

Western Yell County School District No. 9

Yell County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements And Other Reports

June 30, 2020



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YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Western Yell County School District No. 9 and School Board Members
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Western Yell County School District No. 9 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Arkansas, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2020, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2020, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements.

The Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 18, 2021 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 that scope or 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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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 AUDITOR'S REPORT

Western Yell County School District No. 9 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Western Yell County School District No. 9 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 18, 2021. We have issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the District as of June 30, 2020, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described below in the Audit Findings section of this report that we consider to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state laws and 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*.

AUDIT FINDING

Material Weakness

Internal control is a process consisting of five interrelated components - control environment, risk assessment, information and communication, control activities, and monitoring. Management is responsible for adopting sound accounting policies and for establishing and maintaining internal control that will, among other things, initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions (as well as events and conditions) consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements.

Deficiencies in the internal control component of control activities adversely affected the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report financial data in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting such that there was a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements would not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Financial accounting duties were not adequately segregated among employees. Specifically, the same employee initiates, records and processes payroll transactions with minimal compensating controls.

District management, due to cost/benefit implications, which hindered the District's ability to adequately segregate financial accounting duties among employees, did not effectively address the deficiencies in internal control. The District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements, as well as the ability to safeguard District assets, was adversely affected by the identified weaknesses in the above internal control component. District management should adopt sound accounting policies and establish and maintain internal control that will initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements and that will safeguard District assets.

Management Response: We concur with the recommendation and will implement corrective procedures to the extent possible.

District's Response to Finding

The District's response to the finding identified in our audit is described previously. The District's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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 District'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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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Little Rock, Arkansas
March 18, 2021

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
 YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2020

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			Fiduciary Fund Types
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 725,505	\$ 88,175	\$ 580,258	\$ 22,834
Investments				200,000
Accounts receivable	822	14,065		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 726,327	\$ 102,240	\$ 580,258	\$ 222,834
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 11,342	\$ 1,392		
Due student groups				\$ 17,145
Total Liabilities	11,342	1,392		17,145
Fund Balances:				
Nonspendable				200,000
Restricted	21,199	100,848		5,689
Assigned	33,090		\$ 580,258	
Unassigned	660,696			
Total Fund Balances	714,985	100,848	580,258	205,689
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 726,327	\$ 102,240	\$ 580,258	\$ 222,834

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,195,313		
State assistance	2,264,806	\$ 1,719	
Federal assistance	91,288	620,440	
Activity revenues	53,611		
Meal sales		24,460	
Investment income	5,405	218	
Other revenues	27,332	1,587	
TOTAL REVENUES	3,637,755	648,424	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	1,300,501	3,638	
Special education	111,629	7,609	
Career education programs	116,543		
Compensatory education programs	48,105	58,092	
Other instructional programs	61,585		
Student support services	175,058	83,968	
Instructional staff support services	401,560	136,671	
General administration support services	128,932	669	
School administration support services	132,218		
Central services support services	101,765	414	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	432,791	891	\$ 4,113
Student transportation services	214,270		
Other support services	16,060		
Food services operations	5,515	276,628	
Community services operations		17	
Non-programmed costs		6,102	
Activity expenditures	43,610		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement	80,953		125,000
Interest and fiscal charges	13,176		50,295
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,384,271	574,699	179,408
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	253,484	73,725	(179,408)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			175,295
Transfers out	(175,295)		
Proceeds from installment contract	21,643		
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(153,652)		175,295
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	99,832	73,725	(4,113)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	615,153	27,123	584,371
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 714,985	\$ 100,848	\$ 580,258

