### **BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

TOGETHER WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

To the Board of Education Ballard School District of Bates County, Missouri

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Ballard School District of Bates County, Missouri ("District"), as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position thereof, for the fiscal year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

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

#### **Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting**

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

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 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.

#### Auditors' 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 auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
  error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
  examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that
  are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the
  effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that
  raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period
  of time.

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

#### Other Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combined schedule of revenues collected by source – modified cash basis is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or 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 combined schedule of revenues collected by source – modified cash basis is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### **Other Information**

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the budgetary comparison schedules but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2024, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

#### Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with requirements of Missouri laws and regulations, we have also issued our report dated December 19, 2024, on our consideration of certain management's assertions of the District. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of certain management assertions related to requirements of Missouri laws and regulations pertaining to public school districts and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on such assertions.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 19, 2024

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - MODIFIED CASH BASIS JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 473,081
Investments	1,812,486
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	1,537,512
Total assets	3,823,079
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
General obligation bonds due within one year	90,000
Noncurrent liabilities:	
General obligation bonds due in more than one year	215,000
Total liabilities	305,000
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	1,232,512
Restricted for:	
Debt service	226,071
Unspent bond proceeds	2,137
Scholarships	6,389
Grant projects	2,389
Other	567
Unrestricted	2,048,014
Total net position	\$ 3,518,079

#### BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

					, D	B				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes In Net Position
Functions	Expenses			Charges for Services		Program Revenues Operating Grants And Contributions		Capital Grants And Contributions		Total Governmental Activities
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES Instructional services										
Regular	\$	792,371	\$	_	\$	68,212	\$	238,210	\$	(485,949)
Special	·	136,712	•	_	·	71,107	,	_	•	(65,605)
Vocational		118,236		_		3,698		_		(114,538)
Student activities		93,262		73,789		-		_		(19,473)
Payments to other districts		4,000		-		_		_		(4,000)
Supporting services										,
Students		87,653		-		-		-		(87,653)
Instructional staff		122,691		-		4,338		-		(118,353)
Building administration		101,550		-		· -		-		(101,550)
General administration		198,267		-		-		-		(198,267)
Operation and maintenance of facilities		238,488		-		-		-		(238,488)
Transportation		141,245		-		75,880		-		(65,365)
Food services		103,023		21,921		59,914		8,539		(12,649)
Community services		21,563		-		-		-		(21,563)
Interest		9,494		-		-		-		(9,494)
Other		317			-					(317)
Total school district	\$	2,168,872	\$	95,710	\$	283,149	\$	246,749		(1,543,264)
	Pro G D C Fed Ear Mis	eral revenue perty taxes levie eneral purposes ebt service apital outlay eral and state ai nings on investra cellaneous Total general re	d for: d not re nents	estricted to specifi	c purpos	ses				913,586 133,032 12,561 974,789 86,204 328,856 2,449,028
		Change in net		n						905,764
	NET	POSITION - BEG	•							2,612,315
		POSITION - EN		-					\$	3,518,079

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT BALANCE SHEET - MODIFIED CASH BASIS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2024

	(Inc	eneral idental) Fund	Rev (Tead	ecial enue chers') und	;	Debt Service Fund	F	Capital Projects Building) Fund	Go	Total vernmental Funds
ASSETS Cash	\$	133,796	\$		\$	186,571	\$	152,714	\$	473,081
Investments	-	,772,986	φ	-	φ	39,500	φ	132,7 14	φ	1,812,486
	-		ф.		ф.	226,071	ф.		φ.	2,285,567
Total assets	φі	,906,782	\$		\$	220,071	\$	152,714	\$	2,200,007
FUND BALANCES  Restricted for:  Debt service	\$	-	\$	_	\$	226,071	\$	-	\$	226,071
Unspent bond proceeds		-		-		-		2,137		2,137
Scholarships		6,389		-		-		-		6,389
Grant projects		2,389		-		-		-		2,389
Other		567		-		-		-		567
Assigned to:								450 577		450 577
Capital outlay		-		-		-		150,577		150,577
Student activities	1	36,782 ,860,655		-		-		-		36,782 1,860,655
Unassigned					-					
Total fund balances	1	,906,782				226,071		152,714		2,285,567
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 1</u>	,906,782	\$		\$	226,071	\$	152,714	\$	2,285,567
Reconciliation to Statement of Net Position  Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:										
Total fund balance - governmental funds									\$	2,285,567
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. The cost of the assets are \$2,388,437 and the accumulated depreciation is \$850,925.										1,537,512
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.										(305,000)
Total net position - governmental activiti	es								\$	3,518,079

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General	Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues					
Local	\$ 1,077,578	\$ 154,445	\$ 147,808	\$ 100,992	\$ 1,480,823
County	66,920	7,552	14,654	-	89,126
State	141,174	854,503	-	283,198	1,278,875
Federal	82,390	134,883		8,539	225,812
Total revenues	1,368,062	1,151,383	162,462	392,729	3,074,636
Expenditures Instructional services					
Regular	46,130	682,174	-	-	728,304
Special	34,228	102,484	-	-	136,712
Vocational	15,734	102,502	-	-	118,236
Student activities	76,957	16,305	-	-	93,262
Payments to other districts	-	4,000	-	-	4,000
Supporting services					
Students	30,636	57,017	-	-	87,653
Instructional staff	88,024	34,667	-	80,703	203,394
Building administration	35,392	66,158	-	-	101,550
General administration	75,631	108,787	-	121,459	305,877
Operation and maintenance of facilities Transportation	186,431 138,550	-	-	90,042 53,863	276,473 192,413
Food service	99,629	-	-	10,112	109,741
Other services	33,023	_	_	10,112	103,741
Community services	04.500				04.500
Principal	21,563	-	- 80,000	-	21,563 80,000
Interest	-	-	9,494	_	9,494
Other	-	-	317	_	317
Total expenditures	848,905	1,174,094	89,811	356,179	2,468,989
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	519,157	(22,711)	72,651	36,550	605,647
Other financing sources (uses)					
Transfers in (out)	(22,711)	22,711	_	_	_
Total other financing sources (uses)	(22,711)	22,711			
Total other infancing sources (uses)				·	
Net change in fund balances	496,446	-	72,651	36,550	605,647
Fund balances - beginning	1,410,336		153,420	116,164	1,679,920
Fund balances - ending	\$ 1,906,782	\$ -	\$ 226,071	\$ 152,714	\$ 2,285,567

#### **BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# RECONCILIATION OF THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES MODIFIED CASH BASIS

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

#### Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds

605,647

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 are capitalized and the cost is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period.

