

West Branch Area School District

Financial Statements and Supplementary Information

June 30, 2024

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Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
West Branch Area School District

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

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

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activity, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the 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 (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). 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 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

As discussed in Notes 1 and 17, the District adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 100, effective July 1, 2023. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the 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 GAAS 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 GAAS 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 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 the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

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

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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* 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 schedule of expenditures of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The General Fund schedule of revenues, expenditures and change in fund balance (pages 62-63) has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 12, 2025 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.

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Management Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

June 30, 2024

The discussion and analysis of the financial performance of West Branch Area School District (the District) provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The intent of this discussion is to review the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements to enhance the reader's understanding of the District's financial performance.

The Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments* issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

Financial Highlights

Total net position (deficit) of the District at the close of the most recent fiscal year was \$(2,423,356). The Capital Projects Fund restricted fund balance in the amount of \$8,389,763 is for the Elementary Renovation Project including a complete renovation to the current structure and addition of a music and STEM classrooms and a new large group instruction area.

The District's total net position improved by \$2,414,218. Net position of governmental activities improved by \$2,394,254 while net position of the business-type activity improved by \$19,964.

As of the close of the fiscal year, the District's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$19,650,175, an improvement of \$9,587,890 from the prior year. \$2,077,046 of this amount is available for spending at the District's discretion (General Fund Unassigned Fund Balance) while \$8,389,763 of this amount must be used for capital projects in accordance with Section 1432 of the Municipal Code. The District has also restricted \$42,285 for student activities and scholarships. The District has committed \$9,055,963 of the General Fund Balance for future costs of contributions to the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS) and for future capital projects. The District has assigned \$34,094 for athletics and band uniforms. The District also has \$51,024 of restricted funds related to a special education compensatory fund, and for future dental insurance costs.

At the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$2,077,046, or 9.8% of the 2024-2025 total budgeted General Fund expenditures.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This annual report consists of three parts: management discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and the required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the District:

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements, the statement of net position (deficit) and the statement of activities. These provide both long-term and short-term information about the District's overall financial status.

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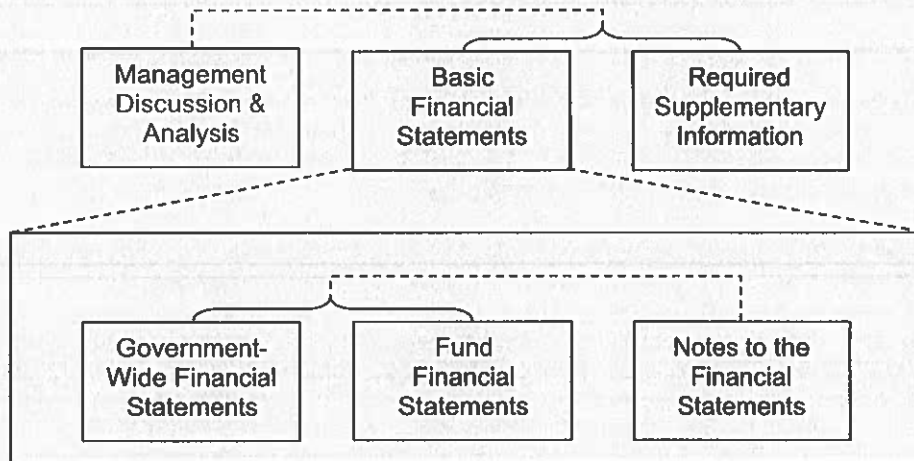
The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the District's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements. The governmental fund statements tell how general District services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. Proprietary fund statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about the activities the District operates similar to business in the private sector, which for the District is the Food Service Fund.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of the Financial Section are arranged and relate to one another:

Figure A-1

Required Components of the District's Financial Report



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Figure A-2 summarizes the major features of the District's financial statements, including the portion of the District they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of the management's discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

Figure A-2
Major Features of the District's
Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Statements		
	Government-Wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds
Scope	Entire District	The activities of the District that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as education, administration and student activities	The activities the District operates similar to private business - Food Services
Required Financial Statements	Statement of Net Position (Deficit), Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	Balance Sheet, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flows
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	All assets, capital assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, capital leases, and short & long-term notes	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long term debt included	All assets, capital assets, liabilities, capital leases, and short & long-term notes
Type of Inflow - Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during the year; regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenue for which cash is received during or after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during the year; regardless of when cash is received or paid

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Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the District as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position (deficit) includes all of the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's revenue and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the District's net position (deficit) and how it has changed. Net position (deficit), the difference between the District's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, are one way to measure the District's financial health or position.

Over time, increases or decreases in the District's net position (deficit) are indications of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.

To assess the overall health of the District, you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors, such as changes to the District's property tax base and the performance of the students.

The government-wide financial statements of the District are divided into two categories:

Governmental Activities - All of the District's basic services are included here, such as instruction, administration and student activities. Property taxes and state and federal subsidies as well as grants finance most of these activities.

Business-Type Activities - The District operates a food service program and charges fees to staff, students and visitors to help cover the costs of operation.

Fund Financial Statements

The District's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the District as a whole. Some funds are required by law and by bond issue requirements.

Governmental Funds - Most of the District's activities are reported in the governmental funds, which focus on the determination of financial position and change in financial position, not on income determination. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the District's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the District's programs. The relationship (or differences) between governments activities (reported in the statement of net position (deficit) and the statement of activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Proprietary Funds - These funds are used to account for the District's activities that are similar to business operations in the private sector; or where the reporting is on determining net income, financial position, changes in the financial position and a significant portion of funding is received through user charges. When the District charges customers for services it provides - whether to outside customers or to other units in the District - these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. The Food Service Fund is the District's proprietary fund and is the same as the business-type activity we report in the government-wide statements, but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows.

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Government-Wide Financial Analysis

The District's Total Net Position (Deficit) was **negative \$(2,423,356)** at June 30, 2024 as compared to **negative \$(4,837,574)** at June 30, 2023. Table A-1 provides a condensed comparison of the years.

The District does not operate its own pension plan, but is a mandatory participant in the Public School Employees' Retirement System (PSERS). Each year PSERS calculates its own Net Pension Liability and assigns a portion of this Net Pension Liability to the participating employers.

Of the District's \$(2,423,356) in governmental activities net position (deficit), \$1,165,656 is invested in capital assets (buildings, land, land improvements and equipment, net of related debt). The remaining net position (deficit) is a combination of restricted and unrestricted amounts. The District has the following balances as of June 30, 2024: \$8,483,072 is restricted for the Capital Projects, Dental Care and Compensatory Fund. The remaining negative \$(12,517,902) is unrestricted.

Table A-1
Net Position (Deficit) (Government-Wide)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total
Assets						
Current and other assets	\$ 13,650,682	\$ 437,426	\$ 14,088,108	\$ 13,140,421	\$ 417,217	\$ 13,557,638
Noncurrent assets	24,135,880	124,778	24,260,658	13,828,238	148,915	13,977,153
Total assets	37,786,562	562,204	38,348,766	26,968,659	566,132	27,534,791
Deferred Outflows	4,412,659	18,568	4,431,227	3,996,541	17,258	4,013,799
Total assets and deferred outflows	<u>\$ 42,199,221</u>	<u>\$ 580,772</u>	<u>\$ 42,779,993</u>	<u>\$ 30,965,200</u>	<u>\$ 583,390</u>	<u>\$ 31,548,590</u>
Liabilities						
Current liabilities	\$ 2,634,629	\$ 30,943	\$ 2,665,572	\$ 2,611,655	\$ 45,703	\$ 2,657,358
Long-term liabilities:						
Due within one year	1,027,565	-	1,027,565	1,011,222	-	1,011,222
Due after one year	39,348,694	98,232	39,446,926	29,898,626	103,455	30,002,081
Total liabilities	43,010,888	129,175	43,140,063	33,521,503	149,158	33,670,661
Deferred Inflows	2,057,507	5,779	2,063,286	2,707,125	8,378	2,715,503
Net Position (Deficit)						
Net investment in capital assets	1,165,656	124,778	1,290,434	8,913,229	148,915	9,062,144
Restricted	8,483,072	18,430	8,501,502	273,310	26,104	299,414
Unrestricted (deficit)	(12,517,902)	302,610	(12,215,292)	(14,449,967)	250,835	(14,199,132)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>(2,869,174)</u>	<u>445,818</u>	<u>(2,423,356)</u>	<u>(5,263,428)</u>	<u>425,854</u>	<u>(4,837,574)</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows and net position (deficit)	<u>\$ 42,199,221</u>	<u>\$ 580,772</u>	<u>\$ 42,779,993</u>	<u>\$ 30,965,200</u>	<u>\$ 583,390</u>	<u>\$ 31,548,590</u>

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The results of this year's operations as a whole are reported in the statement of activities. All expenses are reported in the first column. Specific charges, grants, revenues and subsidies that directly relate to specific expense categories are represented to determine the final amount of the District's activities that are supported by other general revenues. The two largest general revenues are the Basic Education Subsidy provided by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the local taxes assessed to community taxpayers.

Table A-2 takes the information from the statement of activities and rearranges it slightly so you can see the total revenues for the year.

Table A-2
Statement of Activities (Government-Wide)
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2024			2023		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total
Revenues						
Program revenues:						
Charges for services	\$ 29,674	\$ 116,536	\$ 146,210	\$ 31,158	\$ 180,367	\$ 211,525
Operating grants and contributions	7,551,283	641,911	8,193,194	7,434,769	549,224	7,983,993
General revenues:						
General taxes	5,619,415	-	5,619,415	5,246,430	-	5,246,430
Grants, subsidies and contributions, unrestricted	8,537,497	-	8,537,497	8,027,982	-	8,027,982
Other	1,203,725	10,143	1,213,868	300,906	5,583	306,489
Total revenues	22,941,594	768,590	23,710,184	21,041,245	735,174	21,776,419
Expenses						
Instruction	12,244,216	-	12,244,216	10,956,789	-	10,956,789
Instructional student support	1,492,509	-	1,492,509	1,571,169	-	1,571,169
Administration and financial support	1,891,847	-	1,891,847	1,467,046	-	1,467,046
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,680,863	-	2,680,863	2,642,666	-	2,642,666
Pupil transportation	1,231,685	-	1,231,685	1,189,585	-	1,189,585
Student activities	592,649	-	592,649	600,786	-	600,786
Interest of long-term debt	413,571	-	413,571	67,634	-	67,634
Food services	-	748,626	748,626	-	733,753	733,753
Total expenses	20,547,340	748,626	21,295,966	18,495,675	733,753	19,229,428
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ 2,394,254	\$ 19,964	\$ 2,414,218	\$ 2,545,570	\$ 1,421	\$ 2,546,991

Other revenue increased in the current year by \$907,379 compared to the prior year. This was due to the banks interest rates increasing due to the market prime rate increasing which led to better returns for the District.

