774. At year end, actual expenditures were $ 1,586,787 under the final budgeted amount. Contrary to prediction with inflation and economy concerns, actual revenues were $ 3,890,054 more than budgeted amount. In the prior year (2023) actual revenues exceeded the actual expenditures by $ 693,609.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, the School District considers taxes unavailable to be recognized as revenue unless they are received within 2 months after the fiscal year. The School District's unavailable tax revenue (deferred inflow) was $1.3 million at June 2024 and 2023, respectively.

CAPITAL ASSETS

During 2023-24 the School District had a net change of $ 5.1 million in capital assets.

	Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)		
	2024	2023	Change
Governmental activities			
Land	$ 0.9	$ 0.9	$ -
Construction in progress	5.5	4.4	1.1
Buildings and improvements	61.5	57.9	3.6
Furniture and equipment	1.4	1.5	(0.1)
Technology Equipment	4.0	3.5	0.5
	$ 73.3	$ 68.2	$ 5.1
Business-type activities			
Furniture and equipment	$ 0.9	$ 0.8	$ 0.1

Capital assets in the governmental activities were $ 73.3 million at June 20, 2024 $ 68.2 million at June 30, 2023, $ 67.1 million at June 30, 2022, $ 69.8 million at June 30, 2021, $ 72.5 million at June 30, 2020, and $ 70.2 million at June 30, 2019. In 2024 the School District purchased more than $ 10.1 million in capital assets against $ 4.6 million in depreciation resulting in an increase of $ 5.1 million in capital assets. In 2023 the School District purchased more than $ 4.6 million in capital assets against $ 4.0 million in depreciation resulting in an increase of $ 0.6 million in capital assets. In 2022 the School District purchased more than $ 2.0 in capital assets against $ 4.1 million in depreciation resulting in a decrease of $ 5.4 million in capital assets. In 2021 the School District purchased more

than $ 0.4 million in capital assets against $ 3.0 million in depreciation resulting in a decrease of $ 2.6 million in capital assets. In 2020 the School District purchased more than $ 18.3 million in assets against $ 3.4 million in depreciation resulting in an increase of $ 14.9 million in capital assets. In 2019 the School District purchased more than $ 11.8 million in assets against $ 3.2 million in depreciation resulting in an increase of $ 8.6 million in capital assets.

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following summarizes the long-term liabilities note to financial statements (starting at page 43). Most of the debt is general obligation bonds and notes issued to pay for capital improvements. The School District's ability to raise future funds through the issuance of debt depends on how existing bonds are rated by the investment community.

	2024	2023	Change
Governmental activities			
General obligation bonds and notes	$ 35.2	$ 38.8	$ (3.6)
Bond premiums	2.4	2.7	(0.3)
Compensated absences	0.9	0.7	0.2
NET OPEB Liability	7.3	7.0	0.3
Net pension liability	58.1	59.2	(1.1)
Total liabilities	$ 103.8	$ 108.4	$ (4.6)

Each year the School District pays interest on the debt and a portion of the outstanding bonds and notes, referred to as redemption. In 2023-24 the School District paid $ 3,877,750 in regular debt payments. During the 2022-23 the School District made regularly scheduled payments of $ 4,620,800 and $ 4,619,398 in 2021-22.

Other post-employment benefits (OPEBs) has to do with purchasing discounted health insurance after retirement through the School District. The School District's July 2024 actuarial accrued liability of $ 7.26 million, including deferred inflows and outflows, is being amortized over a period of 30 years. Additional OPEB detail is available starting at page 45 of the notes.

GASB 68 requires the School District to report its pension related items. The net pension liability, including deferred outflows and inflows, was $ 59.2 million at June 2023 and was reduced to $ 58.1 million at June 30, 2024.

Effective July 1, 2017 the School District is now required to report the entire other postemployment benefits (OPEB) liability, OPEB expense and deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to other postemployment benefits. GASB No. 75, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions," had additional negative effect of the net position of the School's financial statements beginning in the year ended June 30, 2018.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND OTHER FACTORS

	Original Budget		
	2025	**2024**	**Change**
Total revenue	$ 64.9	$ 62.1	$ 2.8
Total expenditures and other uses	65.4	62.6	2.8
Excess revenues (expenditures)	$ (0.5)	$ (0.5)	$ 0.0

The Big Spring School District maintained its commitment to its educational programs for students. In June 2024 the Board approved a budget of $ 65,419,807 to cover the increasing costs of salary, PSERS and medical benefits along with spikes in charter tuition and special education programs. These expenditures do not match the total budgeted revenue, resulting in pulling $ 506,890 from unassigned fund balance.

The 2024-25 budget is a $ 2,829,470 or 4.5% increase in expenditures over the 2023-24 budget of $ 62,590,337.

The 2024-25 revenue budget was $ 64,912,917 versus the 2023-24 amount of $ 62,068,990 or an increase of $ 2,843,927. Even with a 4.6% increase, the budget saw a shortfall of $ 506,890.

The Commonwealth continues to struggle with any meaningful increase in basic education funding due to the increasing cost of retirement contributions (they pay half). In addition, the School District continues to expand services for special needs students with minimal additional state funding.

Looking ahead, the near-term challenge for the School District continues to be reliable Commonwealth funding given the weight of pension debt. The new funding formula will be a continuing challenge for the School District as its budgets depended on the old hold harmless funding process. The School District hasn't raised taxes to the index in the last 8 years and it appears that will be the case for the 2025-26 budget. The longer-term challenge for the School District is captured in the graph below. To help balance the budget for 2024-25. Continued underfunded and unfunded mandates will continue to put pressure on the School District. The Board and administration remain vigilant on holding down costs; however, the budget continues to grow largely as a result of the increasing cost of salaries, pension payments and tuition payments related to special education and cyber-charter tuition.

Despite the many challenges of an enrollment increase coupled with the mandated increases in PSERS, special education and cyber-charters, the School District stands committed to ensuring the best opportunities for students. The 2025-26 budget balances the requirement to protect essential programs versus tax increases in the time of economic challenges.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

The School District's financial report is intended to provide the readers with a general overview of the School District's finances and to show the Board's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or wish to request additional financial information, please contact the School District office of Big Spring School District, 45 Mount Rock Road, Newville, PA 17241, (717) 776-2000.

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 27,260,994	$ 1,272,611	$ 28,533,605
Investments	8,191,600	-	8,191,600
Receivables			
Taxes	2,406,994	-	2,406,994
Intergovernmental	2,773,068	-	2,773,068
Other	82,188	16,191	98,379
Internal balances	(41,524)	41,524	-
Prepaid expenses	4,059,916	-	4,059,916
Inventories	-	24,573	24,573
Total current assets	44,733,236	1,354,899	46,088,135
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital assets not being depreciated/amortized			
Land	899,408	-	899,408
Construction in progress	5,494,106	-	5,494,106
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation/amortization			
Buildings and building improvements	61,541,132	-	61,541,132
Furniture and equipment	1,369,349	858,138	2,227,487
Technology equipment	3,683,056	-	3,683,056
Right-to-use asset - equipment	216,657	-	216,657
Right-to-use asset - subscriptions	60,134	-	60,134
Total noncurrent assets	73,263,842	858,138	74,121,980
Total assets	117,997,078	2,213,037	120,210,115
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pension liability	9,384,083	19,931	9,404,014
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability	1,686,304	1,084	1,687,388
Total deferred outflows of resources	11,070,387	21,015	11,091,402
Total assets and deferred outflow of resources	$ 129,067,465	$ 2,234,052	$ 131,301,517
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	$ 3,823,659	$ 23,352	$ 3,847,011
Unearned revenue	-	28,090	28,090
Accrued salaries and benefits/withholdings	4,623,507	-	4,623,507
Accrued interest	497,270	-	497,270
Portion due or payable within one year			
General obligation bonds payable	4,058,016	-	4,058,016
Lease and subscription-based assets obligations	196,888	-	196,888
OPEB liability	289,211	376	289,587
Compensated absences	101,236	-	101,236
Total current liabilities	13,589,787	51,818	13,641,605
Noncurrent liabilities			
Portion due or payable after one year			
General obligation bonds payable	33,542,306	-	33,542,306
Lease and subscription-based assets obligations	74,155	-	74,155
Compensated absences	870,190	-	870,190
Net pension liability	58,067,006	76,693	58,143,699
OPEB liability	6,969,343	2,738	6,972,081
Total noncurrent liabilities	99,523,000	79,431	99,602,431
Total liabilities	113,112,787	131,249	113,244,036
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pension liability	3,475,620	4,581	3,480,201
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability	2,870,723	856	2,871,579
Deferred charge on bond refunding	200,713	-	200,713
Total deferred inflows of resources	6,547,056	5,437	6,552,493
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	32,281,979	858,138	33,140,117
Restricted	13,307,936	-	13,307,936
Unrestricted	(36,182,293)	1,239,228	(34,943,065)
Total net position	9,407,622	2,097,366	11,504,988
Total liabilities and net position	$ 129,067,465	$ 2,234,052	$ 131,301,517

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Activities
June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues: Charges for Services	Program Revenues: Operating Grants and Contributions	Program Revenues: Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Governmental Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Business-type Activities	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position: Total
Governmental activities							
Instruction	$ 39,165,448	$ 678,735	$ 8,448,354	$ -	$ (30,038,359)	$ -	$ (30,038,359)
Instructional student support	4,885,203	-	793,892	-	(4,091,311)	-	(4,091,311)
Administrative and financial support services	4,805,476	-	399,473	-	(4,406,003)	-	(4,406,003)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	4,599,153	3,977	391,189	-	(4,203,987)	-	(4,203,987)
Pupil transportation	3,020,493	-	1,589,603	-	(1,430,890)	-	(1,430,890)
Student activities	1,486,744	79,765	131,229	-	(1,275,750)	-	(1,275,750)
Community services	49,170	-	2,350	-	(46,820)	-	(46,820)
Interest expense	1,195,327	-	-	478,483	(716,844)	-	(716,844)
Total governmental activities	59,207,014	762,477	11,756,090	478,483	(46,209,964)	-	(46,209,964)
Business-type activities							
Food services	1,777,255	627,462	1,310,515	-	-	160,722	160,722
Total primary government	$ 60,984,269	$ 1,389,939	$ 13,066,605	$ 478,483	(46,209,964)	160,722	(46,049,242)
General revenues							
Property taxes, levied for general purposes, public utility realty tax, earned income tax					38,229,009	-	38,229,009
Grants, subsidies and contributions not restricted					13,098,779	-	13,098,779
Investment earnings					2,156,934	47,564	2,204,498
Miscellaneous income					18,846	-	18,846
Gain on sale of capital assets					6,300	-	6,300
Total general revenues					53,509,868	47,564	53,557,432
Change in net position					7,299,904	208,286	7,508,190
Net position - beginning, as previously reported					2,147,080	1,889,080	4,036,160
Restatement					(39,362)	-	(39,362)
Net position - beginning, as restated					2,107,718	1,889,080	3,996,798
Net position - ending					$ 9,407,622	$ 2,097,366	$ 11,504,988