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,143,000	\$ 1,195,313	\$ 52,313			
State assistance	2,151,572	2,264,806	113,234	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,719	\$ (281)
Federal assistance	77,000	91,288	14,288	675,787	620,440	(55,347)
Activity revenues		53,611	53,611			
Meal sales				43,300	24,460	(18,840)
Investment income	5,000	5,405	405		218	218
Other revenues	23,642	27,332	3,690		1,587	1,587
TOTAL REVENUES	3,400,214	3,637,755	237,541	721,087	648,424	(72,663)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	1,245,400	1,300,501	(55,101)		3,638	(3,638)
Special education	148,063	111,629	36,434	25,373	7,609	17,764
Career education programs	114,978	116,543	(1,565)			
Compensatory education programs	47,612	48,105	(493)	96,283	58,092	38,191
Other instructional programs	37,934	61,585	(23,651)			
Student support services	138,675	175,058	(36,383)	164,326	83,968	80,358
Instructional staff support services	402,657	401,560	1,097	123,052	136,671	(13,619)
General administration support services	131,210	128,932	2,278		669	(669)
School administration support services	135,627	132,218	3,409			
Central services support services	97,374	101,765	(4,391)		414	(414)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	461,727	432,791	28,936		891	(891)
Student transportation services	217,432	214,270	3,162			
Other support services	26,633	16,060	10,573			
Food services operations	4,800	5,515	(715)	319,412	276,628	42,784
Community services operations				2,500	17	2,483
Non-programmed costs				6,113	6,102	11
Activity expenditures		43,610	(43,610)			
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	78,648	80,953	(2,305)			
Interest and fiscal charges	12,687	13,176	(489)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,301,457	3,384,271	(82,814)	737,059	574,699	162,360

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 98,757	\$ 253,484	\$ 154,727	\$ (15,972)	\$ 73,725	\$ 89,697
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	4,219,065		(4,219,065)	36,978		(36,978)
Transfers out	(4,319,372)	(175,295)	4,144,077	(36,978)		36,978
Proceeds from installment contract		21,643	21,643			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(100,307)	(153,652)	(53,345)	0		0
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,550)	99,832	101,382	(15,972)	73,725	89,697
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	849,943	615,153	(234,790)	27,122	27,123	1
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 848,393</u>	<u>\$ 714,985</u>	<u>\$ (133,408)</u>	<u>\$ 11,150</u>	<u>\$ 100,848</u>	<u>\$ 89,698</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a five member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Western Yell County School District (District). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

General Fund - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the District's food services operations. The Special Revenue Fund also includes required matching for those federal programs, program income required to be used to further the objectives of those programs, and transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

Other governmental funds, presented in the aggregate, consist of the following:

Capital Projects Fund – The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Capital Projects Fund excludes those types of capital-related outflows financed by proprietary funds or for assets that will be held in trust for individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

Debt Service Fund – The Debt Service Fund is used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

Agency Funds – Agency Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities).

Private-purpose Trust Funds – Private-purpose trust funds are used to report all other trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c), as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
 YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2020

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and capital leases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose trust funds will be reflected in the notes to financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA, except for property taxes (see Note 1 F below).

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	20
Buildings	50
Equipment	5-20

F. Property Taxes

Property taxes are levied (tax rates are established) in November of each year based on property assessment (real and personal) that occurred within a specific period of time beginning January 1 of the same year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the year following the levy date and are considered delinquent after October 15 of the same calendar year.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2020

1: **SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

F. Property Taxes (Continued)

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-401 allows, but does not mandate, the District to accrue the difference between the amount of 2019 calendar year taxes collected by June 30, 2020 and 4 percent of the proceeds of the local taxes that are not pledged to secure bonded indebtedness. The District elected not to accrue property taxes or the option to accrue property taxes was not applicable because the amount of property taxes collected by June 30, 2020 equaled or exceeded the 4 percent calculation.

Amendment no. 74 to the Arkansas Constitution established a uniform minimum property tax millage rate of 25 mills for maintenance and operation of public schools. Ark. Code Ann. § 26-80-101 provides the uniform rate of tax (URT) shall be assessed and collected in the same manner as other school property taxes, but the net revenues from the URT shall be remitted to the State Treasurer and distributed by the State to the county treasurer of each county for distribution to the school districts in that county. For reporting purposes, URT revenues are considered property taxes.

G. Fund Balance Classifications

1. Nonspendable fund balance – represents amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted fund balance – represents amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Assigned fund balance – represents amounts that are constrained by the District's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
4. Unassigned fund balance – represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification can also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

H. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The District does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education's regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the school districts employ the cash basis method.

The District budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund. Significant variances may result in the budgetary comparison of the revenues and expenditures of the special revenue fund because of the reclassification of those federal programs primarily utilized for capital projects to the other aggregate funds for reporting purposes.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same.

WESTERN YELL COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9
 YELL COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2020

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

I. Stabilization Arrangements

The District's Board of Education has not formally set aside amounts for use in emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise.

J. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

The District's Board of Education has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

K. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The Superintendent, in conjunction with other management and accounting personnel, is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The District's Board of Education has not adopted a formal policy addressing this authorization.