Instruction expenses increased approximately \$1,290,000 or 12% compared to the prior year. This was due to an increase in personnel costs, special education costs and vocational education expenses. Administration and financial support services increased approximately \$425,000 or 29% compared to prior year. This was due to debt issuance expenses. Interest on long-term debt increased approximately \$346,000 or 511% compared to prior year. This was due to new debt issuance at the beginning of fiscal year 2024.

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Tables A-3 and A-4 below present the expenses of both the Governmental Activities and the Business-Type Activity of the District.

Table A-3 shows the District's seven largest functions - instructional programs, instructional student support, administrative, operation and maintenance of plant, pupil transportation, student activities and interest of long-term debt as well as each program's net cost (total cost less revenues generated by the activities). This table shows the net costs offset by other unrestricted grants, subsidies and contributions to show the remaining financial needs supported by local taxes and other miscellaneous revenues.

Table A-3
Governmental Activities
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2024		2023	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Functions/Programs				
Instruction	\$ 12,244,216	\$ 6,160,937	\$ 10,956,789	\$ 5,027,130
Instruction student support	1,492,509	1,481,997	1,571,169	1,557,011
Administration and financial support	1,891,847	1,891,847	1,467,046	1,467,046
Operation and maintenance of plant	2,680,863	2,680,863	2,642,666	2,642,666
Pupil transportation	1,231,685	85,650	1,189,585	368,423
Student activities	592,649	294,786	600,786	168,859
Interest of long-term debt	413,571	370,303	67,634	(201,387)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 20,547,340</u>	12,966,383	<u>\$ 18,495,675</u>	11,029,748
Less unrestricted grants and subsidies		(8,537,497)		(8,027,982)
Total		<u>\$ 4,428,886</u>		<u>\$ 3,001,766</u>

Table A-4 reflects the activities of the Food Service program, the only Business-Type Activity of the District.

Table A-4
Business-Type Activity
Fiscal Year Ended June 30

	2024		2023	
	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost of Services	Net Cost of Services
Functions/Programs				
Food services	\$ 748,626	\$ (9,821)	\$ 733,753	\$ 4,162
Investment earnings		(10,143)		(5,583)
Total		<u>\$ (19,964)</u>		<u>\$ (1,421)</u>

The statement of revenues, expenses and change in net position for this proprietary fund will further detail the actual results of operations.

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Financial Analysis of the Government Funds

As noted earlier, the District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds - The focus of the District's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the District's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a district's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of the end of the year, the District's governmental funds reported combined ending fund balances of \$19,650,175 which is an increase of \$9,587,890 (95.3%) from the prior year.

The General Fund is the chief operating fund of the District. At the end of the fiscal year, the unassigned fund balance of the General Fund was \$2,077,046. As a measure of the General Fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare the General Fund's unassigned fund balance to total budgeted expenditures of the next fiscal year. The unassigned fund balance represents 9.8% of the 2024-2025 budgeted expenditures, which is in line with the Government Finance Officers Association recommended range. During the fiscal year, the District's General Fund total fund balances increased by \$1,296,571. Key factors that contributed to this increase were as follows:

Revenues:

Overall, the District received 106% of the budgeted revenues. Local, state and federal revenues were greater than budgeted.

Expenditures:

Most expenditures were in line or under budget with respect to the budgetary functions. The major exceptions to this are the following:

- Regular programs was \$103,177 more than budgeted.
- Special programs was \$338,202 more than budgeted.
- Central was \$237,086 more than budgeted.
- Student activities was \$67,026 more than budgeted.

Overall, the District expended 99.5% of the budgeted expenditures.

Significant budget variances are addressed at Table A-5 and the narrative that follows.

The District also operated a Capital Projects Fund which is authorized under Section 1432 of the Municipal Code. Expenditures from this fund are limited to: capital improvements, replacement of and additions to public works and improvements, for deferred maintenance thereof, and for the purchase or the replacement of school buses, and for no other purpose.

The District's Capital Projects total fund balance was \$8,389,763 at June 30, 2024. It increased by \$8,281,132 over the prior year. The District will allocate the majority of these funds for a new project within the guidelines of Section 1432 in the near future.

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General Fund Budget

During the fiscal year, the District Board of Directors (the Board) may authorize revisions to the original budget to accommodate differences from the original budget to the actual expenditures of the District. All adjustments are again confirmed after the Annual Financial Report (AFR) is substantially completed, which is after the end of the fiscal year, as permitted by state law. A schedule showing the District's original and final budget amounts compared with the amounts actually paid and received is provided on page 22 of the financial statements. There were no revisions to the original budget in the current fiscal year.

The District applies for federal, state and local grants and these grants cannot always be anticipated during the budget process. If additional grants are received during the year, these grants are added to the revenue and expenditure budgets.

The Budgetary Reserve is used for opportunities or expenditures for improvements and enhancements to District operations that were unforeseen at the time the budget was adopted. The budget called for the use of \$124,170 from the budgetary reserve for the 2023-2024 school year. The 2023-2024 actual results added \$1,403,571 to the budgetary reserve before transfers.

Significant Budget Variances

Table A-5 reflects the Budget Variances for both Revenues and Expenditures. In an effort to reduce the need for an increased local tax effort, revenues are budgeted conservatively, while expenditures are budgeted aggressively. An explanation of the differences is stated below.

Table A-5
General Fund
Actual to Budget Variances
Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Actual as % of Budget
Revenues				
6000 Local sources	\$ 6,286,398	\$ 6,695,589	\$ 409,191	106.51 %
7000 State sources	13,056,954	13,757,682	700,728	105.37
8000 Federal sources	1,519,395	1,786,196	266,801	117.56
Total revenues and sources	20,862,747	22,239,467	1,376,720	106.60
Expenditures				
1000 Instruction	12,463,406	12,595,996	(132,590)	101.06
2000 Support services	6,550,208	6,324,437	225,771	96.55
3000 Noninstructional	437,893	504,919	(67,026)	115.31
4000 Facilities	-	42,096	(42,096)	(100.00)
5000 Debt Service	1,480,410	1,368,448	111,962	92.44
Total expenditures and uses	20,931,917	20,835,896	96,021	99.54
(Deficiency) excess of revenues (under) over expenditures	\$ (69,170)	\$ 1,403,571	\$ 1,472,741	(2,029.16)

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Revenues

Local Revenues:

Earned income tax revenue was up 15%, or \$103,944, from budget. Revenues from interest income earned on bank accounts at the District were up \$358,876 more than budgeted. This was due to the District not being able to predict the interest rates that would be available during the fiscal year.

State Revenues:

The state provides reimbursements and grants for several different programs and services that the District provides to students. Each reimbursement or grant is budgeted prior to the final state budget being approved. Due to this timing concern, state revenues, similar to local revenues, are budgeted conservatively. The basic education subsidy was over budget by approximately \$269,000. Both the special education subsidy and pupil transportation subsidy were also under budget by approximately \$250,000 each.

Federal Revenues:

The District received \$110,665 more in Title IA low income funding than budgeted during the fiscal year..

Expenditures

The majority of the budgeted expenditure figures are estimates. Furthermore, the District has limited or no control over several significantly large expenditures such as tuition for cyber schools and tuition for approved special education private schools. The 2023-2024 Special programs of expenditures was \$338,202 or 12% over budget. The most significant deviation of actual under budgeted expenditure was experienced in salaries and wages where the District budgeted more than necessary. This was due to the changing of several staff members.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets:

The District's investment in capital assets for its governmental and business-type activity as of June 30, 2024 is summarized below.

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total
Land	\$ 12,292	\$ -	\$ 12,292
Construction in progress	1,431,836	-	1,431,836
Buildings and improvements	30,536,238	-	30,536,238
Equipment and other capital assets	2,875,973	589,090	3,465,063
Leased assets	80,616	-	80,616
Total	34,936,955	589,090	35,526,045
Accumulated depreciation	(19,975,047)	(464,312)	(20,439,359)
Net	\$ 14,961,908	\$ 124,778	\$ 15,086,686

Over the past several years, the District has completed several construction projects as well as other improvements to District property. The District is currently in the beginning stages of a renovation to the elementary school. The values of these projects, net of depreciation, are included in the Capital Assets.

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Debt Administration:

As of June 30, 2024, the District's long-term liabilities were \$39,446,926. This includes net other postemployment benefit liability of \$3,996,579, compensated absences of \$260,660, long-term debt payable of \$12,757,415, obligations incurred under leases of \$11,272 and a net pension liability of \$22,421,000.

Detailed information about long-term liabilities is included in the Notes to the Financial Statements.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The tax base in Clearfield and Clinton Counties has remained level with only minimal growth in the local tax base. The District has been experiencing a slightly declining student enrollment for many years and this trend is expected to continue based on enrollment projections by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. The District administration will need to continue to monitor the building capacity, participation in various programs and class size when making facility, staffing and program decisions based on district enrollment trends.

The revenue budget for the 2024-2025 year, \$20,763,330, is \$99,417 less than the budget for 2023-2024. This represents a .050% decrease in budgeted revenues. The decrease in budgeted revenue is due to the reduction in Federal ESSER funding. The expenditure budget for the 2024-2023 year, \$21,187,786, is \$200,869 more than the budget for 2023-2024, which is an increase of 1.0%. The increase in expenditures is primarily the result of projecting for rising costs along with rising salaries and wages. The 2023-2024 budget requires the use of \$424,318 from the committed fund balance to balance.

Labor Relations

The West Branch Education Association, an affiliation of Pennsylvania State Education Association (PSEA), represents the professional staff of the District. This group represents 77 employees, including teachers, librarians, counselors and nurses. The District entered into a contract, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2025. Health insurance contributions by District employees range from \$73 - \$167 per month for the duration of the contract.

The West Branch Education Support Professionals Association (the Association) represents the support staff of the District. The Association represents 53 employees. This group includes custodians, secretaries, paraeducators and cafeteria personnel. The current contract runs from July 1, 2019 until June 30, 2024. The contract provides average annual hourly increases of 3%, longevity payments, health insurance for employee and family, personal days, bereavement, emergency, vacation, life insurance and sick leave. Health insurance contributions by District employees range from \$35.42 - \$75.00 annually. The contract was renegotiated providing an approximate 4% increase for the years July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2029.