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 16,757,986	$ 2,224,216	$ 8,201,161	$ 77,631	$ 27,260,994
Investments	2,469,100	-	5,722,500	-	8,191,600
Taxes receivable	2,406,994	-	-	-	2,406,994
Intergovernmental receivables	2,773,068	-	-	-	2,773,068
Other receivables	78,188	-	-	-	78,188
Due from other funds	7,845	9,710	-	-	17,555
Prepaid expenditures	4,059,916	-	-	-	4,059,916
Total assets	$ 28,553,097	$ 2,233,926	$ 13,923,661	$ 77,631	$ 44,788,315
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ 966,593	$ 2,233,926	$ 615,725	$ 2,415	$ 3,818,659
Accrued salaries and benefits/withholdings	4,623,507	-	-	-	4,623,507
Due to other funds	55,079	-	-	-	55,079
Total liabilities	5,645,179	2,233,926	615,725	2,415	8,497,245
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable grant revenue	5,000	-	-	-	5,000
Unavailable tax revenue	1,281,862	-	-	-	1,281,862
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,286,862	-	-	-	1,286,862
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable Fund Balance					
Prepaid expenditures	4,059,916	-	-	-	4,059,916
Restricted Fund Balance					
Future capital improvements	-	-	13,307,936	-	13,307,936
Committed Fund Balance					
Future retirement increases	554,000	-	-	-	554,000
Assigned Fund Balance					
Future retirement increases	650,000	-	-	-	650,000
Future healthcare increases	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Future technology purchases	2,300,000	-	-	-	2,300,000
Future healthcare requirements	392,137	-	-	-	392,137
Future special education purchases	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Future information system purchases	200,000	-	-	-	200,000
Future safety and security purchases	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
Future student services purchases	500,000	-	-	-	500,000
Future capital projects	5,500,000	-	-	-	5,500,000
Subsequent year budgeted use of fund balance	506,890	-	-	-	506,890
Unassigned Fund Balance	4,458,113	-	-	75,216	4,533,329
Total fund balances	21,621,056	-	13,307,936	75,216	35,004,208
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 28,553,097	$ 2,233,926	$ 13,923,661	$ 77,631	$ 44,788,315

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total fund balances - governmental funds		$ 35,004,208
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statement, but are reported in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position.		
Cost of assets	133,805,575	
Accumulated depreciation/amortization	(60,541,733)	
		73,263,842
Certain receivables are not available to pay current period expenditures and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statement, but are reported in governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position.		1,281,862
Long-term liabilities and related accrued interest are not due and payable in the current period and thus are not included in the balance sheet of governmental funds, but are included in the governmental activities of the Statement of Net Position. Long-term liabilities and associated deferred inflows and deferred outflows of resources consist of:		
General obligation bonds and note payable	(37,600,322)	
Deferred charge on bond refunding	(200,713)	
Accrued interest expense	(497,270)	
Lease and subscription-based asset obligations	(271,043)	
Compensated absences	(971,426)	
Net pension liability	(58,067,006)	
Deferred outflows related to pension liability	9,384,083	
Deferred inflows related to pension liability	(3,475,620)	
OPEB liability	(7,258,554)	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability	1,686,304	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability	(2,870,723)	
		(100,142,290)
Net position of governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position		$ 9,407,622

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Capital Reserve Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Local revenues					
Taxes	$ 38,218,523	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 38,218,523
Investment earnings	1,430,030	228,894	497,577	433	2,156,934
Revenue from intermediate sources	629,903	-	-	-	629,903
Other	767,664	-	-	28,905	796,569
State sources	22,522,579	-	-	-	22,522,579
Federal sources	2,165,625	-	-	-	2,165,625
Total revenues	65,734,324	228,894	497,577	29,338	66,490,133
EXPENDITURES					
Instruction	37,889,278	-	-	-	37,889,278
Support services	16,228,499	7,995,809	1,623,437	-	25,847,745
Operation of non-instructional services	1,484,794	-	-	21,405	1,506,199
Debt service					
Principal	3,849,623	-	-	-	3,849,623
Interest and bond issue costs	1,226,356	-	-	-	1,226,356
Total expenditures	60,678,550	7,995,809	1,623,437	21,405	70,319,201
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	5,055,774	(7,766,915)	(1,125,860)	7,933	(3,829,068)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	6,300	-	-	-	6,300
Proceeds from long-term financing	85,123	-	-	-	85,123
Transfers in (out)	(9,710)	9,710	-	-	-
Total other financing sources and (uses)	81,713	9,710	-	-	91,423
Net change in fund balances	5,137,487	(7,757,205)	(1,125,860)	7,933	(3,737,645)
Fund balances - beginning, as previously stated	16,483,569	7,757,205	14,394,434	67,283	38,702,491
Restatement	-	-	39,362	-	39,362
Fund balances - beginning, as restated	16,483,569	7,757,205	14,433,796	67,283	38,741,853
Fund balances - ending	$ 21,621,056	$ -	$ 13,307,936	$ 75,216	$ 35,004,208

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds:		$ (3,737,645)
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays for capital assets as expenditures because such outlays use current financial resources. In contrast, the Statement of Activities reports only a portion of the outlay as expense. The outlay is allocated over the assets' estimated useful lives as depreciation expense for the period. This is the amount by which capital outlays differed from depreciation expense in the current period. In addition, in the statement of activities, only the loss on the disposition of capital assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the sale proceeds increase other financing sources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the changes in the fund balance by the undepreciated cost of the capital assets disposed of.		
Depreciation/amortization expense	(4,636,999)	
Capital outlays	9,731,171	5,094,172
Because certain taxes and grant reimbursements will not be collected for several months after the School District's fiscal year end, they are not considered as "available" revenues in the governmental funds. Unavailable tax and grant revenues changed by this amount this year.		8,881
The issuance of long-term obligations (bonds, leases, loans), subscription-based asset obligations provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while repayment of principal of long-term obligations consumes the current financial resournces of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of prepaid bond insurance, premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas, these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities:		
Issuance of lease and subscription-based asset obligations		(85,123)
Repayment of lease and subscription-based asset obligations - principal		239,623
Payment to refinance general obligations		
Repayment of general obligations - principal		3,610,000
Issuance premium/discount, and interest expense, net of related amortization of bond related costs		269,610
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and thus are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds. This is the difference between the amount incurred and the amount paid of:		
Net pension liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	2,419,028	
OPEB liability and related deferred outflows and inflows	(39,792)	
Compensated absences	(240,269)	
Accrued interest	(238,581)	1,900,386
Change in net position of governmental activities		$ 7,299,904

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Food Service
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,272,611
Due from other funds	45,369
Other receivables	16,191
Inventory	24,573
Total current assets	1,358,744
Noncurrent Assets	
Furniture and equipment	2,238,895
Accumulated depreciation	(1,380,757)
Total noncurrent assets	858,138
Total assets	2,216,882
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pension liability	19,931
Deferred outflows related to OPEB liability	1,084
Total deferred outflows of resources	21,015
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	$ 2,237,897
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	$ 23,352
Unearned revenues	28,090
OPEB liability	376
Due to other funds	3,845
Total current liabilities	55,663
Noncurrent Liabilities	
Net pension liability	76,693
OPEB liability	2,738
Total noncurrent liabilities	79,431
Total liabilities	135,094
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pension liability	4,581
Deferred inflows related to OPEB liability	856
Total deferred inflows of resources	5,437
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	858,138
Unrestricted	1,239,228
Total net position	2,097,366
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	$ 2,237,897

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Food Service
OPERATING REVENUE	
Food service revenues	$ 627,462
Total operating revenues	627,462
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Food and milk purchases	1,662,270
Salaries	27,395
Employee benefits	23,432
Supplies and other expenses	12,768
Repairs and maintenance	5,266
Depreciation	46,124
Total operating expenses	1,777,255
Operating (loss)	(1,149,793)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Interest income	47,564
Federal subsidies	1,073,897
State subsidies	236,618
Total nonoperating revenue	1,358,079
Change in net position	208,286
Net position - beginning	1,889,080
Net position - ending	$ 2,097,366

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Food Service
Cash flows from operating activities	
Cash received from food sales	$ 673,876
Cash payments for goods and services	(1,506,364)
Cash payments to and on behalf of employees	(49,228)
Net cash (used) by operating activities	(881,716)
Cash flows from financing activities	
Purchase of equipment	(106,576)
Net cash (used) by financing activities	(106,576)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities	
Federal subsidies	922,387
State subsidies	236,618
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	1,159,005
Cash flows from investing activities	
Earnings on investments	47,564
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	218,277
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	1,054,334
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	$ 1,272,611
Reconciliation of income (loss) from operations to net cash provided (used) by operating activities	
Operating (loss)	$ (1,149,793)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash (used) by operating activities	
Depreciation	46,124
Donated food used	157,337
(Increase) decrease in	
Inventory	5,233
Accounts receivable	11,170
Increase (decrease) in	
Interfund payables	10,775
Net pension liability and related items	1,591
Other post-employment benefit liability and related items	8
Unearned revenue	28,090
Accounts payable	7,749
Total adjustments	268,077
Net cash (used) by operating activities	$ (881,716)

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 94,995
Investments	201,284
Accounts receivable	4,000
Total assets	$ 300,279
LIABILITIES	
Due to other funds	$ 4,000
Total liabilities	4,000
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals and organizations	296,279
Total net position	296,279
Total net position	$ 300,279

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Sales	$ 23,247
Contributions	7,886
Fundraiser income	429,179
Interest income	5,082
Total additions	465,394
DEDUCTIONS	
Supplies	135,707
Fundraising	62,098
Food	34,491
Equipment/technology	11,800
Dues/fees	110,705
Donations	37,915
Banquets	13,929
Transportation	11,159
Miscellaneous expense	2,027
Total deductions	419,831
Change in net position	45,563
Net position - beginning	250,716
Net position - ending	$ 296,279

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations and Reporting Entity

Big Spring School District (School District) operates a public school system which is comprised of the Cumberland County Townships of Cooke, Lower Frankford, Upper Frankford, Lower Mifflin, Upper Mifflin, North Newton, South Newton, Penn and West Pennsboro and the Borough of Newville, Pennsylvania. Services provided include a comprehensive curriculum for primary and secondary education as well as special education and vocational education programs.

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

Reporting Entity

The financial statements of the School District include all funds, functions, and activities to which the Board of Directors has oversight responsibility. The financial statements presented do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from Big Spring School District.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements define the criteria used to determine the composition of the reporting entity. These standards require that the reporting entity include (1) the primary government; (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; (3) organizations that are fiscally dependent on the primary government and a financial benefit or burden exists, and (4) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The School District is not a component unit of any other entities. Based on the above criteria, the School District has no component units.