The District's revenues, expenditures, and fund balances are tracked in the accounting system by numerous sources of funds. The fund balances of these sources of funds are combined to derive the District's total fund balances by fund. It is uncommon for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) funds. The District does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. District personnel decide which resources (source of funds) to use at the time expenditures are incurred. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The District does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balances when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

L. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 450,000	\$ 450,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	1,164,580	1,275,450
Total Deposits	\$ 1,614,580	\$ 1,725,450

The above total deposits do not include cash of \$1,992 which was held in the Yell County Treasury and cash on hand of \$200. The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$200,000 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

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3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2020 were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Federal assistance		\$ 14,065
Activity fund accounts	\$ 364	
Other	458	
Totals	<u>\$ 822</u>	<u>\$ 14,065</u>

4: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2020:

Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

The District is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2020	Maturities To June 30, 2020
<u>Bonds</u>					
11/1/16	2/1/38	1.1 - 2.75%	\$ 1,990,000	\$ 1,775,000	\$ 215,000
1/1/15	2/1/29	1 - 2.65%	645,000	425,000	220,000
Total Bonds			<u>2,635,000</u>	<u>2,200,000</u>	<u>435,000</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
12/21/11	5/1/21	4.95%	75,000	7,500	67,500
12/21/11	5/1/21	4.95%	99,000	9,900	89,100
6/26/15	6/26/25	2.99%	205,500	110,360	95,140
6/30/16	6/30/24	3.19%	128,863	68,504	60,359
10/27/16	10/27/24	3.24%	209,255	124,282	84,973
11/22/19	11/22/24	4.00%	21,643	19,338	2,305
Total Direct Borrowings			<u>739,261</u>	<u>339,884</u>	<u>399,377</u>
Total Long-Term Debt			<u>\$ 3,374,261</u>	<u>\$ 2,539,884</u>	<u>\$ 834,377</u>

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4: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2019	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2020
Bonds payable	\$ 2,325,000		\$ 125,000	\$ 2,200,000
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Certificates of indebtedness	34,800		17,400	17,400
Installment contracts	364,394	\$ 21,643	63,553	322,484
Total Direct Borrowings	399,194	21,643	80,953	339,884
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 2,724,194	\$ 21,643	\$ 205,953	\$ 2,539,884

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds			Direct Borrowings		
	Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total
2021	\$ 125,000	\$ 47,885	\$ 172,885	\$ 84,670	\$ 10,590	\$ 95,260
2022	130,000	46,095	176,095	69,442	7,556	76,998
2023	135,000	44,005	179,005	71,684	5,314	76,998
2024	145,000	41,845	186,845	73,998	3,000	76,998
2025	130,000	39,278	169,278	40,090	785	40,875
2026-2030	675,000	154,248	829,248			
2031-2035	515,000	86,087	601,087			
2036-2038	345,000	19,250	364,250			
Totals	\$ 2,200,000	\$ 478,693	\$ 2,678,693	\$ 339,884	\$ 27,245	\$ 367,129

Security for Debt Payments

Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-1204 specifies procedures to be followed if a school district is delinquent in a payment to the paying agent for bonded debt. As additional security, any delinquent payment for bonded debt will be satisfied by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE). Depending on the date of the bond issue, DESE will recover the full amount of any delinquency payment through the withholding of a school district's state funding or a direct payment from the school district. There were no delinquent bond payments incurred by the District during the audit period.

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5: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities at June 30, 2020 were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 11,221	\$ 1,392
Payroll withholdings and matching	121	
Totals	\$ 11,342	\$ 1,392

6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$175,295 from the general fund to other aggregate funds for debt related payments.

7: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers employees of schools and education-related agencies, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-666-2877, or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 6.25% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 14.25% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2020, were \$333,254, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2019, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$3,316,632.

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8: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE TRUST FUNDS

ADDITIONS	
Interest	\$ 1,703
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CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	1,703
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FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	203,986
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FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	\$ 205,689
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9: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$2,635,000 issued from January 1, 2015 to November 1, 2016. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$2,678,693, payable through February 1, 2038. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$174,420 and \$425,137, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 41.03 percent.

10: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The District carries commercial insurance for board liability and business trip accidental death and dismemberment coverage.

The District participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a self-insurance trust voluntarily established on July 1, 1994 pursuant to state law. The Trust is responsible for obtaining and administering workers' compensation insurance coverage for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Trust is responsible for monitoring, negotiating and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against member districts. The District contributes annually to this program.