 Capital outlays
 \$ 288,698

 Depreciation expense
 (68,581)

220.117

The governmental funds report bond proceeds as an other financing source, while repayment of bond principal is reported as an expenditure. However, bond proceeds and repayment of bond principal are not included in the statement of activities because they are reported as changes in the balance of debt in the statement of net assets. The net effect of this difference in the treatment of general obligation bonds and related items is as follows:

Repayment of bond principal

80,000

80,000

Change in net position of governmental activities

905,764

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

- A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>: The District follows the applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statements to define the reporting entity. The financial statements include all operations over which the District is financially accountable. The District is not a participant in any joint venture and has not identified any entities which would be component units of the District nor is it a component unit of any other primary government entity.
- B. <u>Basis of Presentation</u>: The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.
  - Government-wide financial statements: The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government. The statements present governmental activities generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental receipts, and other nonexchange transactions.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenditures and program revenues for each program or function of the District's governmental activities. Direct expenditures 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, grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program and interest earned on grants that is required to be used to support a particular program. Revenues which are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the District. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the District.

- 2. <u>Fund financial statements</u>: The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances present the activities of the District segregated into funds in order to aid financial management and demonstrate legal compliance. Each fund is presented in a separate column.
- C. <u>Fund Accounting</u>: The District's accounts are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity with a set of self-balancing accounts which comprise its assets, fund balance, revenues and expenditures. District resources are allocated to the individual funds based on the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The following funds are used by the District:
  - 1. <u>General (Incidental) Fund</u> Accounts for general activities of the District, including student activities and food service, which are not required to be accounted for in a separate fund.
  - Special Revenue (Teachers') Fund Accounts for expenditures for certified employees involved in administration and instruction. It includes revenues restricted by the State for payment of teachers' salaries and employee benefits.
  - 3. <u>Debt Service Fund</u> Accounts for the accumulation of resources for the payment of long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

#### C. Fund Accounting (continued):

- 4. <u>Capital Projects Fund</u> Accounts for the proceeds of long-term debt, taxes and other revenues designated for construction of major capital assets and all other capital outlay.
- D. <u>Basis of Accounting</u>: The financial statements are presented in accordance with a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as established by GASB. This basis of accounting involves modifications to the cash basis of accounting to report, in the statement of net position and statement of activities, cash transactions or events that provide a benefit or result in an obligation that covers a period greater than the period in which the cash transaction or event occurred. Such reported balances include capital assets and related depreciation, investments, described below in Note 1 (H).

This modified cash basis of accounting differs from GAAP primarily because certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected and other accrued revenue and receivables) and certain liabilities and their related expenditures (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements. In addition, other economic assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that do not arise from a cash transaction or event are not reported, and the measurement of reported assets and liabilities does not involve adjustment to fair value.

If the District utilized accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented in accordance with the accrual basis of accounting.

#### E. Measurement Focus:

- Government-wide financial statements: The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities are prepared using the total economic resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined above. Accordingly, the District's capital assets and long-term debt are included in the Statement of Net Position.
- 2. <u>Fund financial statements</u>: The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances are prepared using the current financial resources measurement focus within the limitations of the modified cash basis of accounting, as defined above. Accordingly, only current assets are shown in the Balance Sheet.
- F. <u>Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>: The District maintains a cash and cash equivalents pool that is available for use by all funds except the Debt Service Fund. State law requires that all deposits in the Debt Service Fund be kept separate and apart from all other funds of the District. Interest income received is allocated to the various funds according to each fund's share of the pool.
- G. <u>Capital Assets</u>: In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as assets in the Statement of Net Position. All capital assets are valued at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated capital assets which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

G. Capital Assets (continued):

A capitalization threshold of \$5,000 is used to report capital assets, which are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 50 years Equipment 5 – 30 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets are accounted for as capital outlays upon acquisition.

- H. <u>Payroll Related Expenditures</u>: The salary payment schedule of the District allows for the payment of salaries over a twelve-month period. Consequently, the July and August, 2024 payroll checks, written and dated in June, 2024, are included in the financial statements as an expenditure paid in the year ended June 30, 2024. This practice has been consistently followed in the previous years.
- I. <u>Compensated Absences</u>: Vacation, personal business days and sick leave are considered as expenditures in the year paid. Employees are allowed ten, eleven, or twelve days based upon the number of days in their contract. Employees are paid \$40 per day at the end of the year for any days accumulated over 36 days. If any employee, other than the Superintendent, leaves the District for any reason other than retirement, the employee is not entitled to reimbursement. The Superintendent is entitled to reimbursement regardless of reason for change in employment status from the District. Upon retirement, an employee is paid for the 36-day carryover limit, plus any days unused during the year, at \$40 per day. Thus, employees' sick leave vests only at retirement. Unpaid compensated absences for the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, were \$0 and \$0, respectively, and are not recognized in the modified cash basis financial statements.
- J. <u>Net Position</u>: Net position in the government-wide financial statements represents the difference between assets and liabilities, and are reported in three categories:
  - 1. Net investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
  - Restricted net position consists of net position with use constrained to a particular purpose.
    Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or bond
    covenants. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources
    related to the restricted assets.
  - 3. Unrestricted net position consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the District.