Joint Ventures

The School District is a participant in two jointly governed organizations, each of which is a separate legal entity that offers services to the School District and its residents. Each entity serves several school districts and/or municipalities, and therefore are not included in this reporting entity. These entities do not have taxing power, but are required to adopt an annual budget, which is funded primarily by its member Districts or others that use its services. Complete financial statements for these entities can be obtained from their administrative offices.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit provides special education services and programs. During the year ended June 30, 2024 the School District paid $ 160,543 to Capital Area Intermediate Unit for these services.

Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School provides vocational and technical education services and programs. During the year ended June 30, 2024 the School District paid $ 731,565 to Cumberland Perry Area Vocational Technical School (CPAVTS) for these services. In addition, the School District made an additional payment to CPAVTS in the amount of $ 2,359,861 for capital construction at CPAVTS and this was the School District's share of that capital construction.

Complete financial statements for each of the entities described above can be obtained from each respective administrative office.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain School District functions or activities. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the School District are grouped into the categories of governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

1. Governmental Funds

Governmental Funds are those through which most governmental functions of the School District are financed. The measurement focus is on the flow of expendable resources, rather than on net earnings determination.

The School District reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund - The General Fund is the primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. An operating budget is adopted prior to the beginning of each year on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The General Fund is the only fund for which a budget is legally required, and any unrestricted fund balances are considered as resources available for use. Revenues are primarily derived from local property, earned income, and state and federal subsidies. Many of the more important activities of the School District, including instruction, administration of the School District, and certain noninstructional services are accounted for in this fund.

Capital Reserve Fund – The capital reserve fund (Section 2932 is authorized by Pennsylvania Law 145, Act of April 30, 1943, known as Section 2932 School Laws of Pennsylvania) accounts for amounts transferred from the General Fund and the expenditure of those funds for capital outlays. Capital budgets are not implemented for capital improvements in these funds. All transactions are approved by the Board prior to commitment, thereby constructively achieving budgetary control.

Capital Project Fund – The capital project fund is utilized to account for excess general Fund resources designated by board action for future capital improvement projects.

The School District reports the following non-major governmental fund:

Special Revenue Fund – these funds are for the activities funds in which the School District maintains administrative involvement.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Proprietary Funds

Proprietary funds are used to account for the School District's ongoing activities which are similar to those often found in the private sector. The focus of proprietary funds is on the determination of net earnings and capital maintenance. The following funds are utilized:

Food Service Fund

This fund accounts for all revenues and expenses pertaining to the cafeteria operations as authorized under Section 504 of the Public School Code of 1949. It is the intent of the governing body that the cost of providing such goods or services to the students on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or cost reimbursement plans.

3. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for the School District's custodial funds. These funds account for assets held by the School District as a trustee or agent for individuals, private organizations and/or governmental units and are therefore not available to support the School District's own programs. The Student Activities Fund accounts for programs operated and sponsored by various clubs and organizations within the schools and is reported as a custodial fund.

Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements – The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District has a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The statements distinguish between those activities of the School District that are governmental and those that are considered business-type activities.

The government-wide statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. This is the same approach used in the preparation of the proprietary fund financial statements but differs from the manner in which governmental fund financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

The government-wide statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each segment of the business-type activities of the School District, and for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the School District, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the School District.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Presentation (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements – Fund financial statements report detailed information about the School District. The focus of governmental and enterprise fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds (if applicable) are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by fund type.

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The financial statements for governmental funds are a balance sheet, which generally includes only current assets and current liabilities, and a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances, which reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources.

All proprietary fund types are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the statement of net position. The statement of changes in fund net position presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in net total position. The statement of cash flows provides information about how the School District finances and meets the cash flow needs of its proprietary activities.

Fiduciary funds are reported using the economic resources measurement focus.

Basis of Accounting

The government-wide, proprietary, and fiduciary fund financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Net position (total assets plus deferred outflows of resources less total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources) is used as a practical measure of economic resources and the operating statement includes all transactions and events that increased or decreased net position. Depreciation is charged as expense against current operations and accumulated depreciation is reported on the statement of net position.

The governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers tax revenue to be available if collected within 60 days of the end of the fiscal period. Revenue from federal, state, and other grants designated for payment of specific School District expenditures is recognized when the related expenditures are incurred and the revenue is available, which is generally 60 days; accordingly, when such funds are received, they are recorded as liabilities until earned. If time eligibility requirements are not met, a deferred inflow of resources would be recorded. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing food services, including charges for meals and the costs of food, salaries and benefits, depreciation, and other expenses. Federal and State subsidies are considered non-operating revenues as no exchange transaction occurs.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

An operating budget is adopted each year for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting.

The Pennsylvania School Code dictates specific procedures relative to adoption of the School District's budget and reporting of its financial statements, specifically:

1. The School District, before levying annual school taxes, is required to prepare an operating budget for the succeeding fiscal year.
2. The Board of School Directors may make transfers of funds appropriated to any particular item of expenditure by legislative action. An affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of the Board is required.
3. Fund balances in budgetary funds may be appropriated based on resolutions passed by the Board of Education, which authorize the School District to make expenditures.
4. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period.
5. Included in the General Fund budget are program budgets as prescribed by the state and federal agencies funding the programs. These budgets are approved on a program-by-program basis by the state or federal funding agency. These programs frequently result in supplementary budget appropriations.

Capital budgets are not implemented for capital improvements in the Capital Reserve Fund or Capital Projects Fund. All transactions of these funds are approved by the Board prior to commitment, thereby constructively achieving budgetary control.

Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, demand deposits (including pooled investments), and short- term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. Investments include certificates of deposit and Treasury obligations with original maturities greater than three months. Investments are stated at market value.

Taxes and Taxes Receivable

Real estate and personal taxes are levied as of July 1 with a legal, enforceable claim against the property and/or taxpayer. Amounts not collected within six months (December 31) are considered delinquent and submitted to outside agencies/entities for collection actions.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Interfund Activity/Internal Balances

Activity between funds that represent lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due from/to other funds". Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances". Balances between funds are short term items pending periodic repayments.

Exchange transactions, if any, between funds are reported as revenues in the seller funds and as expenditures/expenses in the purchases fund. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another fund without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds and after nonoperating revenues/expenses in proprietary funds.

Inventories and Prepaid Items

Inventory in the Food Service Fund consists of expendable supplies and food (valued at cost) held for consumption. Government-donated commodities are valued at estimated fair market value. The expendable supplies are recorded as an expenditure when used. The cost of governmental fund inventories are recorded as expenditures when purchased in the fund financial statements and the asset (valued at cost) at June 30 is offset by nonspendable fund balance.

Certain payments, if any, to vendors reflect expenses applicable to future accounting periods and are presented as prepaid items in both School District-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, sidewalks, and similar items), are presented in the applicable governmental or business-type activities columns in the School District- wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the School District as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than $ 1,500 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Management has elected to include certain homogeneous groups with individual costs of less than $ 1,500 as capital assets for financial presentation purposes. In addition, capital assets purchased with long-term debt may be capitalized regardless of the thresholds established. Such assets are presented at historical cost if purchased or estimated historical cost if constructed.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized when incurred. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value as of the date received. The School District does not possess any infrastructure. Interest incurred during the construction of capital assets is not capitalized.

Upon sale or retirement, the cost and related accumulated depreciation/amortization, if applicable, are eliminated from the respective government-wide and proprietary accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in those accounts.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets (Continued)

Capital assets are depreciated/amortized using the straight-line method, over the following estimated useful lives (in years):

Assets	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Buildings and improvements	20 to 40	-
Furniture and equipment	10 to 15	15
Technology equipment	5 to 6	5
Right-to-use asset - equipment	1 - 5	-

Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, and proprietary fund types in fund financial statements, bonds and notes payable and other long-term obligations are presented as liabilities. Bond discounts (premiums) and any charges on refundings are amortized over the life of the bonds using the effective interest method. Bonds payable are reported net of applicable bond premium or discount. A deferred charge on bond refunding is reported as deferred inflows of resources and amortized over the term of the related debt, if any.

In fund financial statements, governmental fund types recognize bond premiums and discounts, as well as bond issuance costs and charges on refundings, as current period expenditures. The face amount of debt issued is presented as other financing sources while discounts and charges on refundings are presented as debt service expenditures. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are presented as support service expenditures.

Leases

The School District is a lessee for noncancellable leases of equipment. The School District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of a lease, the School District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for the lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the School District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Leases (Continued)

- The School District uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the School District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.

- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of the fixed payments and any purchase option price that the School District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The School District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements

The School District is a lessee for noncancellable arrangements for subscription-based information technology. The School District recognizes a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use IT subscription-assets (subscription asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

At the commencement of the subscription arrangement, the School District initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of the payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability adjusted for subscription payments made at or before the subscription arrangement commencement date, plus certain implementation stage costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to subscription arrangements include how the School District determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected subscription arrangement payments to present value, (2) subscription term, and (3) subscription payments.

- The School District uses the interest rate charged by the vendor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the vendor is not provided, the School District generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for subscriptions.

- The subscription term includes the noncancellable period of the subscription arrangement. Subscription payments included in the measurement of the subscription liability are composed of the fixed payments and any renewal provisions that the School District is reasonably certain to exercise.

The School District monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its subscription arrangement and will remeasure the subscription asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of subscription liability.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will *not* be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The School District has several items that qualify for reporting in this category, including various amounts related to pension and OPEB liabilities. These amounts will be amortized in future periods.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position and balance sheet 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 or fund balance that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The School District's deferred inflows of resources at June 30, 2024 consist of various amounts related to pension, OPEB liabilities, and charges on refundings on the statement of net position and unavailable tax revenue on the governmental fund balance sheet.

Unearned Revenues

Revenues that are received but not earned are reported as unearned revenues in the government-wide and fund financial statements. Unearned revenues arise when resources are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the School District has legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed from the respective financial statements and revenue is recognized.

Retirement Plans

The School District contributes to the Public School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The School District accounts for the plan under the provisions of GASB Standards, which establish standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of pension expense and related liabilities, assets, and note disclosures.

For purposes of measuring 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 Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refund of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences are presented using the termination payment method. A liability is computed using estimates which apply historical data to current factors. The School District maintains records of unused leave and applies the contracted rate for employees eligible for the severance allowance. The School District allows only restricted sabbatical leave and therefore does not present any liability in advance of the sabbatical. Payments for compensated absences are made in the year the absence is taken or the employee retires.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Compensated Absences (Continued)

At retirement or death, which in School District service, employees or their beneficiaries shall choose one of the available options (subject to a maximum of $ 19,500 for administrators, $ 17,500 for teaching staff and $ 10,081 for classified staff). The severance allowance is paid as a School District contribution into the employee's 403(b) tax sheltered annuity account.