The remaining administrative and noninstructional personnel of the District are represented under ACT 93 compensation plan for principals, supervisor of special education, supervisor of buildings and grounds, and information technology coordinator. The secretary to the superintendent, pupil services coordinators, bookkeeper/payroll coordinator, and the network administrator have a separate Act 93 Non-Supervisor compensation plan. The Act 93 Plans ran from July 1, 2023 until June 30, 2026. The annual average salary increase for administrative personnel range from 0% to 3.5%. These groups contribute to health insurance costs. The Act 93 Groups contributes the same as the professional staff \$73 to \$167 per month. Other benefits are similar to other district employees.

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Contacting the District Financial Management

The West Branch Area School District financial report is designed to provide citizens, taxpayers, parents, students, investors and creditors with a general overview of the 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 Leslie Stott, Business Manager for the West Branch Area School District, 516 Allport Cutoff, Morrisdale, Pennsylvania 16858, and (814) 345-5615 x4850.

West Branch Area School District**Statement of Net Position (Deficit)**

June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity	Total
Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,985,106	\$ 429,384	\$ 11,414,490
Taxes receivable, net	689,065	-	689,065
Due from other governments	1,924,390	-	1,924,390
Internal balances	9,888	(9,888)	-
Other receivables	42,233	-	42,233
Inventories	-	17,930	17,930
Total current assets	13,650,682	437,426	14,088,108
Noncurrent Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents held for capital projects	9,173,972	-	9,173,972
Land	12,292	-	12,292
Construction in progress	1,431,836	-	1,431,836
Buildings and improvements	30,536,238	-	30,536,238
Equipment and other capital assets	2,956,589	589,090	3,545,679
Accumulated depreciation	(19,975,047)	(464,312)	(20,439,359)
Total noncurrent assets	24,135,880	124,778	24,260,658
Total assets	37,786,562	562,204	38,348,766
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Other postemployment benefits	586,749	2,604	589,353
Pension	3,825,910	15,964	3,841,874
Total deferred outflows of resources	4,412,659	18,568	4,431,227
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	\$ 42,199,221	\$ 580,772	\$ 42,779,993
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position (Deficit)			
Liabilities			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 305,745	\$ 12,513	\$ 318,258
Current portion of long-term debt	1,011,000	-	1,011,000
Current portion lease liability	16,565	-	16,565
Accrued salaries and benefits	2,264,883	-	2,264,883
Unearned revenue	-	18,430	18,430
Accrued interest	64,001	-	64,001
Total current liabilities	3,662,194	30,943	3,693,137
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Long-term debt	12,757,415	-	12,757,415
Lease liability	11,272	-	11,272
Other postemployment benefits liability	3,992,284	4,295	3,996,579
Compensated absences	259,895	765	260,660
Net pension liability	22,327,828	93,172	22,421,000
Total noncurrent liabilities	39,348,694	98,232	39,446,926
Total liabilities	43,010,888	129,175	43,140,063
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Other postemployment benefits	1,430,125	3,161	1,433,286
Pension	627,382	2,618	630,000
Total deferred inflows of resources	2,057,507	5,779	2,063,286
Net Position (Deficit)			
Net investment in capital assets	1,165,656	124,778	1,290,434
Restricted	8,483,072	18,430	8,501,502
Unrestricted (deficit)	(12,517,902)	302,610	(12,215,292)
Total net position (deficit)	(2,869,174)	445,818	(2,423,356)
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position (deficit)	\$ 42,199,221	\$ 580,772	\$ 42,779,993

See notes to financial statements

West Branch Area School District

Statement of Activities

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position (Deficit)		
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity
Governmental Activities					
Instruction	\$ (12,244,216)	\$ -	\$ 6,083,279	\$ (6,160,937)	\$ (6,160,937)
Instructional student support	(1,492,509)	-	10,512	(1,481,997)	(1,481,997)
Administration and financial support services	(1,891,847)	-	-	(1,891,847)	(1,891,847)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	(2,680,863)	-	-	(2,680,863)	(2,680,863)
Pupil transportation	(1,231,685)	-	1,146,035	(85,650)	(85,650)
Student activities	(592,649)	29,674	268,189	(294,786)	(294,786)
Interest on long-term debt	(413,571)	-	43,268	(370,303)	(370,303)
Total governmental activities	(20,547,340)	29,674	7,551,283	(12,966,383)	(12,966,383)
Business-Type Activity					
Food service	(748,626)	116,536	641,911		9,821
Total	\$ (21,295,966)	\$ 146,210	\$ 8,193,194	9,821	(12,956,562)
General Revenues					
Property taxes, levied for general purposes, net				4,738,847	4,738,847
Earned income tax				880,568	880,568
Grants, subsidies and contributions not restricted				8,537,497	8,537,497
Investment earnings				1,028,062	1,038,205
Miscellaneous income				175,663	175,663
Total general revenues				15,360,637	15,370,780
Change in net position (deficit)				2,394,254	2,414,218
Net Position (Deficit), Beginning				(5,263,428)	(4,837,574)
Net Position (Deficit), Ending				\$ (2,869,174)	\$ (2,423,356)

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West Branch Area School District**Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds**

June 30, 2024

	Major Funds		Nonmajor Funds	Total
	General	Capital Projects		
Assets				
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,942,821	\$ -	\$ 42,285	\$ 10,985,106
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	9,173,972	\$ -	9,173,972
Taxes receivable, net	689,065	-	-	689,065
Due from other governments	1,924,390	-	-	1,924,390
Due from other funds	794,097	-	-	794,097
Other receivables	42,233	-	-	42,233
Total	<u>\$ 14,392,606</u>	<u>\$ 9,173,972</u>	<u>\$ 42,285</u>	<u>\$ 23,608,863</u>
Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances				
Liabilities				
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 305,745	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 305,745
Due to other funds	-	784,209	-	784,209
Accrued salaries and benefits	2,264,883	-	-	2,264,883
Total liabilities	<u>2,570,628</u>	<u>784,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,354,837</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Unearned revenues, taxes	603,851	-	-	603,851
Fund Balances				
Restricted	51,024	8,389,763	42,285	8,483,072
Committed	9,055,963	-	-	9,055,963
Assigned	34,094	-	-	34,094
Unassigned	2,077,046	-	-	2,077,046
Total fund balances	<u>11,218,127</u>	<u>8,389,763</u>	<u>42,285</u>	<u>19,650,175</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,392,606</u>	<u>\$ 9,173,972</u>	<u>\$ 42,285</u>	<u>\$ 23,608,863</u>

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West Branch Area School District

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position (Deficit)
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds \$ 19,650,175

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are long-term financial resources, and therefore, are not reported as assets in governmental funds. The cost of assets is \$34,936,955 and the accumulated depreciation is \$19,975,047. 14,961,908

Property taxes receivable will be collected this year, but are not available soon enough to pay for the current period's expenditures, and therefore, are unearned in the governmental funds. 603,851

Deferred outflows related to net pension liability are not reported in the governmental funds, however are reported in the statement of net position (deficit). 3,825,910

Deferred inflows related to net pension liability are not reported in the governmental funds, however are reported in the statement of net position (deficit). (627,382)

Deferred outflows related to net OPEB liability are not reported in the governmental funds, however are reported in the statement of net position (deficit). 586,749

Deferred inflows related to net OPEB liability are not reported in the governmental funds, however are reported in the statement of net position (deficit). (1,430,125)

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

Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:

Notes payable	(13,768,415)
Lease liability	(27,837)
Accrued interest on long-term debt	(64,001)
Other postemployment benefits liability (OPEB)	(3,992,284)
Compensated absences	(259,895)
Net pension liability	<u>(22,327,828)</u>

Total Net Deficit - Governmental Activities \$ (2,869,174)

See notes to financial statements

West Branch Area School District**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Major Funds		Other Nonmajor	Total
	General	Capital Projects		
Revenues				
Local sources	\$ 6,695,589	\$ 477,580	\$ 106,579	\$ 7,279,748
State sources	13,757,682	-	-	13,757,682
Federal sources	1,786,196	-	-	1,786,196
Total revenues	22,239,467	477,580	106,579	22,823,626
Expenditures				
Instruction	12,595,996	-	-	12,595,996
Support services	6,324,437	261,090	-	6,585,527
Noninstructional services	504,919	-	96,392	601,311
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services	42,096	1,939,299	-	1,981,395
Debt service	1,368,448	-	-	1,368,448
Total expenditures	20,835,896	2,200,389	96,392	23,132,677
Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures before other financing (uses) sources	1,403,571	(1,722,809)	10,187	(309,051)
Other Financing (Uses) Sources				
Proceeds from the issuance of long-term debt	-	9,785,050	-	9,785,050
Original issue premium	-	111,891	-	111,891
Transfer out	(107,000)	-	-	(107,000)
Transfer in	-	107,000	-	107,000
Total other financing sources, net	(107,000)	10,003,941	-	9,896,941
Net changes in fund balances	1,296,571	8,281,132	10,187	9,587,890
Fund Balances, Beginning as Previously Reported	9,921,556	-	140,729	10,062,285
Accounting Changes (see Notes 1 and 17)	-	108,631	(108,631)	-
Fund Balances, Beginning as Adjusted	9,921,556	108,631	32,098	10,062,285
Fund Balances, Ending	\$ 11,218,127	\$ 8,389,763	\$ 42,285	\$ 19,650,175

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West Branch Area 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

Total Net Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds**\$ 9,587,890**

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

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures.

However, in the statements of activities, the cost of those assets is
allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This
is the amount by which capital outlays exceeds depreciation in the period:

Capital outlays

\$ 1,956,313

Depreciation expense

(822,643)

1,133,670

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

117,968

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to
government funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt
consumes the current financial resources of government funds. The
transaction, however, does not have an effect on net position. Also,
governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts
and other similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are
deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. Reconciling items related
to long-term debt activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Issuance of long-term debt

(9,785,050)

Scheduled principal payments on long-term debt

995,000

Scheduled principal payments on lease liabilities

16,222

Bond issuance premium

(111,891)

Bond premium amortization

4,476

(8,881,243)

Interest on long-term debt in the statement of activities differs from the amount
reported in the governmental funds because interest is recognized as an
expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current
financial resources. In the statement of activities, interest expense is recognized
as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due. The net additional interest
accrued in the statement of activities over the amount due is shown here.

(44,599)

Net pension liability is considered long-term in nature, and is not reported as a liability
within the funds. Such liability is, however, reported within the statement of
net position (deficit), and changes in the liability is reflected within the statement of
net position (deficit). This represents the change in pension liability and the deferred
outflows and inflows related to the pension.

509,481

Net OPEB liability is considered long-term in nature, and is not reported as a liability
within the Funds. Such liability is, however, reported within the statement of
net position (deficit), and changes in the liability is reflected within the statement of
net position (deficit). This represents the change in OPEB liability and the deferred
outflows and inflows related to the OPEB.

(33,028)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences
(vacations and sick days) are measured by the amounts earned during the year.