The District first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

- K. <u>Fund Balances</u>: The fund financial statements present fund balances by classification based on the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which the funds may be spent. The following classifications are used to describe the relative strength of these constraints:
  - 1. Nonspendable amounts that are either not in spendable form, or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
  - 2. Restricted amounts constrained to specific uses by external groups such as creditors, grantors, or contributors or by laws and regulations of other governments.
  - 3. Committed amounts constrained to specific uses by the District itself, using its highest level of decision making authority, the District's Board of Education. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through resolutions passed by the District's Board of Education.
  - 4. Assigned amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that the District intends to use for a specific purpose. For all funds other than the General Fund, this includes any remaining funds not otherwise classified, as they are assigned to the purposes for which the fund was established. For the General Fund, the assignment can result from intent expressed by the District's Board of Education or by District administrators to which the Board of Education delegates the authority.
  - 5. Unassigned amounts that are available for any purpose. Positive amounts are reported in only the General Fund. Negative unassigned fund balances are reported for all other governmental funds where the nonspendable, restricted, and committed fund balances exceed the total fund balance.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the District applies restricted funds first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, and/or unassigned fund balances are available, the District first applies committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed.

- L. <u>Use of Estimates</u>: The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in these financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The most significant estimate on the modified cash basis reporting is depreciation expense in the government-wide financial statements.
- M. <u>Nonexchange Transactions</u>: Nonexchange transactions, in which the District receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, grants, entitlements and donations.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued):

- N. <u>Budgetary Accounting</u>: The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:
  - 1. In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the District adopts a budget for each fund.
  - 2. Prior to July, the superintendent, who serves as the budget officer, submits to the Board of Education a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following July 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all District funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed a beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year.
  - 3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayers' comments. Prior to its approval by the Board of Education, the budget document is available for public inspection.
  - 4. Prior to July 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Board of Education.
  - 5. Subsequent to its final approval of the budget, the Board of Education has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the board. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget information included in the financial statements.
  - 6. Budgets for District funds are prepared and adopted using the cash basis of accounting (budget basis). The budgetary comparison schedules' actual columns are presented on the modified cash basis of accounting described in item (D). above which is substantially the same as the cash basis of accounting.
- O. <u>Program Revenues</u>: Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to students or others for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions. All other governmental receipts are reported as general receipts. All taxes are classified as general receipts even if restricted for a specific purpose.
- P. <u>Change in Accounting Principles</u>: For fiscal year 2022, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87, *Leases*. GASB Statement No. 87 enhances the relevance and consistency of information of the government's leasing activities. It establishes requirements for lease accounting based on the principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. A lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right to use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources. At June 30, 2024, there were no material finance leases for right-to-use assets.

For fiscal year 2023, the District implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 96, Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements (SBITA). GASB Statement No. 96 defined a SBITA as a contract that conveys control of the right to use another party's (a SBITA vendor's) information technology (IT) software, alone or in combination with tangible capital assets (the underlying IT assets), as specified in the contract for a period of time in an exchange or exchange-like transaction. Under this Statement, a government generally should recognize a right to use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability. At June 30, 2024, there were no material SBITAs.

## BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN:

#### A. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

The District participates in the Public School Retirement System and the Public Education Employee Retirement System (PSRS and PEERS, also referred to as the Systems). The financial statements of the District were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, member and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the District's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements.

#### B. Plan Description:

PSRS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all full-time certificated employees and certain part-time certificated employees of all public school districts in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City) and all public community colleges. PSRS also includes certificated employees of the Systems, Missouri State Teachers' Association, Missouri State High School Activities Association, and certain employees of the State of Missouri who elected to remain covered by PSRS under legislation enacted in 1986, 1987 and 1989. The majority of PSRS members are exempt from Social Security contributions. In some instances, positions may be determined not to be exempt from Social Security contributions. Any PSRS member who is required to contribute to Social Security comes under the requirements of Sections 169.070 (9) RSMO, known as the "2/3's statute." PSRS members required to contribute to Social Security are required to contribute two-thirds of the approved PSRS contribution rate and their employer is required to match the contribution. The members' benefits are further calculated at two-thirds the normal benefit amount.

PEERS is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for all non-certified public school district employees in Missouri (except the school districts of St. Louis and Kansas City), employees of the Missouri Association of School Administrators, and community college employees (except the Community College of St. Louis). Employees of covered districts who work 20 or more hours per week on a regular basis and who are not contributing members of PSRS must contribute to PEERS. Employees of the Systems who do not hold Missouri educator certificates also contribute to PEERS. PEERS was established as a trust fund by an Act of the Missouri General Assembly effective October 13, 1965. Statutes governing the Systems were found in Sections 169.600 through 169.715 and Sections 169.560 through 169.595 RSMo. The statutes place responsibility for the operation of PEERS on the Board of Trustees of PSRS.

#### C. Benefits Provided:

PSRS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability, and death/survivor benefits. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of 5 years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 2.5% benefit factor. Due to the passage of Senate Bill 75 (HCS/SS/SB 75), effective August 28, 2023, members who retire with 32 or more years of service will have their benefit calculated using a 2.55% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced benefits are available for members with five to 24.9 years of service at age 55.

## BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN (continued):

#### C. Benefits Provided (continued):

Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

PEERS is a defined benefit plan providing retirement, disability and death benefits to its members. Members are vested for service retirement benefits after accruing five years of service. Individuals who (a) are at least age 60 and have a minimum of five years of service, (b) have 30 years of service, or (c) qualify for benefits under the "Rule of 80" (service and age total at least 80) are entitled to a monthly benefit for life, which is calculated using a 1.61% benefit factor. Members qualifying for "Rule of 80" or "30-and-out" are entitled to an additional temporary benefit until reaching minimum Social Security age (currently age 62), which is calculated using a 0.8% benefit factor. Actuarially age-reduced retirement benefits are available with 5 to 24.9 years of service at age 55. Members who are younger than age 55 and who do not qualify under the "Rule of 80" but have between 25 and 29.9 years of service may retire with a lesser benefit factor. Members that are three years beyond normal retirement can elect to have their lifetime monthly benefits actuarially reduced in exchange for the right to also receive a one-time partial lump sum (PLSO) payment at retirement equal to 12, 24, or 36 times the Single Life benefit amount.

A Summary Plan Description detailing the provisions of the plans can be found on the Systems' website at <a href="https://www.psrs-peers.org">www.psrs-peers.org</a>.