Other Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

GASB establishes standards for the measurement, recognition, and display of other postemployment benefit expenditures and related liabilities, note disclosures, and if applicable, required supplementary information (RSI) in the financial reports of state and local governmental employers. The School District's other postemployment benefits are accounted for in accordance with these standards.

The School District provides postemployment benefits by permitting retired employees the ability to participate in the employee health plan through a single employer defined benefit other post-employment health plan (OPEB) at the same premium rate. The School District will pay 50% of the premiums for eligible members only, subject to a certain maximum. This coverage will cease upon the earlier of 5 years or member Medicare age. Dependents may then elect available coverage by paying the full premiums. albeit 100% paid for by the retirees. Consequently, the School District is providing an implicit rate subsidy to its retirees. These benefits are financed on a pay-as-you-go basis.

PSERS

For the purpose of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expenses, information about the fiduciary net position of the PSERS and additions to/deductions from PSERS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Net Position

Net position (deficit) represents total assets plus deferred outflows of resources less total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. In School government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements, categories of net position are:

Net investment in capital assets (net of related debt) - This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Rather, that portion of debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources attributable to acquisition, construction, or improvement of assets of related debt also should be included in this component of net position.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Net Position (Continued)

Restricted - This component of net position consists of restricted assets and deferred outflows of resources reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. These restrictions could include constraints imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation. Restricted net position as of June 30, 2024 is for future capital expenses.

Unrestricted - This component presents the net position (deficit) of the School District, which are not restricted for any project or other purpose. However, these funds may be committed or assigned for specific projects or purposes in the fund financial statements.

Net Position Flow Assumption

Sometimes the government will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted (e.g., restricted bond or grant proceeds) and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted net position and unrestricted net position, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the School District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balance - Governmental Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds classify fund balance based on the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used. Classifications of fund balances are:

Nonspendable – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either in a (1) non-spendable form (i.e., inventories) or (2) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact (i.e., the principal of a permanent fund).

Restricted - This classification includes amounts where the constraints placed on the use of resources are either (1) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation authorizes the government to assess, levy, charge or mandate payment and includes a legally enforceable requirement on the use of these funds.

Committed - This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the School District's highest level of decision–making authority. This formal action is in the form of a resolution which is made by the Board of School Directors. Once an amount is committed, it cannot be used for any other purpose unless changed by the same type of formal action used to initially constrain the funds.

Assigned - This classification includes spendable amounts that are reported in governmental funds *other than the General Fund*, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by either the Board of School Directors, or a subordinate high-level body, such as the Superintendent or Business Manager.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Fund Balance - Governmental Fund Financial Statements (Continued)

Unassigned - This classification represents the portion of spendable fund balance that has not been categorized as restricted, committed, or assigned. The General Fund is the only fund which would include a positive unassigned fund balance as all other fund types must categorize amounts within the other classifications. A negative unassigned fund balance may occur in any fund when there is an over expenditure of restricted or committed fund balance. In this case, any assigned fund balance (and unassigned fund balance in the general fund) would be eliminated prior to reporting a negative unassigned fund balance.

Policy Regarding Order of Spending

The School District does not have a policy for spending order when fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications. It is assumed that the School District is to use restricted resources first and then apply unrestricted resources in the following order: unassigned, assigned, and committed.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, if any, at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Section 440.1 of the Pennsylvania School Code and Act 10 of 2016 define allowable investments for school districts, which are summarized as follows:

- U.S. Treasury Bills.
- Short-term obligations of the U.S. Government and Federal agencies.
- Deposits in savings accounts or time deposits or share accounts of institutions insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or the National Credit Union Share Insurance Fund to the extent that such accounts are so insured, and, for any amounts above the insured maximum, provided that approved collateral as provided by law therefore shall be pledged by the depository.
- Obligations of the United States of America or any of its agencies or instrumentalities backed by the full faith and credit of the respective governmental entity.
- Shares of an investment company restricted under the Investment Company Act of 1940.
- Obligations, participations or other instruments of any federal agency, instrumentality or United States government-sponsored enterprise if the debt obligations are rated at least "A" or its equivalent.
- Commercial paper issued by corporations or other business entities organized in accordance with federal or state law, with a maturity not to exceed 270 days.
- Bills of exchange or time drafts drawn on and accepted by a commercial bank, otherwise known as bankers' acceptances, if the bankers' acceptances do not exceed 180 days maturity.
- Negotiable certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit, with a remaining maturity of three years or less.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a policy for custodial credit risk. However, the School District requires all deposits in excess of federal deposit insurance coverage to be collateralized by the depository institution with approved collateral as provided by the law. As of June 30, 2024, $ 1,946,759 of the School District's bank balance of $ 2,507,359 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

Pennsylvania Act 72 of 1971, as amended, is an act standardizing the procedures for pledges of assets to secure deposits of public funds with banking institutions pursuant to other laws; establishing a standard rule for the types, amounts and valuations of assets eligible to be used as collateral for deposits of public funds; permitting assets to be pledged against deposits on a pooled basis and authorizing the appointment of custodians to act as the pledger of the assets. Based on the standards outlined in Act 72, the various banks utilized by the School District have pledged collateral on a pooled basis on behalf of the School District and all other governmental depositors in the respective financial institutions.

In addition to the balances above, as of June 30, 2024, $ 303,169 that was exposed to custodial credit risk was held at a credit union and $ 250,000 was covered by NCUA insurance, with the remaining $ 53,169 uncollateralized.

Credit Risk – Investments

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations.

Included in investments on the statement of net position are certificates of deposits (CD's) invested by the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF) in various financial institutions of $ 941,600 (included in bank balance of "custodial credit risk – deposits" disclosure above). In addition, the School District invested $ 7,250,000 in PSDLAF's Collateralized CD Pool. CD's invested in other various financial institutions were $ 201,284 (included in bank balance held by credit union disclosed above). The CD's in various financial institutions have maturities greater than 3 months and are classified as investments in the financial statements.

Included in cash and cash equivalents on the statement of net position are pooled investments in the PSDLAF-MAX of $ 10,386,797, and PSDLAF full flex pool of $ 15,794,435. The PSDLAF investments are essentially mutual funds that consist of short-term money market instruments and seeks to maintain a constant net asset value of $ 1 per share.

The amounts of CDs held by various financial institutions are covered by FDIC/NCUA insurance. The full flex pool balances held by PSDLAF are collateralized at 102% by the underlying securities.

The School District does not have a formal investment policy for credit risk. The School District's investments in PSDLAF were rated "AAAm" by Standard & Poor's.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)

Policies Followed at PSDLAF

PSDLAF are not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); however, PSDLAF follow investment procedures similar to those followed by SEC registered money market funds. There is no regulatory oversight for the pools which are governed by the Board of Trustees. The School District's investments in PSDLAF are valued at amortized cost, which approximates fair value and is determined by the pools' share price.

The School District has no limitations or restrictions on withdrawals on accounts held at PSDLAF.

Interest Rate Risk - Investments

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment.

The School District does not have a formal investment policy for interest rate risk. Investments in PSDLAF are not subject to interest rate risk as the funds are accessible on a daily basis and the interest rates change daily based on market conditions.

NOTE 3 TAXES RECEIVABLE

Taxes receivable and deferred inflows of resources in the fund financial statements consist of the following as of June 30, 2024:

Real estate	$ 464,233
Earned income tax	1,903,228
Real estate transfer tax	39,533
	2,406,994
Taxes collected within sixty days, recorded as revenues in governmental funds	(1,125,302)
Taxes estimated to be collected after sixty days, recorded as deferred inflows of resources in governmental funds	$ 1,281,862

NOTE 4 DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Net interfund receivables/payables consist of the following at June 30, 2024:

Funds	Due From	Due To
General	$ 7,845	$ 55,079
Food Service	45,369	3,845
Capital Projects	9,710	-
Activities	-	4,000
	$ 62,924	$ 62,924

The General Fund owes the Food Service Fund for student account balances at June 30, 2024. The remaining interfund receivable and payable balances consist of various reimbursements that occurred after year-end.

Net interfund transfers consist of the following for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Funds	Transfers In	Transfers Out
General	$ -	$ 9,710
Capital Projects	9,710	-
	$ 9,710	$ 9,710

Transfers are substantially for purposes of subsidizing operating functions and funding capital projects and asset acquisitions.

NOTE 5 INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES

Intergovernmental receivables at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

		General Fund	Food Service Fund
Local:	Other schools	$ 552,936	$ -
	Miscellaneous	97,453	-
State:	Social security	261,245	-
	Retirement	1,223,954	-
	Grants/subsidies	247,292	-
Federal:	Grants/subsidies	390,188	-
		$ 2,773,068	$ -

NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the School District consists of the following as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024:

	Balances June 30, 2023	Additions	Retirements	Balances June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities:				
Cost				
Assets not being depreciated/amortized				
Land	$ 899,408	$ -	$ -	$ 899,408
Construction in progress	4,390,982	9,609,082	(8,505,958)	5,494,106
Assets being depreciated/amortized				
Buildings and improvements	107,053,913	7,052,999	-	114,106,912
Furniture and equipment	3,972,840	36,965	-	4,009,805
Technology equipment	7,102,796	1,452,960	-	8,555,756
Right-to-use asset - equipment	596,010	-	-	596,010
Right-to-use asset - subscriptions	123,250	85,123	(64,795)	143,578
Total cost	124,139,199	18,237,129	(8,570,753)	133,805,575
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization				
Buildings and improvements	(49,199,344)	(3,366,436)	-	(52,565,780)
Furniture and equipment	(2,461,490)	(178,966)	-	(2,640,456)
Technology equipment	(4,027,401)	(845,299)	-	(4,872,700)
Right-to-use asset - equipment	(212,128)	(167,225)	-	(379,353)
Right-to-use asset - subscriptions	(69,166)	(79,073)	64,795	(83,444)
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	(55,969,529)	(4,636,999)	64,795	(60,541,733)
Capital assets, net	$ 68,169,670	$ 13,600,130	$ (8,505,958)	$ 73,263,842
Business-Type Activities				
Cost				
Furniture and equipment	$ 2,144,084	$ 106,576	$ (11,765)	$ 2,238,895
Less accumulated depreciation	(1,346,398)	(46,124)	11,765	(1,380,757)
Capital assets, net	$ 797,686	$ 60,452	$ -	$ 858,138

The construction in progress primarily consists of the ESCO project totaling $ 7,566,725, with total expenditures of $ 5,256,377 has been incurred through June 30, 2024.