In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured
by the amount of financial resources used. This amount represents the difference
between the amount earned versus the amount used.

4,115

Change in Net Position (Deficit) of Governmental Activities**\$ 2,394,254**

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West Branch Area School District**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - General Fund**
Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amount Original and Final	Actual	Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues			
Local sources	\$ 6,286,398	\$ 6,695,589	\$ 409,191
State sources	13,056,954	13,757,682	700,728
Federal sources	1,519,395	1,786,196	266,801
Total revenues	20,862,747	22,239,467	1,376,720
Expenditures			
Instruction:			
Regular programs	7,986,403	8,089,580	(103,177)
Special programs	3,023,570	3,361,772	(338,202)
Vocational education programs	997,696	825,501	172,195
Pre-Kindergarten	298,715	268,401	30,314
Other instructional programs	157,022	50,742	106,280
Total instruction	12,463,406	12,595,996	(132,590)
Support services:			
Pupil personnel	667,913	585,027	82,886
Instructional staff	845,075	495,414	349,661
Administration	1,162,307	1,113,031	49,276
Pupil health	444,747	468,395	(23,648)
Business	329,768	326,394	3,374
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,861,670	1,867,405	(5,735)
Student transportation services	1,238,728	1,231,685	7,043
Central	-	237,086	(237,086)
Total support services	6,550,208	6,324,437	225,771
Noninstructional services, Student activities	437,893	504,919	(67,026)
Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services	-	42,096	(42,096)
Debt service	1,480,410	1,368,448	111,962
Total expenditures	20,931,917	20,835,896	96,021
Excess of revenues (under) over expenditures before other financing uses	(69,170)	1,403,571	1,472,741
Other Financing Uses			
Transfer (out) in	(55,000)	(107,000)	(52,000)
Net changes in fund balances	\$ (124,170)	1,296,571	\$ 1,420,741
Fund Balances, Beginning		9,921,556	
Fund Balances, Ending		\$ 11,218,127	

See notes to financial statements

West Branch Area School District**Balance Sheet - Proprietary Fund - Food Service**

June 30, 2024

Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources**Assets**

Current assets:

Cash	\$ 429,384
Inventories	17,930
Total current assets	<u>447,314</u>

Noncurrent assets:

Machinery and equipment	589,090
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(464,312)</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>124,778</u>

Total assets	<u>572,092</u>
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Deferred Outflows of Resources

Other postemployment benefits	2,604
Pension	<u>15,964</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>18,568</u>

Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 590,660</u>
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Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position**Liabilities**

Current liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 12,513
Due to other funds	9,888
Unearned revenue	<u>18,430</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>40,831</u>

Noncurrent liabilities:

Compensated absences	765
Other postemployment benefits	4,295
Net pension liability	<u>93,172</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>98,232</u>

Total liabilities	<u>139,063</u>
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Deferred Inflows of Resources

Other postemployment benefits	3,161
Pension	<u>2,618</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>5,779</u>

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets	124,778
Restricted	18,430
Unrestricted	<u>302,610</u>

Total net position	<u>445,818</u>
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Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 590,660</u>
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West Branch Area School District**Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Position - Proprietary Fund - Food Service**
Year Ended June 30, 2024**Operating Revenues**

Food service revenues	\$ 116,536
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Operating Expenses

Other purchased services	312,040
Food, milk and supplies	282,223
Salaries and employee benefits	102,730
Operation and maintenance	27,471
Depreciation	24,137
Miscellaneous	25

Total operating expenses	748,626
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Operating loss	(632,090)
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Nonoperating Revenues

Federal sources	583,793
State sources	58,118
Earnings on investments	10,143

Total nonoperating revenues	652,054
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Change in net position	19,964
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Net Position, Beginning	425,854
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Net Position, Ending	\$ 445,818
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West Branch Area School District

Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund - Food Service
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Cash Flows From Operating Activities

Cash received from customers	\$ 114,413
Cash paid to employees	(111,862)
Cash paid to vendors	<u>(589,821)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(587,270)</u>

Cash Flows Provided by Investing Activities

Earnings on investments	<u>10,143</u>
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Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities

State sources	58,118
Federal sources	<u>532,574</u>
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>590,692</u>
Change in cash	13,565

Cash, Beginning 415,819

Cash, Ending \$ 429,384

Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash**Used in Operating Activities**

Operating loss	\$ (632,090)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation	24,137
Pension changes	(5,411)
OPEB changes	(676)
USDA donated commodities used	45,668
Changes in assets and liabilities resulting in the provisions (use) of cash:	
Inventories	(6,644)
Accounts payable	(7,086)
Unearned revenue	(2,123)
Compensated absences	<u>(3,045)</u>
Net cash used in operating activities	<u><u>\$ (587,270)</u></u>

Noncash Operating, Noncapital Financing Activities

USDA donated commodities	<u><u>\$ 45,668</u></u>
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West Branch Area School District

Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

1. Nature of Operations and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the West Branch Area School District (the District) have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to local government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies of the District are described below.

Nature of Operations

The District provides public education services to residents in portions of Clearfield and Clinton Counties, Pennsylvania. The District operates a combined elementary and secondary school located in Morrisdale, Pennsylvania.

The District assesses the taxpayers of these municipalities based upon taxing powers at its disposal. The ability of the District's taxpayers to pay their assessments is dependent upon economic and other factors affecting the taxpayers.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity has been defined in accordance with the criteria established in GASB Statement No. 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended. The specific criteria used in determining whether other organizations should be included in the District's financial reporting entity are financial accountability, fiscal dependency and legal separation.

As defined above, there are no other related organizations that should be included in the District's financial statements, nor is the District considered to be a component unit of any other government.

Basic Financial Statements, Government-Wide Statements

The District's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the District as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the District's major and nonmajor funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The District's General, Capital Projects and School Sponsored Activity and Scholarships Funds are classified as governmental activities. The District's Food Service Fund is classified as a business-type activity.

In the government-wide statement of net position (deficit), both the governmental and business-type activity columns are presented on a consolidated basis by column and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets, receivables and deferred outflows of resources, as well as long-term debt and obligations and deferred inflows of resources. The District's net position is reported in three parts: net investment in capital assets; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position (deficit). The District first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide statement of activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the District's functions and business-type activities. The functions are also supported by general government revenues. The statement of activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue.

The District does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District as an entity and the change in the District's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

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Basic Financial Statements, Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the District are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The following fund types are used by the District:

Governmental Funds

The focus of the governmental funds measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the District:

General Fund

The General Fund the main operating fund of the District and is used to account for all financial transactions not accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from local property and earned income taxes, and state and federal appropriations. Many of the more significant activities of the District, including instruction, administration and certain noninstructional services are accounted for in this fund. The General Fund is reported as a major fund.

Capital Projects Fund

The Capital Projects Fund accounts for the financial resources that are restricted, committed or assigned to expenditures for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Capital Projects Fund is a major fund.

School Sponsored Activity and Scholarships Fund

The School Sponsored Activity and Scholarships Fund accounts for the monies authorized by Section 511 of the Public School Code of 1949 for school publications and organizations. The District's activity funds are Special Revenue Funds. The School Sponsored Activity and Scholarships Fund are reported collectively as a nonmajor fund.

Proprietary Fund

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net position, financial position and cash flows. The applicable GAAP are those similar to businesses in the private sector.

Food Service Fund

The Food Service Fund accounts for all revenues and expenditures pertaining to cafeteria operations since such operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises. It is the intent of the government 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.

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Measurement Focus

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets, deferred outflows of resources, all liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the District, are included on the statement of net position (deficit). The statement of activities presents increases (i.e., revenues) and decreases (i.e., expenses) in the District's net position.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds are accounted for using the current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Proprietary funds are also accounted for using the economic resources measurement focus.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the Proprietary Fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Inventories are valued on a first-in, first-out basis.

Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period (next fiscal year) or, for real estate taxes, within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, lease obligations, compensated absences, postemployment obligations and certain claims and judgments are recognized when due. During 2024, the District made no budgetary transfers.

The District reports unearned revenue on its fund financial statements. Unearned revenue arises when potential revenues do not meet both the measurable and available criteria for recognition in the current period. Unearned revenue may also arise when the District receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, or when the District has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned revenue is removed and revenue is recognized.

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Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District adopts an annual budget for the General Fund in accordance with law.

The budget is maintained on a modified accrual basis by fund, function and object, with expenditures controlled by line item. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year and must be reappropriated

The School Board approves budget transfers between departments within District funds. Budgeted amounts are reported as most recently adopted by the School Board.

Legal budgetary control is maintained at the sub-function/major object level. The Board of School Directors may make transfers of funds appropriated to any particular item of expenditure by legislative action in accordance with the Pennsylvania School Code. Management may amend the budget at the sub-function/sub-object level without Board approval. Appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal period. Budgetary information reflected in the financial statements is presented at or below the level of budgetary control and includes the effect of approved budget amendments. The General Fund budget for the year ended June 30, 2024 was approved by the Board of Directors on June 20, 2023 in the amount of \$20,931,917 with a tax millage of 103.67 mills for Clearfield County and 12.71 mills for Clinton County.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more, are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Building and improvements	15 - 50 years
Equipment and other capital assets	5 - 20 years

The District does not have any infrastructure capital assets.

Assets under capital lease were recorded at the lower of the present value of minimum lease payments or fair value of the asset. Amortization of assets under capital lease is included in depreciation.

Jointly Governed Organizations

Clearfield County Career and Technology Center

The District, along with four other school districts in the region, participates in the Clearfield County Career and Technology Center (the Center). The Center was created for the purpose of offering vocational and technical training programs for the benefit of secondary school pupils and post-secondary adults in the Clearfield County, Pennsylvania attendance area. The Center is a joint venture of its five member school districts. The Center is governed by a joint operating committee consisting of members from each participating district. Each participating school district must approve the Center's annual operating budget.

The District is obligated to pay a pro-rata share of the Center's operating expense based on the number of students attending the Center. The District's contribution for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$739,987.

The District is obligated to pay a pro-rata share of the Center's debt service in the form of semi-annual lease rental payments. The District made debt service payments to the Center totaling \$85,514 during the year ended June 30, 2024.

Complete financial statements for the Center can be obtained from the Center's administrative office.

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Central Intermediate Unit 10

The District is a participating member of the Central Intermediate Unit 10 (CIU). The CIU is run by a joint committee of members from each of its 17 participating districts. The participating districts annually approve the CIU's annual operating budget. The CIU is a self-sustaining organization that provides services for fees to participating districts. As such, the District has no on-going financial interest or financial responsibility in the CIU. The CIU contracts with the participating districts to supply special education services, computer services and acts as a conduit for certain federal programs.