#### D. Cost-of-Living Adjustments ("COLA"):

The Board of Trustees has established a policy of providing COLAs to both PSRS and PEERS members as follows; if the June to June change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) is less than 2% for one or more consecutive one-year periods, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted when the cumulative increase is equal to or greater than 2%, at which point the cumulative increase in the CPI-U will be reset to zero. For the following year, the starting CPI-U will be based on the June value immediately preceding the January 1 at which the 2% cost-of-living increase is granted. If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 2%, but less than 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 2% will be granted. If the June to June change in the CPI-U is greater than or equal to 5%, a cost-of-living increase of 5% will be granted. If the CPI decreases, no COLA is provided.

For any PSRS member retiring on or after July 1, 2001, such adjustments commence on the second January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. For PEERS members, such adjustments commence on the fourth January after commencement of benefits and occur annually thereafter. The total of such increases may not exceed 80% of the original benefit for any member.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 2. RETIREMENT PLAN (continued):

#### E. Contributions:

PSRS members were required to contribute 14.5% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 1% of pay.

The District's contributions to PSRS were \$112,511, \$113,148 and \$92,708 respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

PEERS members were required to contribute 6.86% of their annual covered salary during fiscal years 2022, 2023 and 2024. Employers were required to match the contributions made by employees. The contribution rate is set each year by the PSRS Board of Trustees upon the recommendation of the independent actuary within the contribution restrictions set in Section 169.030 RSMo. The annual statutory increase in the total contribution rate may not exceed 0.5% of pay.

The District's contributions to PEERS were \$17,224, \$24,804 and \$37,810 respectively, for the years ended June 30, 2022, 2023 and 2024.

#### 3. CASH:

State statutes require the District's deposits be insured or collateralized in the name of the District by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of June 30, 2024, all bank balances on deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities. Furthermore, the District has no foreign currency risk.

Cash held in the General Fund in the amount of \$6,389 is restricted for scholarships, \$2,389 is restricted for grant projects and \$567 is restricted to benefit the students. Cash held in the Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$226,071 is restricted for debt service payments. Cash held in the Capital Projects Fund includes \$2,137 of unspent bond proceeds restricted for capital asset expenditures.

#### 4. **INVESTMENTS**:

The District's investments at June 30, 2024, consisted of the following:

Investment Type	Maturity	Balance			
Missouri Capital Asset Advantage Treasury					
(MOCAAT) Program	N/A	\$	1,772,986		
Pro-rata shares of investment contracts					
with BOK Financial	N/A		39,500		
		\$	1,812,486		

A. <u>Interest Rate Risk</u>: As a means of limiting its exposure to fair value losses arising from rising interest rates, the District's investment policy mandates structuring the investment portfolio so that investments mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations thereby avoiding the need to sell investments on the open market prior to maturity.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 4. INVESTMENTS (continued):

- B. Investment Contracts with MOCAAT: The District funds on deposit with PMA Financial Network (MOCAAT) which are invested in investment contracts with credit providers whose unsecured long-term debt is rated at the time of such agreement in either of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized rating service in accordance with Section 165.051 of the Missouri Revised Statutes through the Missouri School District Direct Deposit Program. Each District investing in the program owns a pro-rata share of each investment which is held in the name of the fund. Fair market value approximates cost as the District has a pro-rata share of the fund.
- C. <a href="Investment Contracts with BOK Financial">Investment Contracts with BOK Financial</a>; which are invested in investment contracts with credit providers whose unsecured long-term debt is rated at the time of such agreement in either of the two highest rating categories by a nationally recognized rating service, in accordance with Section 165.051 and 360 of the Missouri Revised Statutes through the Missouri School District Direct Deposit Program. Each District investing in the program owns a pro-rata share of each investment, which is held in the name of the fund. Fair market value approximates cost as the District has a pro-rata share of the fund. These investments are shown in the Debt Service Fund and are restricted for debt service payments.

#### 5. TAXES:

The county in which the District is located collects property tax and remits it to the District. The District also receives sales tax collected by the state which is remitted based on eligible pupils.

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Property taxes are levied on November 1, and are payable by December 31. All unpaid taxes become delinquent January 1 of the following year.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2023, for purposes of local taxation was as follows:

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	B	ates County
Real Estate:		
Residential	\$	7,601,190
Agricultural		2,406,180
Commercial		655,060
Personal Property		5,096,990
	\$	15,759,420

The tax levy per \$100 of assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year 2023, for purposes of local taxation was as follows:

Fund	_ Ur	Unadjusted		Unadjusted		djusted
General	\$	4.2429	\$	4.2429		
Debt service		0.7500		0.7500		
	\$	4.9929	\$	4.9929		

The receipts of current and delinquent property taxes during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, aggregated approximately 100% of the current assessment computed on the basis of the levy as shown above for the calendar year 2023.

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BATES COUNTY, MISSOURI NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 6. CAPITAL ASSETS:

The capital assets activity of the District during the year ended June 30, 2024, was as follows:

	Balance June 30, 2023		 dditions	Retirements		Balance June 30, 2024	
Capital assets not depreciated:							
Land	\$	2,600	\$ -	\$	-	\$	2,600
Capital assets being depreciated:							
Buildings	2,	012,427	14,810		-		2,027,237
Vehicles		-	53,861				53,861
Equipment		84,712	 220,027				304,739
	2,	099,739	288,698		-		2,388,437
Less: Accumulated							
depreciation		782,344	 68,581				850,925
Net capital assets	<b>\$</b> 1,	317,395	\$ 220,117	\$		\$	1,537,512

Depreciation expense was charged to functions of the governmental funds as follows:

Instructional services	\$ 64,067
Supporting services:	
Transportation services	2,693
Food services	 1,821
Total depreciation expense	\$ 68,581

#### 7. BONDS PAYABLE:

The following is a summary of bond transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024:

Bonds payable July 1, 2023	\$ 385,000
Less - Bonds retired	 (80,000)
Bonds payable June 30, 2024	\$ 305,000

Bonds payable at June 30, 2024, consisted of \$305,000 Series 2020 outstanding general obligation school building bonds due in varying semi-annual installments through March 1, 2035, with variable annual interest rates of 1.00% to 3.625%. These general obligation bonds were issued on October 15, 2020, for the purpose of constructing, improving, repairing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school facilities, including HVAC in the gymnasium, and classrooms and hallways, construction of north sidewalk and awning over north entrance, new roof over gym and other projects as needed.