NOTE 6 CAPITAL ASSETS (CONTINUED)

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged as follows in the Statement of Activities:

Governmental Activities	
Instruction	$ 2,712,218
Instructional student support	893,382
Administrative and financial support services	360,489
Operation and maintenance of plant services	377,693
Transportation	190,954
Student activities	99,163
Community services	3,100
	$ 4,636,999

NOTE 7 ACCRUED SALARIES AND BENEFITS/WITHHOLDINGS

Accrued salaries, benefits, and withholdings consist of the following as of June 30, 2024:

General Fund	
Accrued salaries	$ 1,799,184
Retirement	2,434,341
Social security	130,489
Other withholdings	259,493
	$ 4,623,507

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The changes in long-term liabilities during the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Current Portion	Long-term Portion
Governmental Activities						
General obligation bonds						
(A) Series 2017	$ 12,605,000	$ -	$ (5,000)	$ 12,600,000	$ 80,000	$ 12,520,000
(C) Series 2023	18,860,000	-	(5,000)	18,855,000	5,000	18,850,000
General obligation note - dierect borrowing						
(D) Series 2021	7,305,000	-	(3,600,000)	3,705,000	3,705,000	-
Unamortized bond premium (discount)	2,708,072	-	(267,750)	2,440,322	268,016	2,172,306
Subtotal - bonds	41,478,072	-	(3,877,750)	37,600,322	4,058,016	33,542,306
Lease obligations	382,984	-	(166,547)	216,437	167,297	49,140
IT subscription liability	42,559	85,123	(73,076)	54,606	29,591	25,015
Compensated absences	731,157	397,829	(157,560)	971,426	101,236	870,190
Total long-term liabilities	$ 42,634,772	$ 482,952	$ (4,274,933)	$ 38,842,791	$ 4,356,140	$ 34,486,651

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Bonds

(A) On April 13, 2017, the School District issued $ 12,635,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series 2017. The purpose of the issuance was to fund various capital projects and pay the costs of the issuance of the bonds. The bonds are due in varying amounts semi-annually on February 15 and August 15 with principal maturing February 15, 2029. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 0.90% to 4.00%.

(B) On April 26, 2023, the School District issued $ 18,860,000 of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023. The proceeds were used to refund the School District's general obligations bond Series of 2018, fund various capital projects of the District, and pay the related costs of issuing the bond. The bonds are due in varying amounts semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 with principal maturing March 1, 2035. The bond bear interest rates ranging from 2.65% to 5.00%.

Direct Borrowing

(C) On February 9, 2021, the School District issued $ 16,785,000 of General Obligation Note, Series of 2021. The purpose of the issuances was to currently refund the outstanding General Obligation Bonds Series 2012, Series 2015, and Series 2016A and pay the costs of the issuance of the bonds. The note is due in varying amounts semi-annually on March 1 and September 1 with principal maturing on March 1, 2025. The note bears interest at a fixed rate of 0.64%.

The School District general obligation bonds contain a provision that in the event of default for nonpayment of principal and interest, the School Code allows for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to withhold monies from the School District's subsidies and pay any past due amounts directly, or to the paying agent for payment to the bond holders.

Lease Obligations

The School District has entered into lease agreements as the lessee for a postage machine, copiers, and computer equipment. The postage machine requires quarterly principal and interest payments of $ 564 based on an interest rate of 0.45%. The copiers require monthly principal and interest payments of $ 3,777 based on an interest rate of 0.45%. The computer equipment requires annual principal and interest payments of $ 120,597 based on an interest rate of 0.45%. The associated right-to-use assets are disclosed in the Capital Assets footnote.

IT Subscription-Based Liabilities

The School District has entered into subscription-based arrangements ranging from one to two years for the exclusive use of subscription-based information technology. The arrangements require annual principal and interest payments ranging from $ 5,125 to $ 29,520 based on ranging interest rates from 1.71% to 2.02%. The associated right-to-use assets are disclosed in the Capital Assets footnote.

NOTE 8 LONG-TERM LIABILITIES (CONTINUED)

Maturities

The annual debt requirements for future general obligation bonds as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Bonds				Direct Borrowings	
	GO Bonds - 2017		GO Bonds - 2023		GO Note - 2021	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	$ 80,000	$ 480,825	$ 5,000	$ 942,275	$ 3,705,000	$ 23,712
2026	3,405,000	478,425	5,000	942,144	-	-
2027	3,575,000	308,175	5,000	942,012	-	-
2028	3,700,000	180,925	5,000	941,882	-	-
2029	1,840,000	60,925	1,080,000	941,750	-	-
2030-2034	-	-	14,440,000	3,062,750	-	-
2035-2036	-	-	3,315,000	165,750	-	-
	$ 12,600,000	$ 1,509,275	$ 18,855,000	$ 7,938,563	$ 3,705,000	$ 23,712

	Lease Obligations		Subscription Obligations		Totals	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	$ 167,297	$ 877	$ 29,591	$ 1,021	$ 3,776,547	$ 1,225,662
2026	47,453	124	25,015	472	3,986,888	1,448,710
2027	1,687	4	-	-	3,482,468	1,421,165
2028	-	-	-	-	3,581,687	1,250,191
2029	-	-	-	-	3,705,000	1,122,807
2030-2034	-	-	-	-	14,205,000	3,741,925
2035-2036	-	-	-	-	6,470,000	489,250
	$ 216,437	$ 1,005	$ 54,606	$ 1,493	$ 39,207,590	$ 10,699,710

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided

School District Plan

Under the negotiation's agreement with Big Spring Education Association, the School District provides for continuance of health care insurance coverage after retirement.

If the eligible member retired after June 2011, and had 30 years with the School District, the School District will pay 50% of the medical and prescription drug premiums for the member only, subject to a maximum annual School District contribution of $ 4,000. The coverage will cease upon the earlier of 5 years or member Medicare age. The member may elect dental and vision coverage by paying the full premiums. Dependents may elect available coverage by paying the full premiums. If the 5 years are exhausted and the member has not reached Medicare age, the member and dependents may continue coverage by paying the full premiums.

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided (Continued)

School District Plan (Continued)

If the eligible member retired before July 2011, the School District will pay 50% of the medical and prescription drug premiums for the member and dependents. The coverage will cease upon the earlier of 5 years or member Medicare age. The member and dependents may elect dental and vision coverage by paying the full premiums. If the 5 years are exhausted and the member has not reached Medicare age, the member and dependents may continue coverage by paying the full premiums.

If the retired member did not qualify for the School District subsidized benefit, but has retired through PSERS, the member and dependents may elect available coverage by paying the full premiums.

Retired administrators are eligible for health care insurance coverage similar to the above.

Retired classified employees, hired before July 2007, are eligible for health care insurance coverage similar to the above. If hired after June 2007, the retiree and dependents may elect available coverage by paying the full premiums.

Retiree's premiums are less than the School District's actual cost to provide health care coverage to retirees. The premium amount retirees pay is a blended rate for covering both active and retired Plan members. The fact that the blended rate that retirees pay is less than the cost of covering retired members and their beneficiaries results in what is known as an "implicit rate subsidy," which creates an additional cost to the School District.

At retirement, 100% of teachers and administrators eligible to receive a subsidy are assumed to elect coverage, and if the subsidy exhausts prior to the member reaching Medicare age, 75% are assumed to elect coverage thereafter. 75% of teachers and administrators not eligible to receive a subsidy are assumed to elect coverage. Support staff employees eligible to receive a subsidy prior to Medicare age are assumed to follow the same election percentages as teachers and administrators, 40% of support staff employees never eligible to receive a subsidy are assumed to elect coverage.

The School District funds Plan liabilities on a "pay-as-you-go" basis and has not established an OPEB trust fund to accumulate assets to fund Plan obligations. The School District has no statutory or contractual obligation to fund the Plan and would only do so at the School District's discretion.

PSERS

In addition to other postemployment benefits detailed above, the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) also provides a health insurance premium assistance program for all eligible employees, which is a governmental cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan. Employer contribution rates for premium assistance are established to provide reserves in the health insurance account that are sufficient for the payment of premium assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Effective January 1, 2022 under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Plan Descriptions and Benefits Provided (Continued)

PSERS (Continued)

to the lesser of $ 100 per month or their out-of-pocket monthly health insurance premium. To receive premium assistance, eligible retirees must obtain their health insurance through either their school employers or the PSERS' health options program. As of June 30, 2022, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Retirees of the System can participate in the premium assistance program if they (1) have 24 ½ or more years of service, (2) are a disability retiree, (3) have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age, or (4) participate in the PSERS' health option program.

The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Plan Membership

School District Plan

Membership in the School District's plan consisted of the following at July 1, 2022, the date of the latest actuarial valuation:

Active participants	281
Vested former participants	-
Retired participants	17
Total	298

Contributions

PSERS

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 0.64% of covered payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year with an additional amount to finance the unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the employer were $ 133,254 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS(CONTINUED)

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

School District Plan

The School District's total OPEB liability was measured as of July 1, 2023, and the total OPEB liability was determined by rolling forward the total liability from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023 based on actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023, which was based on census information as of July 2022. The plan has no assets that are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria established in GASB Statement No. 75. At June 30, 2024, the School District reported a total OPEB liability of $ 4,900,628.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized OPEB expense of $ 140,228.

PSERS

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported a liability of $ 2,361,040 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 rolling forward the System's total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022, to June 30, 2023. The School District's proportionate of the net OPEB liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024, the School District's proportionate was 0.1305 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0027 percent from its proportionate measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized OPEB expense of $ 37,306.