Compensated Absences

The District accrues accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave and associated employee-related costs when earned (or estimated to be earned) by the employee. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the District will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Pension

The District provides eligible employees with retirement benefits through the Public School Employer's Retirement System (PSERS), a governmental, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PSERS was established as of July 18, 1917, under the provisions of Public Law 1043, No. 343.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of 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 refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms and investments are reported at fair value.

Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring the net OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the PSERS Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program and the West Branch Area School District Postemployment Benefits Plan (the West Branch OPEB Plan) and additions to/deductions from PSERS and the West Branch OPEB Plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PSERS and the West Branch OPEB Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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Governmental Fund Balances

The District classifies its governmental fund balances as follows:

- *Nonspendable* - includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints
- *Restricted* - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation
- *Committed* - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the District through formal action of the School Board which do not lapse at year-end
 - The School Board of the District is its highest level of decision-making authority, and
 - The School Board commits funds through a formal board motion.
- *Assigned* - includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the District, but not through a formal action of the School Board
 - The School Board of the District authorized the District business manager to assign funds to specific purposes.
 - The School Board passed a board motion authorizing assignments for activities as contemplated by the Board.
- *Unassigned* - includes position fund balances within the General Fund which have not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds

Restricted Net Position/Fund Balances

In governmental funds when an expenditure is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources, the District's policy is generally to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balances and then to other, less-restrictive classifications - committed, assigned and then unassigned fund balances.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

New Accounting Principles

The District adopted GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022* and No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections* for the year ended June 30, 2024. GASB Statement No. 99 aims to improve the consistency and comparability of accounting and financial reporting. GASB Statement No. 100 is intended to streamline the reporting of accounting changes and error corrections and the related disclosures in governmental financial reporting. The adoption of GASB Statement No. 99 had no effect on the District's financial statements as of June 30, 2024; the effect of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 100 is further described in Note 17.

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2. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At June 30, 2024, the District's cash and cash equivalents include deposits with local financial institutions, the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) and the Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund (PSDLAF).

Pennsylvania statutes provide for the investment of governmental funds in certain authorized investment types, including U.S. Treasury bills, other short-term U.S. and Pennsylvania government obligations, and insured or collateralized time deposits and certificates of deposit. The statutes do not prescribe regulations related to demand deposits; however, they do allow the pooling of governmental funds for cash management and investment purposes. Act 72 requires all governmental (public funds) deposits not insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) to be collateralized by the financial institution.

GASB Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures*, requires disclosures related to the following deposit and investment risks: credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The following is a description of the District's deposit and investment risks.

Deposits

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the District will not recover its deposits or will not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The District does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2024, the carrying amount of the District's deposits with local financial institutions was \$10,507,766 and the bank balance was \$11,424,865. Of this balance, \$10,920,663 was exposed to custodial credit risk, as these deposits were not covered by depository insurance. Rather, these deposits were collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, but not in the District's name.

Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT)

PLGIT contains assets invested in accordance with Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes Article 4, Section 440.1 (2001). Each participant owns shares of PLGIT, which invests the pooled assets. Such assets are not considered deposits, and as such are not subject to custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount and bank balances of the District's investment in PLGIT were \$9,019,750. Due to the short-term nature and liquidity of the investments held within the pool, the fair value of the underlying investments approximates amortized cost.

Pennsylvania School District Liquid Asset Fund

The PSDLAF contains assets invested in accordance with Title 24 of the Pennsylvania Statutes Article 4, Section 440.1 (2001). Each participant owns shares of PSDLAF, which invests the pooled assets. Such assets are not considered deposits pursuant to GASB Statement Nos. 3 and 40, and as such are not subject to custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2024, the carrying amount and bank balances of the District's investment in PSDLAF were \$1,060,946. Due to the short-term nature and liquidity of the investments held within the pool, the fair value of the underlying investments approximates amortized cost.

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3. Property Taxes

Real estate property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property on January 1. Taxes are collected at a 2% discount through October 15; face amount due from October 16 through December 15; and 10% penalty added after December 15. The County Assessment Offices calculate the yearly tax levy and distributes the individual tax duplicates to the school district's appointed tax collectors. The tax collectors are responsible for tax collections. Tax revenues are recognized in the period in which they are remitted by the tax collectors.

The District, in accordance with GAAP, recognized the delinquent and unpaid taxes receivable reduced by an allowance for uncollected taxes as determined by the administration. A portion of the net amount estimated to be collected which was measurable and available within 60 days was recognized as revenue and the balance deferred in the governmental fund financial statements.

4. Taxes Receivable, Net

A summary of the taxes receivable and related amounts at June 30, 2024 follows:

Property taxes receivable	\$ 918,133
Earned income taxes receivable	<u>6,635</u>
Total	924,768
Estimated uncollectible taxes at June 30, 2024	<u>(235,703)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 689,065</u>

5. Due From Other Governments

The amount reported in the governmental funds at June 30, 2024 as due from other governments is summarized below:

	Federal	State	Local	Total
General Fund	\$ 608,818	\$ 1,059,589	\$ 255,983	\$ 1,924,390

Amounts due from the federal and state government are primarily federal grants and state subsidies receivable from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Education at June 30, 2024. The amount due from local governments represents receivables earned by the District for vocational education, but not yet remitted to the District as of June 30, 2024.

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6. Capital Assets

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

	Balance July 1, 2023	Increases	Transfer/ Decreases	Balance June 30, 2024
Governmental Activities				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 12,292	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 12,292
Construction in progress	-	1,431,836	-	1,431,836
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	12,292	1,431,836	-	1,444,128
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	30,023,467	512,771	-	30,536,238
Leased assets	80,616	-	-	80,616
Equipment and other capital assets	2,864,267	11,706	-	2,875,973
Total capital assets, being depreciated	32,968,350	524,477	-	33,492,827
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings and improvements	(16,811,979)	(672,130)	-	(17,484,109)
Leased assets	(36,557)	(16,222)	-	(52,779)
Equipment and other capital assets	(2,303,868)	(134,291)	-	(2,438,159)
Total accumulated depreciation	(19,152,404)	(822,643)	-	(19,975,047)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	13,815,946	(298,166)	-	13,517,780
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 13,828,238	\$ 1,133,670	\$ -	\$ 14,961,908
Business-Type Activity				
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Equipment and other capital assets	\$ 589,090	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 589,090
Accumulated depreciation for:				
Equipment and other capital assets	(440,175)	(24,137)	-	(464,312)
Business-type activity capital assets, net	\$ 148,915	\$ (24,137)	\$ -	\$ 124,778
Depreciation was allocated as follows:				
Governmental activities, operations	\$ 822,643			
Business-type activity, food service	24,137			
Total depreciation expense	\$ 846,780			

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7. Accrued Salaries and Benefits

Accrued salaries and benefits in the General Fund totaling \$2,264,883 represent salaries of \$1,012,374, the District's share of Social Security taxes of \$80,997 for teachers' services during the 2023-2024 school term, which are paid during July and August 2024 and retirement plan expense of \$1,171,512 applicable to the accrued salaries at June 30, 2024.

8. Interfund Receivables, Payables and Transfers

At June 30, 2024, the following interfund balances were unpaid:

	<u>Due From</u>	<u>Due To</u>
General Fund:		
Capital Project Fund	\$ 784,209	\$ -
Food Service Fund	9,888	-
Capital Project Fund:		
General Fund	-	784,209
Food Service Fund:		
General Fund	-	9,888
Total	<u>\$ 794,097</u>	<u>\$ 794,097</u>

Interfund balances primarily arise between the General Fund and Food Service Fund due to payroll expenses being paid out of the General Fund and reimbursed by the Food Service Fund. Interfund balances between General Fund and Capital Projects are for cost paid out of the General Fund for capital projects related to the elementary renovations.

The composition of interfund transfers, used to move cash between funds at June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>Transfers In</u>	<u>Transfers Out</u>
General Fund:		
Capital Project Fund	\$ -	\$ 107,000
Capital Project Fund:		
General Fund	107,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 107,000</u>	<u>\$ 107,000</u>

The General Fund transferred \$107,000 to the Capital Projects Fund to provide funding for planned major capital projects.

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9. Compensated Absences

Vacation

District employees who are required to work on a 12-month schedule are credited with vacation at rates which vary with length of service or job classification.

Vacation (for most employee categories) may be taken or accumulated within certain limits and are paid prior to retirement or termination at the employee's current rate of pay.

The liability for compensated absences, including early retirement incentives, recorded in the governmental activities column on the statement of net position (deficit) was \$259,895 at June 30, 2024. The change in the District's compensated absences in 2024 are summarized as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activity
Balance, July 1, 2023	\$ 264,010	\$ 3,810
Increase	76,405	660
Decrease	(80,520)	(3,705)
Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 259,895</u>	<u>\$ 765</u>

10. Retirement Plan

Plan Description

PSERS is a governmental, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that provides retirement benefits to public school employees of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The members eligible to participate in PSERS 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 one 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 three 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.

Act 5 of 2017 (Act 5) introduced a hybrid benefit 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). To qualify for normal retirement, Class T-G and Class T-H members must work until age 67 with a minimum of three years of credited service. Class T-G may also qualify for normal retirement by attaining a total combination of age and service that is equal to or greater than 97 with a minimum of 35 years of credited service.

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Benefits are generally equal to 1% or 2.5%, depending on membership class, of the member's final average salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied times 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 right to benefits is vested after 10 years of service.

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 salary (as defined in the Code) multiplied by the number of years of credited service, but not less than one-third of such salary nor greater than the benefit 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.

Member Contributions

The contribution rates based on qualified member compensation for virtually all members are presented below:

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 July 22, 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
		10.30% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 10.30; After 7/1/21: 10.80
T-F	On or after July 1, 2011	5.50% base rate with shared risk provision	N/A	Prior to 7/1/21: 8.25; After 7/1/21: 9.00
T-G	On or after July 1, 2019	4.50% base rate with shared risk provision	2.75 %	Prior to 7/1/21: 7.50; After 7/1/21: 8.25
T-H	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	3.00	7.50
DC	On or after July 1, 2019	N/A	7.50	7.50

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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 District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was 33.36%* 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 any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to PSERS from the District were \$2,483,874 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

*This includes the defined contribution rate of 0.27% which is an estimated rate.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$22,421,000 for its proportionate share of the PSERS net pension liability. The PSERS 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 PSERS total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion of the PSERS net pension liability was calculated utilizing the employer's one-year reported contributions as it relates to the total one-year reported contributions. At June 30, 2024, the District's proportion was 0.0504%, which was an increase of 0.0009% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized pension expense of \$2,073,000.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 5,000	\$ 307,000
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	635,000	-
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	383,000	323,000
Change in assumptions	335,000	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	2,483,874	-
Total	\$ 3,841,874	\$ 630,000

\$2,483,874 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025.