Interest paid on these bonds during the year ended June 30, 2024, totaled \$9,494.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 7. BONDS PAYABLE (continued):

The District has elected to participate in the program created by Senate Bill 301 administered by the Missouri Health and Educational Facilities Authority (MOHEFA) which allows the District an enhanced bond rating as well as having certain costs of issuance reimbursed. As a result of participating in this program, the District has executed a direct deposit agreement whereby a portion of state aid payments will be made to the direct deposit trustee who will then make the principal and interest payments on the bonds. At June 30, 2024, the District had \$39,500 in the 2020 escrow account. This amount is included as investments in the Debt Service Fund.

Principal and interest on general obligation bonds are liquidated through the Debt Service Fund. Debt service requirements for the outstanding bonds are as follows:

Year Ending						
June 30,	F	Principal	<u> </u>	Interest		Total
2025	\$	90,000	\$	8,694	\$	98,694
2026		10,000		7,794		17,794
2027		15,000		7,431		22,431
2028		15,000		6,888		21,888
2029		15,000		6,344		21,344
2030 - 2034		120,000		21,206		141,206
2035		40,000		1,450		41,450
	\$	305,000	\$	59,807	\$	364,807

Article VI, Section 26 (b), Constitution of Missouri, limits the outstanding amount of authorized general obligation bonds of a District to 15% of the assessed valuation of the District. The legal debt margin (excluding state-assessed railroad and utility) of the District at June 30, 2024, was:

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 2,363,913
Amount in Debt Service Fund available	
for payment of principal	226,071
General obligation bonds payable	 (305,000)
Legal debt margin	\$ 2,284,984

#### 8. RISK MANAGEMENT:

The District is exposed to various risks of loss due to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors or omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District is a member of the Missouri United School Insurance Council (MUSIC). MUSIC is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program. The District does not pay premiums to purchase insurance policies but pays an assessment to be a member of the self-sustaining risk sharing group. Part of the assessment is used to purchase excess insurance for the group as a whole. The pooling agreement requires the pool to be self-sustaining. The District believes that it is not possible to estimate the range of contingent losses to be borne by the District. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the last three years. There were no significant reductions in coverage compared to the prior year.

#### NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### 9. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES:

The District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The disbursements of funds received under these programs generally require compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the general fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the District at June 30, 2024.

The District offers post-retirement healthcare benefits to all employees who retire from the District. Retirees and their dependents may obtain coverage by paying required premium rates. The District does not pay a portion of the required premium rates for retirees; however, the premiums paid by the District for active employees are based on combined active and retiree experience, so an implicit subsidy exists. Under the District's modified cash basis of accounting, no liability for this subsidy is included in the financial statements.

#### **10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS:**

Interfund transfers, the flow of assets from one fund to another where repayment is not expected, are reported as transfers in and out. The District is required to make a transfer from the General Fund to the Teachers' Fund to cover the excess of disbursements over receipts each year. The District is also allowed to make transfers from the General Fund to the Capital Projects Fund to cover disbursements and build balances as allowed by state law. During the year ended June 30, 2024, the District made the following interfund transfers:

		TRANSFERS TO					
	Speci	Capital Projects					
TRANSFERS FROM	_ (Teac	Fund					
General Fund	\$	22,711	N/A				

#### 11. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS:

There are instances where current board members are related to staff employed by the District. It appears the District is in compliance with state statutes regarding member voting.

#### 12. DATE OF MANAGEMENT'S REVIEW:

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 19, 2024, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Education Ballard School District of Bates County, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District, as of and for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 19, 2024.

#### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified a deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2024-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

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

#### **District's Response to Findings**

Government Auditing Standards require the auditor to perform limited procedures on the District's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

#### **Purpose of This Report**

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

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 19, 2024

SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS'
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

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

#### 2024-001 Segregation of Duties

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: The District is not able to segregate the duties of employees to all phases of an accounting transaction.

<u>Criteria</u>: Adequate segregation of non-compatible duties is important for a sound and efficient internal control system.

<u>Effect</u>: Errors and irregularities may result from this lack of segregation of employee duties and responsibilities.

<u>Cause</u>: Because of a limited number of available personnel, it is not always possible to adequately segregate certain incompatible duties so no employee has access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

<u>Recommendation</u>: Efficient segregation of duties in a small governmental environment is often difficult; however, we feel the governing body and District management should be aware of the risk associated with this lack of duty segregation and attempt to exercise as much oversight control in these areas as possible and feasible.

<u>District's Response</u>: The District is aware of the lack of segregation, and much effort is put into providing as much oversight as possible.

#### COMPLIANCE

None

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

#### 2023-001 Segregation of Duties

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: The District is not able to segregate the duties of employees to all phases of an accounting transaction.

<u>Criteria</u>: Adequate segregation of non-compatible duties is important for a sound and efficient internal control system.

<u>Effect</u>: Errors and irregularities may result from this lack of segregation of employee duties and responsibilities.

<u>Cause</u>: Because of a limited number of available personnel, it is not always possible to adequately segregate certain incompatible duties so no employee has access to both physical assets and the related accounting records or to all phases of a transaction.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend implementing secondary reviews of daily accounting procedures. Efficient segregation of duties in a small governmental environment is often difficult; however, we feel the governing body and District management should be aware of the risk associated with this lack of duty segregation and attempt to exercise as much oversight control in these areas as possible and feasible.

<u>District's Response</u>: The District is aware of the lack of segregation, and much effort is put into providing as much oversight as possible.

June 30, 2024 Follow-up: This is still a finding.