The table below summarizes the combined OPEB liability and OPEB expense:

	Total OPEB/ Net OPEB Liability	OPEB Expense
School District Plan	$ 4,900,628	$ 140,228
PSERS	2,361,040	37,306
Total	$ 7,261,668	$ 177,534

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS(CONTINUED)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

School District Plan

	Total OPEB Liability
Beginning Balance	$ 4,588,341
Changes for the year	
Service cost	224,998
Interest	192,018
Changes in assumptions	50,039
Benefit payments	(154,768)
Change in benefit terms	-
Difference between expected and actual	-
Net changes	312,287
Ending Balance	$ 4,900,628

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	School District Plan		PSERS		Total	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	$ 724,110	$ 676,261	$ 15,000	$ 23,000	$ 739,110	$ 699,261
Changes in assumptions	415,279	1,549,032	204,000	447,000	619,279	1,996,032
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	-	-	5,000	-	5,000	-
Changes in proportions - plan	-	-	31,000	175,000	31,000	175,000
Changes in proportions - fund	-	-	574	574	574	574
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total contributions	-	-	2,838	712	2,838	712
Benefit payments/contributions subsequent to the measurement date	156,668	-	132,919	-	289,587	-
	$ 1,296,057	$ 2,225,293	$ 391,331	$ 646,286	$ 1,687,388	$ 2,871,579

The amount of $ 289,587 is reported as a deferred outflow of resources related to OPEB resulting from School District benefit payments/contributions subsequent to the measurement date and will be recognized as a reduction in the total/net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025, related to the School District and PSERS plans. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized as OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30	School District Plan	PSERS	Total
2025	$ (117,480)	$ (70,063)	$ (187,543)
2026	(117,480)	(96,620)	(214,100)
2027	(117,480)	(95,613)	(213,093)
2028	(117,480)	(110,776)	(228,256)
2029	(117,480)	(14,802)	(132,282)
Thereafter	(498,504)	-	(498,504)
Total	$ (1,085,904)	$ (387,874)	$ (1,473,778)

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS(CONTINUED)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

School District Plan

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

PSERS

The total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2023, was determined by rolling forward the System's Total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

	School District Plan	PSERS
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal – level % of pay.
Investment Rate of Return	4.13% - S&P 20 year high grade municipal bond rate as of July 1, 2023.	4.13% - S&P 20 year municipal bond rate at June 30, 2023.
Salary	An assumption for salary increase is used for spreading contributions over future pay under the entry age normal cost method. For this purpose, salary increases are composed of a 2.5% cost of living adjustment, 1.5% real wage growth, and for teachers and administrators a merit increase which varies by age from 2.75% to 0%.	Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases.
Mortality	Separate rates are assumed preretirement and postretirement using the rates assumed in the PSERS defined benefit pension plan actuarial valuation. Incorporated into the table are rates projected generationally by the Scale MP 2021 projection scale to reflect mortality improvement.	Based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.
Percentage of Eligible Employees Electing Coverage in Plan	100% of Teachers, Administrators, and Support Staff eligible are assumed to elect coverage, and if the subsidy exhausts prior to the member reaching Medicare age, 75% are assumed to elect coverage thereafter. 75% of Teachers and Administrators not eligible to receive a subsidy are assumed to elect coverage. 40% of Support Staff not eligible to receive a subsidy are assumed to elect coverage.	Eligible retirees will elect to participate pre-age 65 at 50% and eligible retirees will elect to participate post-age 65 at 70%.

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS(CONTINUED)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (Continued)

(Continued)	**School District Plan**	**PSERS**
Health Care Cost Trend Rate	7.0% in 2023 with a decrease of 5.5% until 5.5% in 2026. Rates gradually decrease from 5.4% in 2027 to 4.1% in 2075 and later based on the Society of Actuaries Long-Run Medical Cost Trend Model.	Applied to retirees with less than $ 1,200 in premium assistance per year. Benefit is capped at $ 1,200 per year.
Per Capital Claims Cost	The per capital claims cost for medical and prescription drug is based on the expected portion of the group's overall cost attributed to individuals in the specified age and gender brackets. The resulting costs are as follows: age 45-49, $7,322 for males and $10,575 for females; 50-54, $9,697 for males and $11,952 for females; 55-59, $11,811 for males and $12,506 for females; 60-64, $15,413 for males and $14,366 for females; and 65+, $19,735 for males and $18,389 for females.	N/A

PSERS

Investment Rate

Investments consist primarily of short-term assets designed to protect the principal of the plan assets. The expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was determined using the OPEB asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each asset class.

The OPEB plan's policy in regard to the allocation of investment plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Under the program, as defined in the retirement code employer contribution rates for premium assistance are established to provide reserves in the health insurance account that are sufficient for the payment of premium assistance benefits for each succeeding year.

OPEB – Asset Class	**Target Allocation**	**Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return**
Cash	100%	1.2%

The above was the Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023.

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 4.13% for the School District's Plan and PSERS. The School District Plan is not funded, therefore, the S&P 20 year municipal bond rate of 4.13% as of July 1, 2023 is applicable discount rate. Under the PSERS plan's funding policy, contributions are structured for short term funding of premium assistance. The funding policy sets contribution rates necessary to assure solvency of premium assistance through the third fiscal year after the actuarial valuation date. The premium assistance account is funded to establish reserves that are sufficient for the payment of premium assistance benefits for each succeeding year. Due to the short-term funding policy, the OPEB's plan fiduciary net position was not projected to be sufficient to meet projected future benefit payments, therefore the plan is considered a "pay-as-you-go" plan. A discount rate of 4.13% which represents the S&P 20 year municipal bond rate at June 30, 2023, was applied to all projected benefit payments to measure the total OPEB liability.

Sensitivity of the Total and Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total and net OPEB liabilities of the School District, as well as what the School District's liabilities would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate.

School District Plan

	1% Decrease 3.13%	Current Discount Rate 4.13%	1% Increase 5.13%
School District Plan - Total OPEB liability	$ 5,287,886	$ 4,900,628	$ 4,532,991

PSERS

	1% Decrease 3.13%	Current Discount Rate 4.13%	1% Increase 5.13%
PSERS - School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	$ 2,669,000	$ 2,361,040	$ 2,103,000

Sensitivity of the Total and Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

For the PSERS plan, healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than $ 1,200 in Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2024, retirees Premium Assistance benefits are not subject to future healthcare cost increases. The annual Premium Assistance reimbursement for qualifying retirees is capped at a maximum of $ 1,200.

The following presents the total and net OPEB liabilities of the plans, as well as what the plans' total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate that are one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

NOTE 9 OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (CONTINUED)

Sensitivity of the Total and Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (Continued)

School District Plan

	1% Decrease (5.5% decreasing to 3.1%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.5% decreasing to 4.1%)	1% Increase (7.5% decreasing to 5.1%)
School District Plan - Total OPEB Liability	$ 4,434,303	$ 4,900,628	$ 5,450,193

PSERS

	1% Decrease (Between 4% to 6%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (Between 5% to 7%)	1% Increase (Between 6% to 8%)
PSERS - School District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	$ 2,361,000	$ 2,361,040	$ 2,361,100

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

PSERS

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in the PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

Payables to the OPEB Plan

School District Plan

As of June 30, 2024, the School District had no amounts payable to the School District OPEB Plan.

PSERS

As of June 30, 2024, the School District had $ 45,823 included in accrued salaries and benefits liability, of which $ 34,412 is for the contractually required contribution for the second quarter of 2024 and $ 11,411 is related to the accrued payroll liability for wages incurred as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN

General Information About the Pension Plan

Plan Description

PSERS is a governmental cost-sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in the System include all full-time public school employees, part-time hourly public school employees who render at least 500 hours of service in the school year, and part-time per diem public school employees who render at least 80 days of service in the school year in any of the reporting entities in Pennsylvania. PSERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.psers.pa.gov.

Benefits Provided

PSERS provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Members are eligible for monthly retirement benefits upon reaching (a) age 62 with at least 1 year of credited service; (b) age 60 with 30 or more years of credited service; or (C) 35 or more years of service regardless of age. Act 120 of 2010 (Act 120) preserves the benefits of existing members and introduced benefit reductions for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2011.

Act 120 created two new membership classes, Membership Class T-E (Class T-E) and Membership Class T-F (Class T-F). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-E and Class T-F members must work until age 65 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 92 with a minimum of 35 years of service.

Benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined by the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. For members whose membership started prior to July 1, 2011, after completion of five years of service, a member's right to the defined benefits is vested and early retirement benefits may be elected. For Class T-E and Class T-F members, the rights to benefits is vested after ten years of service.

Act 5 of 2017 (Act 5) introduced a hybrid benefit plan with two membership classes and a separate defined contribution plan for individuals who become new members on or after July 1, 2019. Act 5 created two new hybrid membership classes, Membership Class T-G (Class T-G) and Membership Class T-H (Class T-H) and the separate defined contribution membership class, Membership Class DC (Class DC).

Class T-G and Class T-H members that qualify for a defined benefit normal retirement benefit must work until age 67 with a minimum of 3 years of service or attain a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of service.

Defined benefits for T-G and T-H are 1.25% of 1.00%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service. A members' right to a defined benefit is vested in 10 years.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

General Information About the Pension Plan (Continued)

Benefits Provided (Continued)

Participants are eligible for disability retirement benefits after completion of five years of credited service. Such benefits are generally equal to 2% or 2.5%, depending upon membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined by the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefits the member would have had at normal retirement age. Members over normal retirement age may apply for disability benefits.

Death benefits are payable upon the death of an active member who has reached age 62 with at least one year of credited service (age 65 with at least three years of credited service for Class T-E and Class T-F members) or who has at least five years of credited service (ten years for Class T-E and Class T-F members). Such benefits are actuarially equivalent to the benefit that would have been effective if the member had retired on the day before death.

Contributions

Member contributions:

Member Contribution Rates				
Membership Class	**Continuous Employment Since**	**Defined Benefit (DB) Contribution Rate**	**DC Contribution Rate**	**Total Contribution Rate**
T-C	Prior to July 22, 1983	5.25%	N/A	5.25% 6.25%
T-C	On or after July22, 1983	6.25%	N/A	6.25%
T-D	Prior to July 22, 1983	6.50%	N/A	6.50%
T-D	On or after July 22, 1983	7.50%	N/A	7.50%
T-E	On or after July 1, 2011	7.50% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.00%
T-F	On or after July 1, 2011	10.30% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 10.30% After 7/1/21: 10.80%
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	5.5% base rate with shared risk provision	2.75%	Prior to 7/1/21: 8.25% After 7/1/21: 9.00%
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% base rate with shared risk provision	3.00%	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50% After 7/1/21: 8.25%
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50%	7.50%

Shared Risk Program Summary				
Membership Class	**Defined Benefit (DB) Base Rate**	**Shared Risk Increment**	**Minimum**	**Maximum**
T-E	7.50%	+/- 0.50%	5.50%	9.50%
T-F	10.30%	+/- 0.50%	8.30%	12.30%
T-G	5.50%	+/- 0.75%	2.50%	8.50%
T-H	4.50%	+/- 0.75%	1.50%	7.50%

Employer Contributions:

The School District's contractually required contribution rate for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 33.09% of covered payroll. This is actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions recognized as revenue by the defined benefit pension plan from the School were $ 6,889,888 for the year ended June 30, 2024. In addition, the School's contribution to the defined contribution plan was $ 56,001 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

General Information About the Pension Plan (Continued)

Contributions (Continued)

State Funding:

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania generally reimburses the School District for 50%-60% of its retirement expense. This arrangement does not meet the criteria of a special funding situation in accordance with GASB standards. Therefore, the net pension liabilities and related pension expense represent 100% of the School District's share of these amounts. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized revenue of $ 3,550,559 as reimbursement for its current year pension payments.

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

At June 30, 2024, the School District reported a liability of $ 58,143,699 in the Statement of Net Position for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported covered payroll as it relates to the total one-year reported covered payroll. At June 30, 2024, the School District's proportion was 0.1307 percent, which was a decrease of 0.0025 percent from its proportion measured as of **June 30, 2023**.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School District recognized pension expense of $ 4,445,128.