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

Years ending June 30:

2025	\$ 245,000
2026	(503,000)
2027	773,000
2028	213,000
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Total	\$ 728,000

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 (the 2024 measurement date) was determined by rolling forward the PSERS' total pension liability as of the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation 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 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 or seniority increases;
- Mortality rates were 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;
- The discount rate used to measure the Total Pension Liability was 7.00% as of June 30, 2022 and as of June 30, 2023.
- Demographic and economic assumptions approved by the PSERS 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.

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

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

The pension plan's policy in regard to the allocation of invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the PSERS 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
Infrastructure/MLPs	10.0	5.4
Real estate	11.0	5.7
Absolute return	4.0	4.1
Cash	3.0	1.2
Leverage	(10.5)	1.2
	<u>100.0 %</u>	

The above was the PSERS 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.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability, calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (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%)
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 29,064,000	\$ 22,421,000	\$ 16,817,000

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Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

11. Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

West Branch Area School District Postemployment Benefits Plan

General Information About the OPEB Plan

Plan Description

The District's single employer defined benefit OPEB plan, West Branch Area School District Postemployment Benefits Plan (the West Branch OPEB Plan), provides postemployment benefits for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate. The minimum requirements of the West Branch OPEB Plan are established by Pennsylvania Act 110 of 1988 and Act 43 of 1989. The School Board could choose to improve upon the minimum requirements in the future. The West Branch OPEB Plan is unfunded and no financial report is prepared. The West Branch OPEB Plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the District. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75.

Benefits Provided

The West Branch OPEB Plan provides the opportunity to purchase postemployment health insurance benefits to employees upon retirement with 30 years of PSERS service or through COBRA. Retired employees are allowed to continue coverage for themselves and their eligible dependents in the group health care plan until the retired employee reaches Medicare age, generally 65, as per their contracts.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

At July 1, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	9
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	131
Total	140

Total OPEB Liability

The District's total OPEB liability of \$3,088,579 was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, rolled forward to June 30, 2024.

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Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation performed as of July 1, 2022, rolled forward to June 30, 2024 using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Interest rate	4.13%
Salary increases	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%
Discount rate	4.13%
Healthcare cost trend rates	7.0% in 2023 with 0.5% decrease per year 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
Retirees' share of benefit-related costs	Retiree contributions are assumed to increase at the same rate as the Health Care Cost Trend Rate. However, the first year trend assumption was adjusted to account for short-term rate caps

The discount rate was based on S&P Municipal Bond 20 Year High Grade Rate Index at July 1, 2023.

For mortality tables the PubT-2010 headcount-weighted mortality table including rates for contingent survivors for teachers and for all other employees. Incorporated into the tables are rates projected generationally Scale MP-2021 to reflect mortality improvement.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at July 1, 2023	\$ 2,914,474
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	130,689
Interest	121,318
Changes of assumptions	27,416
Changes of benefit terms	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-
Benefit payments	(105,318)
Net changes	174,105
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 3,088,579

Changes in assumptions or other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from 4.06% in 2022 to 4.13% in 2023.

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

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1 percentage point higher (5.13%) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (3.13%)	Discount Rate (4.13%)	1% Increase (5.13%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,309,839	\$ 3,088,579	\$ 2,876,422

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Healthcare Cost Trend Rates.

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District, as well as what the District's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,844,342	\$ 3,088,579	\$ 3,373,318

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

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$154,613. At June 30, 2024, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Benefit payments subsequent to the measurement date (July 1, 2023)	\$ 99,486	\$ -
Change in assumptions	329,826	808,284
Difference between expected and actual experience	-	418,002
Total	<u>\$ 429,312</u>	<u>\$ 1,226,286</u>

\$99,486 reported as deferred outflows of resources, related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability during the year ending June 30, 2025.

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

Years ending June 30:

2025	\$ (97,394)
2026	(97,394)
2027	(97,394)
2028	(97,394)
2029	(97,394)
Thereafter	<u>(409,490)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (896,460)</u>

PSERS Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

General Information About the PSERS Health Insurance Premium Assistance Program

PSERS provides Premium Assistance, which is a governmental cost sharing, multiple-employer OPEB plan for all eligible retirees who qualify and elect to participate. 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, 2002 under the provisions of Act 9 of 2001, participating eligible retirees are entitled to receive premium assistance payments equal 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 employer or the PSERS' Health Options Program (HOP). As of June 30, 2023, there were no assumed future benefit increases to participating eligible retirees.

Premium Assistance Eligibility Criteria

Retirees of PSERS can participate in the Premium Assistance program if they satisfy the following criteria:

- Have 24 ½ or more years of service, or
- Are a disability retiree, or
- Have 15 or more years of service and retired after reaching superannuation age, and

For Class DC members to become eligible for premium assistance, they must satisfy the following criteria:

- Attain Medicare eligibility with 24½ or more eligibility points, or
- Have 15 or more eligibility points and terminated after age 67, and
- Have received all or part of their distributions.

Employer Contributions

The District's contractually required contribution rate for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was .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 any unfunded accrued liability. Contributions to the OPEB plan from the District were \$48,041 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

At June 30, 2024, the District reported a liability of \$908,000 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 PSERS' total OPEB liability as of June 30, 2022 to June 30, 2023. The District's proportion 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 District's proportion was 0.0502%, which was an increase of 0.0008% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District recognized OPEB expense of \$29,000.

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Changes in assumptions	\$ 78,000	\$ 172,000
Net differences between projected and actual investment earnings	2,000	-
Changes in proportion	26,000	26,000
Differences between expected and actual experience	6,000	9,000
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	48,041	-
	<u>\$ 160,041</u>	<u>\$ 207,000</u>

\$48,041 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB resulting from District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30:

2025	\$ (19,000)
2026	(20,000)
2027	(27,000)
2028	(29,000)
Total	<u>\$ (95,000)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

The Total OPEB Liability as of June 30, 2023 (the measurement date), was determined by rolling forward PSERS'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:

- Actuarial cost method - Entry Age Normal - level percent of pay;
- Investment return - 4.13% - S&P 20 Year Municipal Bond Rate;
- Salary growth - Effective average of 4.50%, comprised of inflation of 2.50% and 2.00% for real wage growth and for merit or seniority increases;
- Premium Assistance reimbursement is capped at \$1,200 per year;

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- Assumed Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees with less than \$1,200 in premium assistance per year;
- Mortality rates were 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;
- Participation rate:
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Pre age 65 at 50%
 - Eligible retirees will elect to participate Post age 65 at 70%

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study that was performed for the five year period ending June 30, 2020.

The following assumptions were used to determine the contribution rate:

- The results of the actuarial valuation as of June 30, 2021 determined the employer contribution rate for fiscal year 2023;
- Cost method: Amount necessary to assure solvency of Premium Assistance through the third fiscal year after the valuation date;
- Asset valuation method: Market Value;
- Participation rate: The actual data for retirees benefiting under the Plan as of June 30, 2021 was used in lieu of the 63% utilization assumption for eligible retirees;
- Mortality Tables for Males and Females, adjusted to reflect PSERS' experience and projected using a modified version of the MP-2015 Mortality Improvement Scale.

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 invested plan assets is established and may be amended by the PSERS 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	100.0 %	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.

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Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the Total OPEB Liability was 4.13%. Under the 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 plan's 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 4.09% 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 PSERS Net OPEB Liability to Change in Healthcare Cost Trend Rates

Healthcare cost trends were applied to retirees receiving less than \$1,200 in annual Premium Assistance. As of June 30, 2023, 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 actual number of retirees receiving less than the \$1,200 per year cap is a small percentage of the total population and has a minimal impact on Healthcare Cost Trends as depicted below.

The following presents PSERS net OPEB liability for June 30, 2024, calculated using current Healthcare cost trends as well as what PSERS net OPEB liability would be if health cost trends were 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Healthcare Trends Cost	1% Increase
PSERS Net OPEB Liability	\$ 908,000	\$ 908,000	\$ 908,000

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability, calculated using the discount rate of 4.13%, as well as what the net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower (3.13%) or 1 percentage point higher (5.13%) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (3.13%)	Discount Rate (4.13%)	1% Increase (5.13%)
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 1,027,000	\$ 908,000	\$ 809,000

OPEB Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

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12. Long-Term Debt

The changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2024	Current Portion
General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023	\$ 99,950	\$ 9,785,050	\$ (5,000)	\$ 9,880,000	\$ 5,000
General Obligation Note, Series of 2021	4,771,000	-	(990,000)	3,781,000	1,006,000
Total debt	4,870,950	9,785,050	(995,000)	13,661,000	\$ 1,011,000
Bond premium	-	111,891	(4,476)	107,415	
Total long-term debt	\$ 4,870,950	\$ 9,896,941	\$ (999,476)	\$ 13,768,415	

Long-term debt at June 30, 2024 consists of the following:

\$9,885,000 General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023, due in varying annual installments through March 2048, interest rates ranging from 4.00% to 5.00%.	\$ 9,880,000
\$6,880,000 General Obligation Note, Series of 2021, due in varying annual installments through March 2030, interest rate of 1.22%.	3,781,000
Total	13,661,000
Current portion	1,011,000
Long-term debt	\$ 12,650,000

Debt service requirements at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 1,011,000	\$ 444,078	\$ 1,455,078
2026	1,023,000	431,555	1,454,555
2027	1,036,000	418,885	1,454,885
2028	499,000	401,629	900,629
2029	522,000	390,141	912,141
2030-2034	2,025,000	1,735,189	3,760,189
2035-2039	2,235,000	1,337,600	3,572,600
2040-2044	2,715,000	853,400	3,568,400
2045-2048	2,595,000	264,800	2,859,800
Total	\$ 13,661,000	\$ 6,277,277	\$ 19,938,277

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13. Lessee - Lease Liability**Governmental Activities**

Lease Liability Description	Date of Issue	Final Maturity Interest Rates	Original Indebtedness	Balance
Copiers	March 2021 - February 2026	2.0	\$ 80,616	\$ 27,837

Debt service requirements to maturity for governmental activities are as follows:

Years	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 16,565	\$ 571	\$ 17,136
2026	11,272	152	11,424
Total	\$ 27,837	\$ 723	\$ 28,560

14. Fund Balance Classifications

The District presents its governmental fund balances by level of constraint in the aggregate on its balance sheet - governmental funds. The individual specific purposes of each constraint are presented below:

	General Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total
Restricted for:				
Dental care	\$ 28,613	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 28,613
Compensatory Fund	17,728	-	-	17,728
Student activities	4,683	-	42,285	46,968
Capital projects	-	8,389,763	-	8,389,763
Total	\$ 51,024	\$ 8,389,763	\$ 42,285	\$ 8,483,072
Committed for:				
PSERS and future building projects	\$ 9,055,963	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 9,055,963
Assigned for:				
Athletics	\$ 14,760	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,760
Music	10,234	-	-	10,234
Vehicle	9,100	-	-	9,100
Total	\$ 34,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 34,094

15. Nonmonetary Transactions

The District receives USDA Donated Commodities in the enterprise (food service) fund, which is a proprietary fund type. These donated commodities are valued at an estimated market value and recognized as federal revenue with unused commodities recorded as inventory. The total food commodities donated by the federal government was \$52,527 and the amount used by the District for fiscal year 2024 totaled \$45,668.