#### **COMPLIANCE**

None

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Pevenuee		Budgeted Original	I Am	ounts Final	_	Actual Amounts	Final Po	nce with Budget - sitive gative)
Revenues	Φ.	040 407	Φ	4 077 570	Φ	4 077 570	Φ	
Local	\$	646,107	\$	1,077,578	\$	1,077,578	\$	-
County		63,000		66,920		66,920		-
State		127,760		141,174		141,174		-
Federal		69,348		82,390		82,390		
Total revenues		906,215		1,368,062	_	1,368,062		
Expenditures								
Instructional services								
Regular		67,427		46,130		46,130		-
Special		26,954		34,228		34,228		-
Vocational		13,000		15,734		15,734		-
Student activities		65,300		76,957		76,957		-
Supporting services								
Students		37,125		30,636		30,636		-
Instructional staff		47,550		88,024		88,024		-
Building administration		37,140		35,392		35,392		-
General administration		79,825		75,631		75,631		-
Operation and maintenance of facilities		174,533		186,431		186,431		-
Transportation		148,872		138,550		138,550		-
Food service		95,275		99,629		99,629		-
Other services								
Community services		15,667		21,563	_	21,563		-
Total expenditures		808,668		848,905		848,905		<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures		97,547		519,157		519,157		<u>-</u>
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfer out		-		(22,711)		(22,711)		-
Total other financing sources (uses)		-		(22,711)	_	(22,711)		
Net change in fund balances		97,547		496,446		496,446		-
Fund balances - beginning		1,410,336		1,410,336		1,410,336		
Fund balances - ending	\$	1,507,883	\$	1,906,782	\$	1,906,782	\$	

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - TEACHERS' FUND SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted	Amo	ounts		Actual	Final Po	nce with Budget - sitive
	 Original		Final		Amounts	(Ne	gative)
Revenues							
Local	\$ 141,968	\$	154,445	\$	154,445	\$	-
County	11,000		7,552		7,552		-
State	691,853		854,503		854,503		-
Federal	 85,047		134,883		134,883		-
Total revenues	 929,868		1,151,383		1,151,383		
Expenditures							
Instructional services:							
Regular	521,362		682,174		682,174		-
Special	103,672		102,484		102,484		-
Vocational	101,173		102,502		102,502		-
Student activities	10,804		16,305		16,305		-
Payments to other districts	12,000		4,000		4,000		-
Supporting services:							
Students	50,186		57,017		57,017		-
Instructional staff	51,887		34,667		34,667		-
Building administration	65,845		66,158		66,158		-
General administration	96,714		108,787		108,787		-
Other services:							
Community services	 6,011						
Total expenditures	 1,019,654		1,174,094	_	1,174,094		-
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	 (89,786)		(22,711)		(22,711)		
Other financing sources (uses)							
Transfer in	-		22,711		22,711		-
Total other financing sources (uses)	 -		22,711		22,711		
Net change in fund balances	(89,786)		-		-		-
Fund balances - beginning	 			_			
Fund balances - ending	\$ (89,786)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - DEBT SERVICE FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Budgeted	d Amounts	Actual	Variance with Final Budget - Positive
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Negative)
Revenues				
Local	\$ 103,012	\$ 147,808	\$ 147,808	\$ -
County	11,000	14,654	14,654	
Total revenues	114,012	162,462	162,462	
Expenditures				
Other services:				
Principal	101,250	80,000	80,000	-
Interest	9,809	9,494	9,494	-
Other	800	317	317	
Total expenditures	111,859	89,811	89,811	
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures	2,153	72,651	72,651	<del></del>
Net change in fund balances	2,153	72,651	72,651	-
Fund balances - beginning	153,420	153,420	153,420	
Fund balances - ending	<u>\$ 155,573</u>	\$ 226,071	\$ 226,071	<u> </u>

# BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES MODIFIED CASH BASIS - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		Budgeted	l Amo			Actual	Final Po	nce with Budget - ositive
_		riginal		Final	<u>A</u>	mounts	(INE	gative)
Revenues								
Local	\$	6,280	\$	100,992	\$	100,992	\$	-
State		35,000		283,198		283,198		-
Federal		-		8,539		8,539		-
Total revenues	·	41,280		392,729		392,729		
Expenditures								
Instructional services:								
Vocational		700		-		-		-
Supporting services:								
Instructional staff		-		80,703		80,703		-
General administration		-		121,459		121,459		-
Operation and maintenance of facilities		5,000		90,042		90,042		-
Transportation		-		53,863		53,863		-
Food service		2,000		10,112		10,112		-
Total expenditures		7,700		356,179		356,179		-
Excess of revenues (under) expenditures		33,580		36,550		36,550		
Net change in fund balances		33,580		36,550		36,550		-
Fund balances - beginning		116,164		116,164		116,164		
Fund balances - ending	\$	149,744	\$	152,714	\$	152,714	\$	

## BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT COMBINED SCHEDULE OF REVENUES COLLECTED BY SOURCE MODIFIED CASH BASIS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

		General ncidental) Fund		Special Revenue Teachers') Fund		Debt Service Fund	F	Capital Projects Building) Fund	(Me	Total emorandum Only)
LOCAL										
Current taxes	\$	668,476	\$	-	\$	118,151	\$	-	\$	786,627
Delinquent taxes		88,860		- 151 115		14,881		-		103,741
School district trust fund (Prop C) Financial institution tax		31		154,445		-		-		154,445 31
M & M surtax		1,774				_		_		1,774
In lieu of tax		- 1,774		_		_		12,561		12,561
Earnings from temporary deposits		71,428		_		14,776		-		86,204
Food service program - sales to pupils		19,147		-		,_		-		19,147
Food service program - sales to adults		2,642		-		-		-		2,642
Food service non-program		132		-		-		-		132
Student activities		73,789		-		-		-		73,789
PK tuition from parents		1,465		-		-		-		1,465
Rental		575		-		-		-		575
Gifts		530		-		-		-		530
Miscellaneous local revenue		148,729		-				88,431		237,160
Total local	_	1,077,578		154,445		147,808		100,992		1,480,823
COUNTY				7,552						7,552
Fines, escheats, etc.		66,920		- 1,552		14,654		-		81,574
State assessed utilities			_							
Total county		66,920		7,552		14,654				89,126
STATE										
Basic formula - state monies		17		692,335		-		-		692,352
Transportation		75,880		-		-		-		75,880
Early childhood special education Basic formula - classroom trust fund		9,987		-		-		44,988		9,987 44,988
Educational screening program/PAT		5,976		-		-		44,900		5,976
Small schools grant		43,274		_				_		43,274
Career education		3,698		-		-		-		3,698
Food service - State		374		_		_		_		374
Teacher baseline grant		-		162,168		_		_		162,168
School safety grant		_		-		_		50,000		50,000
Other state		1,968		_		_		188,210		190,178
Total state	-	141,174		854,503		-		283,198		1,278,875
FEDERAL										
State administered										
Medicaid		4,350		-		-		-		4,350
ARP - ESSER III		(83)		70,783		-		-		70,700
CRRSA - ESSER II		841		-		-		-		841
CRRSA - GEER II		1,000		-		-		-		1,000
ARP - IDEA 611 entitlement funds		594				-		-		594
IDEA entitlement funds, Part B IDEA		-		22,206		-		-		22,206
Early childhood special education		1,327		-		-		-		1,327
ARP - IDEA early childhood special education		371		-		-		- 0 E20		371
National school lunch equipment National school lunch program		42,995		-		-		8,539		8,539 42,995
School breakfast program		16,545		-		-		_		16,545
Title I, ESEA		10,545		33,237		-		-		33,237
Title IV.A, Student support & academic enrichment		_		3,219		_		_		3,219
Title II, ESEA - Teacher & principal		-		4,338		-		-		4,338
Title V, Part B rural education initiative		13,775		-		_		_		13,775
Other federal		675		1,100		_		_		1,775
	_		_		_			8,539		
Total federal		82,390	_	134,883				0,009		225,812
Total revenue	\$	1,368,062	\$	1,151,383	\$	162,462	\$	392,729	\$	3,074,636