At June 30, 2024, the School 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
Difference between expected and actual experience	$ 13,000	$ 796,000
Changes in assumptions	868,000	-
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings	1,646,000	-
Changes in proportionate share - plan	-	2,562,000
Changes in proportionate share - governmental activities/business-type activities	7,536	7,536
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of total contributions	6,913	114,665
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	6,862,565	-
	$ 9,404,014	$ 3,480,201

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

The $ 6,862,565 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School 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:

Year ended June 30:	
2025	$ (640,163)
2026	(2,282,566)
2027	1,433,977
2028	550,000
Total	$ (938,752)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 was determined by rolling forward the System's total pension liability as of the June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023 using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

- Actuarial cost method – Entry Age Normal – level percent of pay.
- Investment rate of return – 7.00%, includes inflation at 2.50%.
- Salary growth – effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit and seniority increases.
- Mortality rates were based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the Board for use effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation:
    - Salary growth rate – decreased from 5.00% to 4.50%
    - Real wage growth and merit or seniority increases (components for salary growth) – decreased from 2.75% and 2.25% to 2.50% and 2.00%, respectively.
    - Mortality rates – previously based on the RP-2014 Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale. Effective with the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, mortality rates are based on a blend of 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

Actuarial Assumptions (Continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2023 valuation were based on the experience study that was performed for the five-year period ending June 30, 2020.

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 expenses 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.

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the Board. Plan assets are managed with a long-term objective of achieving and maintaining a fully funded status for the benefits provided through the pension.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Global public equity	30.0%	5.2%
Private equity	12.0%	7.9%
Fixed income	33.0%	3.2%
Commodities	7.5%	2.7%
Absolute return	4.0%	4.1%
Infrastructure/MLPs	10.0%	5.4%
Real estate	11.0%	5.7%
Cash	3.0%	1.2%
Levarage	-10.5%	1.2%
	100.0%	

The above was the PSERS's Board's adopted asset allocation policy and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2023.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. 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.

NOTE 10 PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

Discount Rate (Continued)

The following presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (6.00%) or 1-percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	$ 75,370,000	$ 58,143,699	$ 43,610,000

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about PSERS' fiduciary net position is available in PSERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be found on the System's website at www.psers.pa.gov.

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of June 30, 2024, the School District had $ 2,388,518, included in accrued salaries and benefits liability, of which $ 1,793,716 is for the contractually required contribution for the second quarter of 2024 and $ 594,802 is related to the accrued payroll liability for wages incurred as of June 30, 2024.

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT

Health Insurance

The School District participates in the South Central Region School Employees Benefit and Welfare Trust (the Trust), a public entity risk pool that provides its employees medical and dental insurance. The member school districts of the Trust elect trustees to manage it, but the risk is not shared among all members. At June 30, 2024, there were nine member school districts in the Trust. The School District uses a "claim-based" funding plan for medical insurance. Under this plan, the School District pays the Trust based on actual claims paid, or in essence, self-insures. Revenues and expenses of the program are accounted for in the general fund.

Payments are made from the general fund based on an estimate of expected claims established by the insurance carrier at the beginning of the year. Premiums charged in excess of claims paid and administrative costs are deposited in a rate-stabilization fund for the School District. Since the School District is responsible for its own risk, additional assessments would be charged to make up any deficiencies in this fund related to the School District; thus, this functions like a retrospectively rated program. The balance remaining in the rate-stabilization fund held by the Trust is considered a prepaid expense within the general fund. Provisions are in effect by the Trust to refund any excess monies should the School District withdraw or the Trust be dissolved. The School District maintains stop loss coverage for claims greater than $ 300,000 individually and has an unlimited lifetime benefit per person.

NOTE 11 RISK MANAGEMENT (CONTINUED)

Health Insurance (Continued)

Changes in health insurance claims liability amounts (including stop loss premiums and administrative charges) for the year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Liability Beginning	Current Year Expense (including Changes in Estimate)	Payments	Cash Balance in the Trust	Liability Ending	Net Prepaid
2024	$ 561,355	$ 4,430,840	$ 4,652,054	$ 4,400,057	$ 340,141	$ 4,059,916

The ending liability consists of incurred but not reported (IBNR) claims as of June 30, 2024. The IBNR was estimated based on actual claims incurred prior to June 30, 2024 but paid after year-end. The ending liability above is netted with the cash balance in the Trust resulting in the net prepaid expenses reported within the General Fund.

Other Insurance

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The School District maintains commercial insurance coverage covering each of those risks of loss. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the School District. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

For State unemployment compensation laws, the School District is self-insured, which is a common practice for local governmental units. Any unemployment claims are paid by the School District on a quarterly basis as incurred.

For workers' compensation insurance, approximately 80 School Districts participate in a public entity risk sharing pool (School Districts Insurance Consortium) for processing claims and obtaining reinsurance through commercial insurance carriers. Under this plan, the School District's annual cost should not exceed standard commercial insurance rates.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

The School District is subject to real estate tax assessment appeals on an ongoing basis. If tax appeals are successful, the result is a loss of tax revenue to the School District. It is anticipated that any material loss of tax revenue on individual tax appeals will be offset with additional revenues from other properties or other sources of revenue and would not create a financial hardship to the School District.

The School District is involved with various potential lawsuits in the normal course of operations. In most cases, management cannot predict the outcome of the lawsuits or estimate the amount of any loss that may result. Management believes that losses resulting from these matters, if any, would be substantially covered under the School District's professional liability insurance policy and would not have a material effect on the financial position of the School District.

NOTE 12 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (CONTINUED)

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

NOTE 13 RESTATEMENT

During the year ended June 30, 2024, there was a restatement of for a correction due to an error in recording accounts payable in the prior year. Accounts payable was understated by $ 39,362 in the Capital Reserve Fund and Governmental Activities during the year ended June 30, 2023. Expenditures in the Capital Reserve Fund and Expenses in the Governmental Activities were understated by $ 39,362 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

	Governmental Activities
Net position, as of June 30, 2023, as originally stated	$ 2,147,080
Error correction	(39,362)
Net position, as of June 30, 2023, as restated	$ 2,107,718
Change in net position, as of June 30, 2023, as originally stated	$ 7,927,867
Error correction	(39,362)
Change in net position, as of June 30, 2023, as restated	$ 7,888,505

	Capital Reserve Fund
Fund balance, as of June 30, 2023, as originally stated	$ 14,473,158
Error correction	(39,362)
Fund balance, as of June 30, 2023, as restated	$ 14,433,796
Change in fund balance, as of June 30, 2023, as originally stated	$ 3,341,755
Error correction	(39,362)
Change in fund balance, as of June 30, 2023, as restated	$ 3,302,393

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual (Budgetary/ GAAP Basis)	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Local sources				
Taxes	$ 37,167,164	$ 37,167,164	$ 38,218,523	$ 1,051,359
Investment earnings	350,000	350,000	1,430,030	1,080,030
Revenue from intermediate sources	595,100	595,100	629,903	34,803
Other	791,600	791,600	767,664	(23,936)
State sources	21,185,579	21,185,579	22,522,579	1,337,000
Federal sources	1,754,827	1,754,827	2,165,625	410,798
Total revenues	61,844,270	61,844,270	65,734,324	3,890,054
EXPENDITURES				
Instruction				
Regular programs	23,401,851	23,401,851	21,834,379	1,567,472
Special programs	13,740,278	13,740,278	12,919,613	820,665
Vocational education programs	884,893	884,893	3,091,426	(2,206,533)
Other instructional programs	71,235	71,235	43,860	27,375
Total instruction	38,098,257	38,098,257	37,889,278	208,979
Support Services				
Pupil personnel	2,113,266	2,113,266	2,085,433	27,833
Instructional staff	2,294,523	2,294,523	1,444,174	850,349
Administration	3,279,813	3,279,813	3,141,647	138,166
Pupil health	779,087	779,087	721,033	58,054
Business	474,460	474,460	418,269	56,191
Operation and maintenance of plant	4,782,831	4,782,831	4,405,909	376,922
Student transportation	2,917,304	2,917,304	2,836,983	80,321
Central	1,305,608	1,305,608	1,175,051	130,557
Other support services	28,644	28,644	-	28,644
Total support services	17,975,536	17,975,536	16,228,499	1,747,037
Operation of Noninstruction Services				
Student activities and community services	1,357,508	1,357,508	1,484,794	(127,286)
Total operation of noninstructional services	1,357,508	1,357,508	1,484,794	(127,286)
Debt Service				
Principal	4,834,036	4,834,036	3,849,623	984,413
Interest and bond costs	-	-	1,226,356	(1,226,356)
Total debt service	4,834,036	4,834,036	5,075,979	(241,943)
Total expenditures	62,265,337	62,265,337	60,678,550	1,586,787
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	6,300	6,300
Proceeds from long-term financing	-	-	85,123	85,123
Interfund transfers	(280)	(280)	(9,710)	(9,430)
Budgetary reserve	(100,000)	(100,000)	-	100,000
Total other financing sources and (uses)	(100,280)	(100,280)	81,713	181,993
Net change in fund balances	$ (521,347)	$ (521,347)	$ 5,137,487	$ 5,658,834

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability – Public School Employees' Retirement System

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	School District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	School District's Covered Payroll - Measurement Period	School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2024	0.1307%	$ 58,143,699	$ 19,990,833	290.85%	61.85%
2023	0.1332%	59,219,018	19,569,164	302.61%	61.34%
2022	0.1404%	57,643,649	19,910,461	289.51%	63.67%
2021	0.1410%	69,427,013	19,870,868	349.39%	54.32%
2020	0.1391%	65,074,608	19,189,534	339.12%	55.66%
2019	0.1426%	68,455,000	19,534,713	350.43%	54.00%
2018	0.1377%	68,008,000	18,543,050	366.76%	51.84%
2017	0.1398%	69,280,000	19,035,700	363.95%	50.14%
2016	0.1413%	61,205,486	18,049,673	339.09%	54.36%
2015	0.1410%	55,808,811	17,995,841	310.12%	57.24%

NOTES

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement period year-end that was used for the fiscal year. For PSERS, the measurement period year-end is one year prior to the fiscal year-end.

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

The following actuarial assumptions were changed during 2020-2021:

- Actuarial cost method – Entry Age Normal – level percent of pay.
- Investment return – 7.00% includes inflation at 2.50%.
- Salary growth – effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit and seniority increases.
- Mortality rates – 50% PubT-2010 and 50% PubG-2010 Retiree Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2020 Improvement Scale.