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16. Pending Changes In Accounting Principles

The GASB has approved the following:

Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*

Statement No. 102, *Certain Risk Disclosures*

Statement No. 103, *Financial Reporting Model Improvements*

Statement No. 104, *Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets*

District management is in the process of evaluating these standards. When they become effective, application of these standards may restate portions of these financial statements.

17. Accounting Changes

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, changes within the District's financial reporting entity resulted in adjustments to modify certain beginning fund balances, as follows, in recognition of the Capital Project Fund achieving major fund status during fiscal 2024 as a result of increased activity:

	June 30, 2023 (as Previously Reported)	Changed Within Financial Reporting Entity	June 30, 2023 (as Adjusted)
Governmental Funds:			
Capital Projects Fund (major fund)	\$ -	\$ 108,631	\$ 108,631
Nonmajor governmental funds	140,729	(108,631)	32,098

18. Contingencies and Commitments

Contingencies

The District participates in both state and federally assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. The District is potentially liable for any expenditure which may be disallowed pursuant to the terms of these grant programs. Management is not aware of any material items of noncompliance that may result in the disallowance of program expenditures.

Commitments

During April 2024, the District entered into a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement not to exceed \$1,700,000 for upgrades to the boiler/boiler system and the automated temperature control system.

19. Subsequent Event

The District issued its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024 in the amount of \$14,865,000 on July 17, 2024, for the purpose of capital projects consisting of the design, construction of additions and renovations to the elementary school and other capital projects and to pay the cost of issuing the bonds.

In December 2024, the District awarded a construction contract in the amount of \$15,476,509 for its elementary school alterations and additions project. The District also in December 2024 approved a Guaranteed Energy Savings Agreement - Amendment 1 not to exceed the lump sum cost of \$13,300,000 for select upgrades to the elementary school and includes complete plumbing, HVAC and electrical renovations/upgrades to the school.

**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**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
West Branch Area School District

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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activity, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of West Branch Area School District (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 12, 2025. In our report, an emphasis of matter paragraph was included, as more fully described in Notes 1 and 17 to the financial statements, to address the District's adoption of a new accounting principle. Our report was not modified with respect to this matter.

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 opinion 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, we identified a deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and another deficiency that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002 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 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.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

State College, Pennsylvania
May 12, 2025

**Report on Compliance
for the Major Federal Program and
Report on Internal Control Over Compliance
Required by the Uniform Guidance**

Independent Auditors' Report

To the Board of Directors of
West Branch Area School District

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited West Branch Area School District's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2024. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the 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 the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditors' 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 the District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *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 the District's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the 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 the 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 the 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.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-003. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify a deficiency in internal control over compliance that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-003, to be a significant deficiency.

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.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures the District's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The District's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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.

Baker Tilly US, LLP

State College, Pennsylvania
May 12, 2025

West Branch Area School District

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the PSERS Net Pension Liability (Unaudited)

Years Ended June 30

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.0504%	0.0495%	0.0509%	0.0502%	0.0506%	0.0498%	0.0507%	0.0494%	0.0483%	0.0497%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 22,421,000	\$ 22,007,000	\$ 20,898,000	\$ 24,718,000	\$ 23,672,000	\$ 23,906,000	\$ 25,040,000	\$ 24,485,000	\$ 20,928,000	\$ 19,672,000
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,695,405	\$ 7,257,164	\$ 7,206,581	\$ 7,043,818	\$ 6,982,061	\$ 6,707,140	\$ 7,135,076	\$ 6,944,054	\$ 6,220,527	\$ 6,207,421
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	291.36%	303.25%	289.98%	350.92%	339.04%	356.43%	350.94%	352.60%	336.43%	316.91%
PSERS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.85%	61.34%	63.67%	54.32%	55.66%	54.00%	51.84%	50.14%	54.36%	57.24%

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Schedule of the District's PSERS Pension Contributions (Unaudited)

Years Ended June 30

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 2,483,874	\$ 2,542,982	\$ 2,450,612	\$ 2,388,523	\$ 2,334,038	\$ 2,278,068	\$ 2,333,974	\$ 1,963,067	\$ 1,596,249	\$ 1,251,279
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(2,483,874)	(2,542,982)	(2,450,612)	(2,388,523)	(2,334,038)	(2,278,068)	(2,333,974)	(1,963,067)	(1,596,249)	(1,251,279)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,695,405	\$ 7,257,164	\$ 7,206,581	\$ 7,043,818	\$ 6,982,061	\$ 6,707,140	\$ 7,135,076	\$ 6,944,054	\$ 6,220,527	\$ 6,207,421
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	32.28%	35.04%	34.01%	33.91%	33.43%	33.96%	32.71%	28.27%	25.66%	20.16%

West Branch Area School District

Schedule of the District's Proportionate Share of the PSERS Net OPEB Liability (Unaudited)
Years Ended June 30

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
District's proportion of the net OPEB liability	0.0502%	0.0494%	0.0508%	0.0502%	0.0506%	0.0498%	0.0507%	0.0494%
District's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability	\$ 908,000	\$ 909,000	\$ 1,205,000	\$ 1,085,000	\$ 1,076,000	\$ 1,038,000	\$ 1,033,000	\$ 1,064,000
District's covered-employee payroll	7,695,405	7,257,164	7,206,581	7,043,818	6,982,061	6,707,140	7,135,076	6,944,054
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	11.80%	12.53%	16.72%	15.40%	15.41%	15.48%	14.48%	15.32%
PSERS Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	7.22%	6.86%	5.30%	5.69%	5.56%	5.56%	5.73%	5.47%

Note: Data is not available for years prior to June 30, 2017

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Schedule of the District's PSERS OPEB Contributions (Unaudited)

Years Ended June 30

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 48,041	\$ 55,266	\$ 57,425	\$ 58,136	\$ 58,613	\$ 58,000	\$ 61,025	\$ 55,799	\$ 53,634	\$ 54,934
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	(48,041)	(55,266)	(57,425)	(58,136)	(58,613)	(58,000)	(61,025)	(55,799)	(53,634)	(54,934)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
District's covered-employee payroll	\$ 7,695,405	\$ 7,257,164	\$ 7,206,581	\$ 7,043,818	\$ 6,982,061	\$ 6,707,140	\$ 7,135,076	\$ 6,944,054	\$ 6,220,527	\$ 6,207,421
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	0.62%	0.76%	0.80%	0.83%	0.84%	0.86%	0.86%	0.80%	0.86%	0.88%

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Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios - District Plan (Unaudited) Years Ended June 30

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 130,689	\$ 239,657	\$ 235,341	\$ 202,483	\$ 197,025	\$ 211,358	\$ 208,818
Interest cost	121,318	93,981	74,813	114,984	98,787	102,604	75,878
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	(154,405)	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-	(442,143)	-	(70,653)	-	(18,298)	-
Changes of assumptions	27,416	(811,756)	(116,587)	413,470	(97,166)	8,501	54,172
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(105,318)	(103,809)	(91,366)	(95,108)	(99,155)	(97,820)	(125,780)
Net change in total OPEB liability	174,105	(1,024,070)	102,201	565,176	99,491	51,940	213,088
Total OPEB Liability, Beginning	2,914,474	3,938,544	3,836,343	3,271,167	3,171,676	3,119,736	2,906,648
Total OPEB Liability, Ending	\$ 3,088,579	\$ 2,914,474	\$ 3,938,544	\$ 3,836,343	\$ 3,271,167	\$ 3,171,676	\$ 3,119,736
Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 6,919,435	\$ 6,919,435	\$ 6,802,828	\$ 6,802,828	\$ 6,575,889	\$ 6,575,889	\$ 7,113,089
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	44.64%	42.12%	57.90%	56.39%	49.74%	48.23%	43.86%

The District implemented GASB Statement No. 75 during its year ended June 30, 2018.
Information prior to 2018 year is not available.

Note:

Changes of Assumptions

The discount rate changed from 3.13% in 2018 to 2.98% in 2019 to 3.36% in 2020 to 1.86% in 2021 to 2.28% in 2022 to 4.06% percent in 2023 to 4.13% in 2024. The trend assumption was updated. Assumptions for salary, mortality, withdrawal and retirement were updated based on new PSERS assumptions.

West Branch Area School District**General Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance (Unaudited)**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues

Local sources:

Taxation:

Current taxation:

Real estate	\$ 4,248,744
Earned income tax	880,568
Payments in lieu of taxes	49,167
Public utility realty tax	4,627
Real estate transfers	150,317

Total current taxation 5,333,423

Delinquent taxation 168,024

Total from taxation 5,501,447

Earnings from temporary investments and deposits 553,876

Receipts from other LEA's 201,870

IDEA 237,975

Athletic admissions 31,090

Miscellaneous revenue 169,331

Total local sources 6,695,589

State sources:

Basic instructional subsidy 8,537,497

Vocation 62,799

Private placement 10,899

Drivers education 1,260

Special education 1,004,047

Transportation 1,144,775

Rental and sinking fund payments 43,268

Medical and dental services 10,512

Supplemental reimbursement 356,305

Social Security subsidy 370,017

Retirement subsidy 1,801,549

Other state grants 414,754

Total state sources 13,757,682

Federal sources:

ECIA Title I 507,391

Title II 29,044

Title IV 31,059

ESSER 1,217,521

Medical access 1,181

Total federal sources 1,786,196

Total revenues \$ 22,239,467

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General Fund - Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance (Unaudited)
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Expenditures

Instruction:

Regular programs	\$ 8,089,580
Special programs	3,361,772
Vocational education programs	825,501
Pre-Kindergarten	268,401
Other instructional programs	<u>50,742</u>

Total instruction 12,595,996

Support services:

Pupil personnel	585,027
Instructional staff	495,414
Administration	1,113,031
Pupil health	468,395
Business	326,394
Operation and maintenance of plant services	1,867,405
Student transportation	1,231,685
Central	<u>237,086</u>