Additionally, the District participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Risk Management Program (the Association), a self-insurance program voluntarily established on February 1, 1984 pursuant to state law. The Association is responsible for obtaining and administering insurance coverage for property and vehicles for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Association is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed against member districts. The District pays an annual premium for its coverage of buildings and contents.

The District participates in the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program provides coverage for actual losses sustained by its members through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$300,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. Premiums for coverage are paid by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas from funds withheld from the Public School Fund.

The District participates in the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of member districts, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicles coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The District pays an annual premium for its coverage of vehicles.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

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11: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the District's employees, totaled \$82,355 for the year ended June 30, 2020.

12: DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 263		
English-language learners	1,054		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 83,964	
Medical services		16,884	
Other purposes	19,882		
Total Restricted	<u>21,199</u>	<u>100,848</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$ 580,258
Student activities	33,090		
Total Assigned	<u>33,090</u>		<u>580,258</u>
Unassigned	<u>660,696</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 714,985</u>	<u>\$ 100,848</u>	<u>\$ 580,258</u>

13: ENDOWMENT FUND

On October 29, 2006, the George and Irene Cowger Scholarship Fund was established by donation of \$200,000. The interest earned on the endowment is to be used for scholarships. The unexpended interest at June 30, 2020, was \$5,689. The endowed portion is maintained in a certificate of deposit classified as a nonparticipating contract.

14: RESPONSE TO COVID-19

On March 11, 2020, the Governor of Arkansas issued Executive Order 20-03 declaring an emergency and ordered the Arkansas Department of Health to take action to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). A mandatory, two week, statewide closure for all schools was announced on March 15, 2020 by the Governor. On April 6, 2020, the Governor announced that on-site instruction for all Arkansas public schools would be discontinued until the 2020-2021 school year and school districts would continue alternative methods of instruction (AMI) through the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

15: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On December 1, 2020, the District issued refunding bonds of \$1,850,000 with interest rates of 0.4 to 1.4 percent. The proceeds will be utilized to refund the bond issue dated November 1, 2016. The November 1, 2016 bonds will be called on January 11, 2021.

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 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
 (Unaudited)

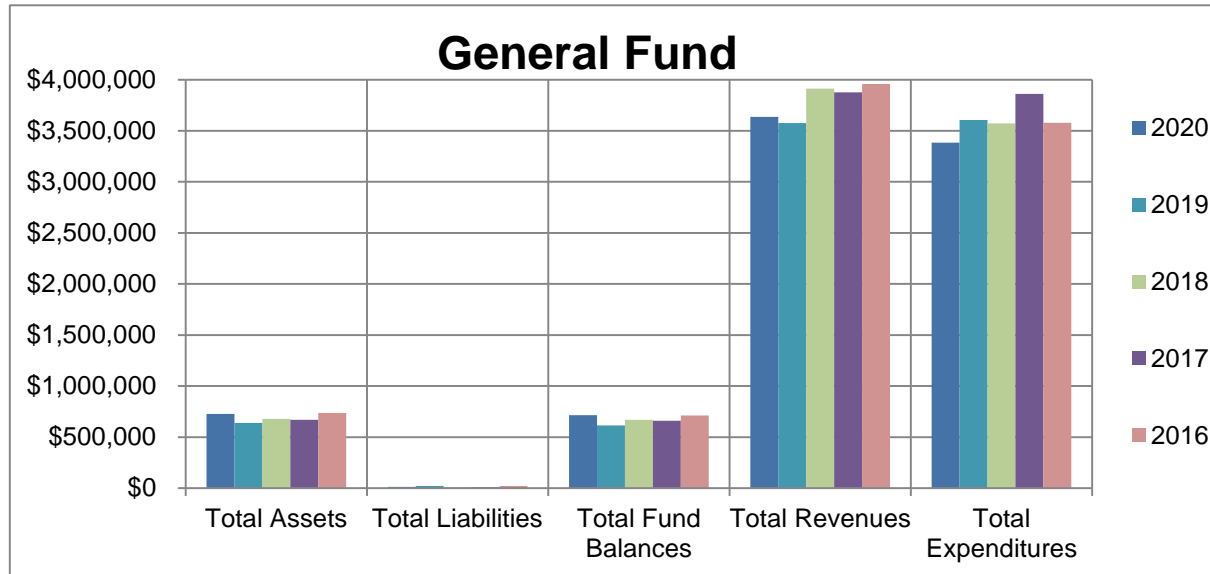
Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2020
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 53,589
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	8,792,357
Improvements/infrastructure	399,908
Equipment	1,898,720
Total depreciable capital assets	11,090,985
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	2,749,786
Improvements/infrastructure	291,137
Equipment	1,559,547
Total accumulated depreciation	4,600,470
Total depreciable capital assets, net	6,490,515
Capital assets, net	\$ 6,544,104