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#### **INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

To the Board of Education Ballard School District of Bates County, Missouri

We have examined the District's compliance with the requirements of Missouri laws and regulations regarding budgetary and disbursement procedures; accurate disclosure of the District's attendance records of average daily attendance, standard day length, resident membership on the last Wednesday of September; pupil transportation records of the average daily transportation of pupils eligible and ineligible for state aid, the number of miles eligible and ineligible for state aid; and other statutory requirements as listed in the Schedule of Selected Statistics during the year ended June 30, 2024. District management is responsible for the District's compliance with the specified requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we plan and perform the examination to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the District complied, in all material respects, with the specified requirements referenced above. An examination involves performing procedures to obtain evidence about whether the District complied with the specified requirements. The nature, timing, and extent of the procedures selected depend on our judgment, including an assessment of the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error. We believe that the evidence we obtained through our examination is sufficient and appropriate to provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to the examination engagement.

Our examination engagement does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with the specified requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the aforementioned requirements for the year ended June 30, 2024, except as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as findings 2024-002 and 2024-003.

The District's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Education, District management, and the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

DSWA Certified Public Accountants. P.C.

Butler, Missouri December 19, 2024

## SCHEDULE OF CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

#### **Budget**

#### 2024-002 Budget Compliance

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: In the original budget, the District budgeted more expenses than revenue resulting in a negative ending fund balance in the teacher's fund. District failed to budget transfers.

<u>Criteria:</u> RSMo. 67 states that a District may not budget for a negative fund balance in any fund.

Effect: The District is out of compliance with RSMo. Chapter 67.

<u>Cause:</u> The District did not properly budget for transfers, resulting in a negative ending fund balance in the teacher's fund.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the District verify and approve budget transfers to ensure the budgeted amounts do not result in a negative ending fund balance in any of the funds.

District's Response: We will review the future budgets to verify that we are in compliance.

#### **Attendance**

None

#### **Transportation**

None

#### **Other Compliance**

#### 2024-003 Salary Reporting in Core Data

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: As part of our testing, we traced a sample of educator salaries to Core Data where said information is reported to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We noted one instance in which an educators' extra duty payments were not properly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Criteria:</u> DESE requires all educators' salaries to be correctly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Effect:</u> These errors appear to have led to incorrect data being reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Cause:</u> The District did not ensure all educators' extra duty payments were reported accurately in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the District consider a secondary review of salary entry into Core Data to ensure all educators' salaries are reported accurately.

<u>District's Response:</u> In the future, we will review the reported salaries closer to ensure that all educators' salaries and extra duty contracts are reported accurately.

## SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND RESPONSES TO THE INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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None

#### **Attendance**

None

#### **Transportation**

None

#### **Other Compliance**

#### 2023-002 Salary Reporting in Core Data

<u>Statement of Condition</u>: As part of our testing, we traced a sample of educator salaries to Core Data where said information is reported to the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). We noted two instances in which an educators' extra duty payments were not properly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Criteria:</u> DESE requires all educators' salaries to be correctly reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Effect:</u> These errors appear to have led to incorrect data being reported in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Cause:</u> The District did not ensure all educators' extra duty payments were reported accurately in the October cycle of Core Data.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend the District consider a secondary review of salary entry into Core Data to ensure all educators' salaries are reported accurately.

<u>District's Response:</u> In the future, we will review the reported salaries closer to ensure that all educators 'salaries and extra duty contracts are reported accurately.

June 30, 2024 Follow-Up: This is still a finding.

### 1. **Calendar** (Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033 RSMo)

Report each unique calendar the district/charter school has as defined by Sections 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo.

School Code	Begin Grade	End Grade	Half Day Indicator	Standard Day Length	Days	Hours in Session
4020	K	6		7.3830	145	1,058.0666
1050	7	12		7.3830	145	1,058.0666

Notes:	

#### 2. Attendance Hours

Report the total attendance hours of PK-12 students allowed to be claimed for the calculation of Average Daily Attendance.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time Hours	Part-Time Hours	Remedial Hours	Other Hours	Summer School Hours	Total Hours
4020	K	5,878.3331	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	5,878.3331
4020	1	9,979.1831	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	9,979.1831
4020	2	5,978.7163	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	5,978.7163
4020	3	2,907.9499	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	2,907.9499
4020	4	11,016.2998	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	11,016.2998
4020	5	12,664.3996	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	12,664.3996
4020	6	9,741.6996	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	9,741.6996
1050	7	10,999.8995	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	10,999.8995
1050	8	8,945.8666	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	8,945.8666
1050	9	16,245.6161	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	16,245.6161
1050	10	6,719.0664	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	6,719.0664
1050	11	4,288.2999	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	4,288.2999
1050	12	6,315.9500	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	6,315.9500
Grand Total		111,681.2799	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	111,681.2799

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#### 3. September Membership

Report the FTE count of resident students in grades PK-12 taken the last Wednesday in September who are enrolled on the count day **and** in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days, by grade at each attendance center. This count should only include PK students marked as being eligible to be claimed for state aid in the October MOSIS Student Core File.