Total support services 6,324,437

Noninstructional services 504,919

Facilities acquisition, construction and improvement services 42,096

Debt service 1,368,448

Total expenditures 20,835,896

Excess of revenues over expenditures
before other financing uses 1,403,571

Other Financing Uses

Transfer out (107,000)

Net change in fund balance 1,296,571

Fund Balances, Beginning 9,921,556

Fund Balances, Ending \$ 11,218,127

West Branch Area School District
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/ Program or Cluster Title	Source Code	Assistance Listing Number	Pass- Grants Number	Grant Period Code	Program or Award Amount	Total Received for Year	Adjustments *	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue at July 1, 2023	Revenue Recognized	Expenditures	Accrued (Deferred) Revenue at June 30 2024	Expenditures to Subrecipients
U.S. Department of Education												
Passed Through Pennsylvania Department of Education:												
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	I	84.010	013-240469	A	\$	\$ 90,556	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 339,069	\$ 339,069	\$ 248,513	\$ -
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	I	84.010	013-230469	B		97,219	-	(71,103)	168,322	168,322	-	-
Total Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies						187,775	-	(71,103)	507,391	507,391	248,513	-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	I	84.387	020-240469	A		8,583	-	-	29,044	29,044	20,461	-
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	I	84.387	020-230469	B		15,975	-	15,975	-	-	-	-
Total Improving Teacher Quality State Grants						24,558	-	15,975	29,044	29,044	20,461	-
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	I	84.424	144-240469	A		8,282	-	-	31,059	31,059	22,777	-
Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	I	84.424	144-230469	B		1,636	-	1,636	-	-	-	-
Total Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program						9,918	-	1,636	31,059	31,059	22,777	-
COVID-19 - ARP - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	I	84.425U	223-210469	A		1,026,253	(17,519)	224,152	1,191,459	1,191,459	301,839	-
COVID-19 - CARES/Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	I	84.425D	200-210469	A		114,522	24,077	16,169	74,276	74,276	-	-
COVID-19 - ARP - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	I	84.425U	225-210469	A		37,535	-	37,535	-	-	-	-
COVID-19 - ARP - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief - Homeless Children & Youth	I	84.425W	181-212472	A		-	-	-	15,228	15,228	15,228	-
Total Education Stabilization Funds						1,178,310	(63,442)	277,856	1,280,963	1,280,963	317,067	-
Total Pennsylvania Department of Education						1,400,561	(63,442)	224,364	1,848,457	1,848,457	608,818	-
Passed Through Central Intermediate Unit 10:												
Special Education Cluster (IDEA):												
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	062-240010	A		-	-	-	250,873	250,873	250,873	-
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	062-230010	B		258,441	-	258,441	-	-	-	-
Special Education Preschool Grants	I	84.173	131-23-0010	B		-	-	-	5,110	5,110	5,110	-
Special Education Grants to States	I	84.027	062-220010	B		18,009	-	18,009	-	-	-	-
Total Special Education Cluster (IDEA)						276,450	-	276,450	255,983	255,983	255,983	-
Total U.S. Department of Education						1,677,011	(63,442)	500,814	2,104,440	2,104,440	864,801	-
U.S. Department of Agriculture												
Passed Through Pennsylvania Department of Education:												
COVID-19 - Pandemic EBT Administrative Costs	I	10.649	358-0000	A	Note 3	653	-	-	653	653	-	-
Child Nutrition Cluster:												
Passed Through PA Department of Education:												
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	362-0000	A	Note 3	368,267	-	-	368,267	368,267	-	-
School Breakfast Program	I	10.553	365-0000	A	Note 3	130,388	-	-	130,388	130,388	-	-
COVID-19 - National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	356-0000	A	Note 3	26,407	-	(12,410)	36,817	36,817	-	-
Passed Through Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture:												
National School Lunch Program	I	10.555	2-05-17-900	A	Note 3	52,527	-	(8,180)	45,668	45,668	(13,039)	-
Total Child Nutrition Cluster						577,589	-	(18,590)	583,140	583,140	(13,039)	-
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture						578,242	-	(18,590)	583,793	583,793	(13,039)	-
Total expenditures of federal awards						\$ 2,255,253	\$ (63,442)	\$ 482,224	\$ 2,698,233	\$ 2,698,233	\$ 851,762	\$ -

* Adjustments relate to revisions the District made to ESSER expenditure accounting in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.

See notes to schedule of expenditures of federal awards

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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended June 30, 2024

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) presents the federal award activity of West Branch Area School District under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Because the Schedule presents only a select portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position or cash flows of the District.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting for the Child Nutrition Cluster and the modified accrual basis of accounting for all remaining programs. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years. Pass-through entity identifying numbers are presented where available.

3. National School Lunch Program

The program amount for the National School Lunch Program is based on a set per meal reimbursement rate.

4. Source Code and Grant Period Codes

Source code used in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards is as follows:

I = Indirect funding

Grant period codes used in the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are as follows:

A = 07/01/23 – 6/30/24

B = 07/01/22 - 06/30/23

5. Access Reimbursements

Access reimbursements for direct medical services are classified as fee-for-service revenues and are not considered federal awards for purposes of the Single Audit, and are thus not reported on the Schedule. The District's General Fund federal revenues include \$1,181 of access reimbursements for direct medical services.

6. Indirect Cost Rate

The District has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate as allowed under Uniform Guidance.

West Branch Area School District**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section I - Summary of Auditors' Results**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?

 X yes no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

 X yes none reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?

 yes X no

Federal Awards

Internal control over the major federal program:

Material weakness(es) identified?

 yes X no

Significant deficiency(ies) identified?

 X yes none reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for the major federal program:

Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?

 X yes no

Identification of major federal program:

Assistance Listing Number(s)

Name of Federal Program or Cluster

84.425

Education Stabilization Funds

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs:

\$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

 X yes no

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2024-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting - Nonattest Services - Material Weakness - Repeat of Prior Year Finding 2023-001

Criteria: Internal control is a process which captures and records transactions, safeguards your assets and assures compliance with laws and regulations. One critical element of internal control includes preparation and review and approval of reconciliations and year-end adjusting entries to ensure the books and records appropriately reflect the current year activities.

Condition/Context: As part of our audit of the District's financial statements, there were certain bookkeeping adjustments that were precipitated by the audit process. Such adjustments increased in both number and dollar value as compared with fiscal 2023. While we are pleased to provide these services, you understand that you are responsible for the District's internal control over financial reporting, which included:

- Proposed adjustments to real estate taxes receivable, allowance for uncollectable taxes, and unearned real estate tax revenue
- Proposed adjustments to interfund activity (Due to/from and transfers between General Fund and Capital Projects Fund)
- Proposed adjustments to state and federal grants and receivables/unearned revenue
- Proposed adjustments to other balance sheet and income statement accounts

Cause: The District has individuals with the skills, knowledge and expertise to perform these activities in-house. However, the transition within the Business Office at the end of June 30, 2023 and the change in accounting software format, affected the District's ability to close the 2023/2024 fiscal year in an accurate and timely manner.

Effect: The fact that you have requested our technical assistance with the above-mentioned tasks, which are a normal and required component of internal control over financial reporting, constitutes a material weakness in internal control over financial reporting.

Recommendation: As management continues to acclimate itself to the District's processes and accounting software, we recommend working with the external auditors to gain a more thorough understanding of the types of adjustments that were proposed and incorporating these concepts into its year-end closing process going forward.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Management agrees and is working to ensure the above tasks are completed internally. It is noted that there has been progress in this area over the past several months as the new business manager has become more acclimated with the software and processes.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Finding 2024-002: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting - Grant Financial Reporting - Significant Deficiency

Criteria: The tracking and matching of grant revenues and expenditures and the related grant receivable amounts is essential in preparing the District's Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA).

Condition/Context: The District's system of tracking its grants was not fully adjusted at the time of the audit and the SEFA had not been completed in order to determine the total amount of grant expenditures as of June 30, 2024.

Cause: The District has individuals with the skills, knowledge and expertise to perform these activities in-house. However, the transition within the Business Office at the end of June 30, 2023 and the change in accounting software format, affected the District's ability to close the fiscal year in a timely manner and prepare a complete and accurate SEFA.

Effect: The District did not prepare a complete and accurate SEFA.

Recommendation: As management continues to acclimate itself to the District's processes and accounting software, we recommend working with the external auditors to gain a more thorough understanding on the preparation of the SEFA going forward.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Management agrees and working to ensure grant reporting is complete in order to prepare the SEFA going forward. It is noted that there has been progress in this area over the past several months as the new business manager has become more acclimated with the software and processes.

Section III - Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

Finding 2024-003: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting - Grant Financial Reporting - Significant Deficiency

Criteria: The tracking and matching of grant revenues and expenditures and the related grant receivable amounts is essential in preparing the District's Schedule of Expenditures and Federal Awards (SEFA).

Condition/Context: The District's system of tracking its grants was not fully adjusted at the time of the audit and the SEFA had not been completed in order to determine the total amount of grant expenditures as of June 30, 2024.

Cause: The District has individuals with the skills, knowledge and expertise to perform these activities in-house. However, the transition within the Business Office at the end of June 30, 2023 and the change in the accounting software format, affected the District's ability to close the fiscal year in a timely manner and prepare a complete and accurate SEFA.

Effect: The District did not prepare a complete and accurate SEFA.

Recommendation: As management continues to acclimate itself to the District's processes and accounting software, we recommend working with the external auditors to gain a more thorough understanding on the preparation of the SEFA going forward.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Management agrees and working to ensure grant reporting is complete in order to prepare the SEFA going forward. It is noted that there has been progress in this area over the past several months as the new business manager has become more acclimated with the software and processes.

West Branch Area School District

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended June 30, 2024

Section IV - Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings

Finding 2023-001: Internal Control Over Financial Reporting - Nonattest Services - Significant Deficiency

Criteria: Internal control is a process which captures and records transactions, safeguards your assets and assures compliance with laws and regulations. One critical element of internal control includes preparation and review and approval of reconciliations and year-end adjusting entries to ensure the books and records appropriately reflect the current year activities.

Condition/Context: As part of our audit of the District's financial statements, there were certain bookkeeping adjustments that were precipitated by the audit process. While we are pleased to provide these services, you understand that you are responsible for the District's internal control over financial reporting, which included:

- Proposed adjustments to real estate taxes receivable, allowance for uncollectable taxes, and unearned real estate tax revenue
- Proposed adjustments to state and federal grants and receivables/unearned revenue
- Proposed adjustments to other balance sheet and income statement accounts

Recommendation: We recommend that management give consideration to performing the above tasks internally.

Status: See current year finding 2024-001; this finding was elevated to a material weakness in fiscal 2024.