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 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 2

<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	\$ 726,327	\$ 637,578	\$ 678,254	\$ 670,647	\$ 736,017
Total Liabilities	11,342	22,425	10,589	9,395	22,787
Total Fund Balances	714,985	615,153	667,665	661,252	713,230
Total Revenues	3,637,755	3,575,259	3,913,781	3,876,367	3,957,823
Total Expenditures	3,384,271	3,606,891	3,573,472	3,861,508	3,577,684
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(153,652)	(20,880)	(333,896)	(66,837)	(430,480)

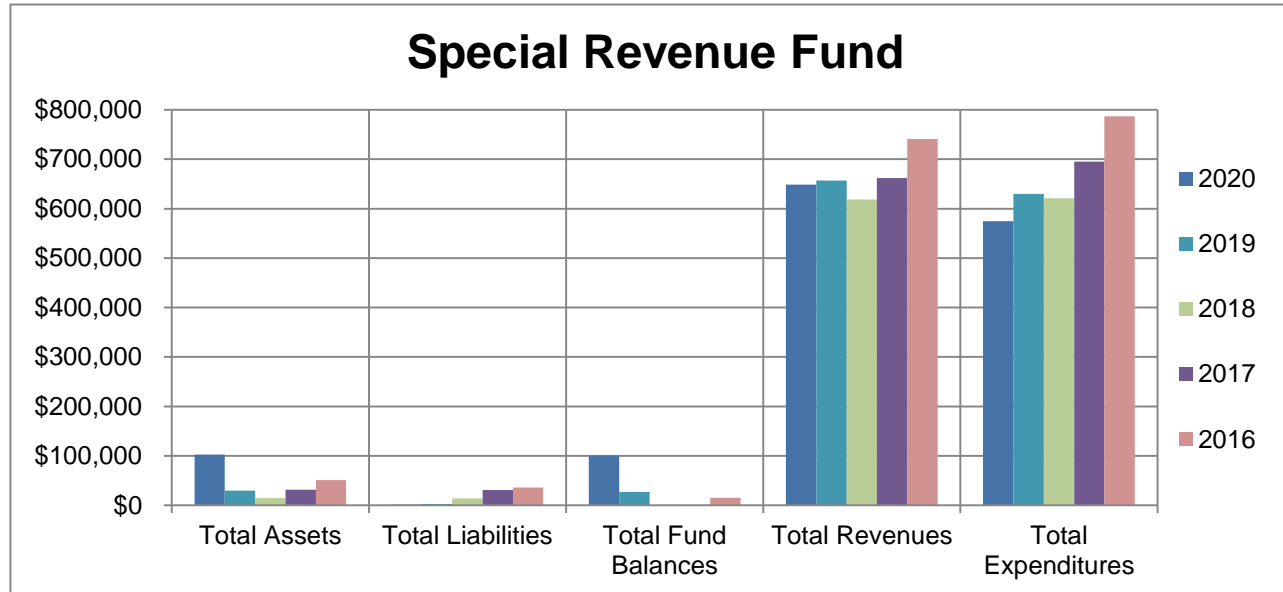


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Schedule 2

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<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	\$ 102,240	\$ 29,400	\$ 14,426	\$ 31,606	\$ 51,024
Total Liabilities	1,392	2,277	13,991	30,637	36,145
Total Fund Balances	100,848	27,123	435	969	14,879
Total Revenues	648,424	656,712	618,619	662,127	740,852
Total Expenditures	574,699	630,024	621,283	695,220	787,047
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			2,130	19,183	11,095



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Total Assets	\$ 580,258	\$ 584,371	\$ 842,903	\$ 863,220	\$ 885,694
Total Liabilities				4,095	1,201
Total Fund Balances	580,258	584,371	842,903	859,125	884,493
Total Revenues				1,446	
Total Expenditures	179,408	279,412	347,759	346,673	337,336
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	175,295	20,880	331,537	319,859	540,975