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of the School District's Contributions – Public School Employees' Retirement System

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll - Fiscal Year	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
2024	$ 6,889,888	$ 6,889,888	$ -	$ 20,821,012	33.1%
2023	6,864,199	6,864,199	-	19,990,833	34.3%
2022	6,680,913	6,680,913	-	19,569,164	34.1%
2021	6,707,834	6,707,834	-	19,910,461	33.7%
2020	6,637,023	6,637,023	-	19,870,868	33.4%
2019	6,257,561	6,257,561	-	19,189,534	32.6%
2018	6,200,318	6,200,318	-	19,534,713	31.7%
2017	5,414,570	5,414,570	-	18,543,050	29.2%
2016	4,758,923	4,758,923	-	19,035,700	25.0%
2015	3,700,183	3,700,183	-	18,049,673	20.5%

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Changes in the School District's Total OPEB Liability and Related Rations – School District Plan

	2024	2023	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total OPEB liability							
Service cost	$ 224,998	$ 269,468	$ 276,141	$ 237,279	$ 241,912	$ 290,074	$ 292,483
Interest	192,018	99,550	79,323	132,938	114,194	143,670	106,568
Change in benefit terms	-	653,575	-	-	-	(42,532)	-
Differences between actual and expected experience	-	855,766	-	(491,630)	-	(568,920)	-
Changes in assumptions	50,039	(1,336,070)	(140,612)	489,827	(121,935)	(401,877)	46,111
Benefit payments	(154,768)	(110,611)	(101,983)	(95,632)	(116,240)	(146,972)	(115,421)
Net change in total OPEB liability	312,287	431,678	112,869	272,782	117,931	(726,557)	329,741
Total OPEB liability - beginning	4,588,341	4,156,663	4,043,794	3,771,012	3,653,081	4,379,638	4,049,897
Total OEPB liability - ending	$ 4,900,628	$ 4,588,341	$ 4,156,663	$ 4,043,794	$ 3,771,012	$ 3,653,081	$ 4,379,638
Covered employee payroll	N/A	$ 18,162,101	N/A	$ 17,614,203	N/A	$ 17,785,580	$ 15,054,068
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	N/A	25.26%	N/A	22.96%	N/A	20.54%	29.09%

NOTES

This schedule will be expanded to show 10 fiscal years once trends as additional information becomes available in the future.

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as a measurement period year end that was used for the fiscal year. For the School District plan, the measurement period year end is one year prior to the fiscal year end.

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of School District's Proportionate Share of Net OPEB Liability – Public School Employees' Retirement System

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	School District's Proportion of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)	School District's Covered Payroll - measurement period	School District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total OPEB Liability
2024	0.1305%	$ 2,361,040	$ 19,990,833	11.81%	7.22%
2023	0.1332%	2,451,907	19,569,164	12.53%	6.86%
2022	0.1403%	3,325,226	19,910,461	16.70%	5.30%
2021	0.1409%	3,044,422	19,870,868	15.32%	5.69%
2020	0.1391%	2,958,437	19,189,534	15.42%	5.56%
2019	0.1426%	2,973,000	19,534,713	15.22%	5.56%
2018	0.1377%	2,805,649	18,543,050	15.13%	5.73%

NOTES

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The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as the measurement period year-end that was used for the fiscal year. For PSERS, the measurement period year-end is one year prior to the fiscal year-end.

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of the School District's OPEB Contributions – Public School Employees' Retirement System

For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll - Fiscal Year	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
2024	$ 133,254	$ 133,254	$ -	$ 20,821,012	0.64%
2023	150,158	150,158	-	19,990,833	0.75%
2022	156,553	156,553	-	19,569,164	0.80%
2021	163,266	163,266	-	19,910,461	0.82%
2020	167,019	167,019	-	19,870,868	0.84%
2019	159,318	159,318	-	19,189,534	0.83%
2018	158,006	158,006	-	19,534,713	0.81%

NOTES

This schedule will be expanded to show 10 fiscal years once information becomes available in the future.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grantor Program Title	Source Code	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Grantor's Number	Grant Period Beginning/ Ending Date	Program or Award Amount	Total Received for the Year	Receivable (Unearned) at July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures Recognized	Receivable (Unearned) at June 30, 2024	Total Passed-Through to Subrecipients
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION											
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Education											
Title I Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-230037	August 8, 2022 - September 30, 2023	$ 615,838	$ 131,953	$ 131,953	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Title I Improving Basic Programs	I	84.010	013-240037	August 21, 2023 - September 30, 2024	630,116	499,186	-	630,116	630,116	130,930	-
Title I						631,139	131,953	630,116	630,116	130,930	-
Title II Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-230037	August 8, 2022 - September 30, 2023	98,658	832	832	-	-	-	-
Title II Improving Teacher Quality	I	84.367	020-240037	August 21, 2023 - September 30, 2024	96,153	61,872	-	96,153	96,153	34,281	-
Title II						62,704	832	96,153	96,153	34,281	-
Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-230037	August 8, 2022 - September 30, 2023	48,986	8,987	8,987	-	-	-	-
Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment	I	84.424	144-240037	August 21, 2023 - September 30, 2024	48,211	27,549	-	48,211	48,211	20,662	-
Title IV						36,536	8,987	48,211	48,211	20,662	-
COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund - American Rescue Plan (ARP-ESSER)	I	84.425U	223-21-0037	March 13, 2020 - September 30, 2024	3,483,214	1,264,696	93,260	1,211,430	1,211,430	39,994	-
COVID-19 - ARP ESSER 7% Set Aside	I	84.425U	225-21-0037	July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024	270,724	-	(11,002)	69,200	69,200	58,198	-
COVID-19 - ARP ESSER Homeless Children and Youth	I	84.425W	181-21-2037	July 1, 2021 - September 30, 2024	18,181	2,797	677	2,244	2,244	124	-
COVID-19 - PCCD - Safety Grant	I	84.425D	200-51-B2	August 1, 2022 - July 31, 2024	276,100	600	-	97,421	97,421	96,821	-
COVID-19 - PCCD - Safety Grant	I	84.425D	200-51-B2	January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2025	40,000	-	-	9,175	9,175	9,175	-
Total CARES Act - ESSER Fund						1,268,093	82,935	1,389,470	1,389,470	204,312	-
P_EBT Local Admin Funds	I	10.649	N/A	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	N/A	5,763	-	5,763	5,763	-	-
Total Local Admin Funds						5,763	-	5,763	5,763	-	-
Total - Pennsylvania Department of Education						2,004,235	224,707	2,169,713	2,169,713	390,185	-
Passed through Capital Area Intermediate Unit											
I.D.E.A. Grants to States	I	84.027A	062-190015	July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024	625,891	625,891	-	625,891	625,891	-	-
Total I.D.E.A. Grants to States						625,891	-	625,891	625,891	-	-
I.D.E.A. Preschool Grants	I	84.173	010-190615	August 26, 2022 - September 30, 2023	2,827	414	414	-	-	-	-
I.D.E.A. Preschool Grants	I	84.173	010-190615	July 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024	4,012	4,012	-	4,012	4,012	-	-
Total I.D.E.A. Preschool Grants						4,426	414	4,012	4,012	-	-
Total - Capital Area Intermediate Unit						630,317	414	629,903	629,903	-	-
Total U.S. Department of Education						$ 2,634,552	$ 225,121	$ 2,799,616	$ 2,799,616	$ 390,185	$ -

BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grantor Program Title	Source Code	Assistance Listing Number	Pass Through Grantor's Number	Grant Period Beginning/ Ending Date	Program or Award Amount	Total Received for the Year	Receivable (Unearned) at July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures Recognized	Receivable (Unearned) at June 30, 2024	Total Passed-Through to Subrecipients
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE											
Child Nutrition Cluster											
Passed through Pennsylvania Department of Education											
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	N/A	$ 1,224	$ 1,224	$ -	$ -	$ -	
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	N/A	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	N/A	251,927	-	251,927	251,927	-	-
Total School Breakfast Program						253,151	1,224	251,927	251,927	-	-
National School Lunch Program (Cash)	I	10.555	N/A	July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023	N/A	3,523	3,523	-	-	-	-
National School Lunch Program (Cash)	I	10.555	N/A	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	N/A	597,767	-	597,767	597,767	-	-
Supply Chain Assistance	I	10.555	N/A	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	N/A	61,104	-	61,104	61,104	-	-
Total National Lunch School Program						662,394	3,523	658,871	658,871	-	-
Total - Pennsylvania Department of Education						915,545	4,747	910,798	910,798	-	-
Passed through the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture											
National School Lunch Program (Commodities)	I (B)	10.555	N/A	July 1, 2023 - June 30, 2024	N/A	157,337	-	157,337	157,337	-	-
Total National Lunch School Program						157,337	-	157,337	157,337	-	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster						1,072,882	4,747	1,068,135	1,068,135	-	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture						1,072,882	4,747	1,068,135	1,068,135	-	-
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards						$ 3,707,434	$ 229,868	$ 3,867,751	$ 3,867,751	$ 390,185	$ -

NOTE 1 REFERENCES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

(I) Indirect funding

(B) Based on USDA valuation

NOTE 2 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Accounting

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which conform to generally accepted government accounting principles. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period in which the liability is incurred, if measurable. Revenues designated for payment of specific School District expenditures are recognized when the related expenditures are incurred. Any excess of revenues or expenditures at the fiscal year end is recorded as accounts payable or a receivable, respectively.

Indirect Cost Rate

The School District has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate for its federal program.

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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*

Board of Directors
Big Spring School District
Newville, Pennsylvania

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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Big Spring School District, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Big Spring School District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 29, 2025.

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS

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

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.

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
July 29 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE *UNIFORM GUIDANCE*

Board of Directors
Big Spring School District
Newville, Pennsylvania

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Big Spring School District's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Big Spring School District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. Big Spring School District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, Big Spring School District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

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

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

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

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

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

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

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

Smith Elliott Kearns & Company, LLC

Chambersburg, Pennsylvania
July 29, 2025

Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued:	Unmodified	
Internal control over financial reporting:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	☐ Yes	☒ No
• Significant deficiencies identified?	☐ Yes	☒ None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:		
• Material weakness(es) identified?	☐ Yes	☒ No
• Significant deficiencies identified?	☐ Yes	☒ None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for the major programs:	Unmodified	
• Any compliance findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR Section 200.516?	☐ Yes	☒ No

Identification of the major programs:

Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program
	Child Nutrition Cluster
10.553	School Breakfast Program
10.555	National School Lunch Program

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs	$ 750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	☒ Yes	☐ No

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

A. Significant Deficiencies or Material Weaknesses in Internal Control

None noted

B. Compliance Findings

There were no compliance findings related to the financial statement audit required to be reported.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

A. Significant Deficiencies or Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over Compliance

None noted

B. Compliance Findings

There were no compliance findings related to the major federal awards as required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance by 2 CFR Section 200.516.

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BIG SPRING SCHOOL DISTRICT
Summary of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Findings related to financial statements:

None.

Findings related to federal awards:

None.