School Code	Grade Level	Full-Time	Part-Time	Other	Total
4020	PK	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.09
4020	К	6.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
4020	1	10.03	0.00	0.00	10.03
4020	2	6.00	0.00	0.00	6.00
4020	3	3.03	0.00	0.00	3.03
4020	4	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
4020	5	12.00	0.00	0.00	12.00
4020	6	9.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
1050	7	11.00	0.00	0.00	11.00
1050	8	9.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
1050	9	17.00	0.00	0.00	17.00
1050	10	7.03	0.00	0.00	7.03
1050	11	4.00	0.00	0.00	4.00
1050	12	7.00	0.00	0.00	7.00
Grand Total		112.18	0.00	0.00	112.18

Notes:			

#### 4. Free and Reduced Priced Lunch FTE Count (Section 163.011(6), RSMo)

Report the FTE count taken the last Wednesday in January of resident students enrolled in grades K-12 and in attendance at least 1 of the 10 previous school days whose eligibility for free or reduced lunch is documented through the application process using federal eligibility guidelines or through the direct certification process. Desegregation students are considered residents of the district in which the students are educated.

School Code	Free Lunch	Reduced Lunch	Deseg In Free	Deseg In Reduced	Total
4020	31.00	1.00	N/A	N/A	32.00
1050	30.00	3.00	N/A	N/A	33.00
Grand Total	61.00	4.00	N/A	N/A	65.00

Notes:					

#### 5. Finance

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer
5.1	The district/charter school maintained a calendar in accordance with 160.041, 171.029, 171.031, and 171.033, RSMo and all attendance hours were reported.	True
5.2	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation and reporting by category of Average Daily Attendance, which includes the reporting of calendar and attendance hours, for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations. Sampling of records included those students receiving instruction in the following categories:	True
	Academic Programs Off-Campus	N/A
	Career Exploration Program – Off Campus	N/A
	Cooperative Occupational Education (COE) or Supervised Occupational Experience Program	N/A
	Dual enrollment	N/A
	Homebound instruction	N/A
	Missouri Options	N/A
	Prekindergarten eligible to be claimed for state aid	N/A
	Remediation	N/A
	Sheltered Workshop participation	N/A
	Students participating in the school flex program	N/A
	Traditional instruction (full and part-time students)	True
	Virtual instruction (MOCAP or other option)	True
	Work Experience for Students with Disabilities	N/A
5.3	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance records allowing for the accurate calculation of September Membership for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.4	The district/charter school maintained complete and accurate attendance and other applicable records allowing for the accurate reporting of the State FTE count for Free and Reduced Lunch for all students in accordance with all applicable state rules and regulations.	True
5.5	As required by Section 162.401, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the district's school treasurer or as required by Section 160.405, RSMo, a bond was purchased for the charter schools chief financial officer or an insurance policy issued by an insurance company that proves coverage in the event of employee theft in the total amount of:	\$50,000

### 5. Finance (continued)

Section	Question	Answer
5.6	The district's/charter school's deposits were secured during the year as required by Sections 110.010 and 110.020, RSMo., and the Missouri Financial Accounting Manual.	True
5.7	The district maintained a separate bank account for all Debt Service Fund monies in accordance with Section 108.180 and 165.011, RSMo. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
5.8	Salaries reported for educators in the October MOSIS Educator Core and Educator School files are supported by complete and accurate payroll and contract records. This includes payments for Teacher Baseline Salary Grants and Career Ladder if applicable.	False
5.9	If a \$162,326 or 7% x SAT x WADA transfer was made in excess of adjusted expenditures, the board approved a resolution to make the transfer, which identified the specific projects to be funded by the transfer and an expected expenditure date for the projects to be undertaken. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	N/A
5.10	The district/charter school published a summary of the prior year's audit report within thirty days of the receipt of the audit pursuant to Section 165.121, RSMo.	True
5.11	The district has a professional development committee plan adopted by the board with the professional development committee plan identifying the expenditure of seventy-five percent (75%) of one percent (1%) of the current year basic formula apportionment. Remaining 25% of 1% if not spent must be restricted and spent on appropriate expenditures in the future. (Not applicable to charter schools.)	True
5.12	The amount spent for approved professional development committee plan activities was:	\$6,990
5.13	The district has posted, at least quarterly, a searchable expenditure and revenue document or database detailing actual income, expenditures, and disbursement for the current calendar or fiscal year on the district or school website or other form of social media as required by Section 160.066, RSMo.	True
Notes:		
All above "	False" answers <u>must</u> be supported by a finding or management letter comme	ent.
Finding:	5.8 – see finding 2024-003	
Managem	nent Letter Comment:	

#### **6. Transportation** (Section 163.161, RSMo)

Answer the following questions with an appropriate response of true, false, or N/A unless otherwise noted.

Section	Question	Answer	ř
6.1	The school transportation allowable costs substantially conform to 5 CSR 30-261.040, Allowable Costs for State Transportation Aid.	True	
6.2	The district's/charter school's pupil transportation ridership records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the average number of regular riders transported.	True	
6.3	Based on the ridership records, the average number of students (non-disabled K-12, K-12 students with disabilities and career education) transported on a regular basis (ADT) was:		
	Eligible ADT		94.0
	Ineligible ADT		6.5
6.4	The district's/charter school's transportation odometer mileage records are maintained in a manner to accurately disclose in all material respects the eligible and ineligible mileage for the year.	True	
6.5	Actual odometer records show the total district/charter-operated and contracted mileage for the year was:		45,590
6.6	Of this total, the eligible non-disabled and students with disabilities route miles and the ineligible non-route and disapproved miles (combined) was:		
	Eligible Miles		30,239
	Ineligible Miles (Non-Route/Disapproved)		15,351
6.7	Number of days the district/charter school operated the school transportation system during the regular school year:		141
Notes:			
∖ll above '	"False" answers <u>must</u> be supported by a finding or management letter commo	ent.	
Finding:			
Manager	ment Letter Comment: 6.4 – See Management Letter comment A.		