

Imboden Area Charter School

Lawrence County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2024



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LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Imboden Area Charter School and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Imboden Area Charter School (the "Charter School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying 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 Charter School as of June 30, 2024, 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.

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 section of our report, the accompanying 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 Charter School as of June 30, 2024, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

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 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Charter School, 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.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Charter School 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, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. 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 and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with 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 Charter School'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 Charter School's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Other Information

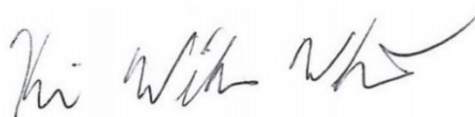
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 7, 2025 on our consideration of the Charter School'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 Charter School'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 Charter School's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 7, 2025
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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

Imboden Area Charter School 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Imboden Area Charter School (the "Charter School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Charter School's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 7, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the Charter School 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 and pervasive. 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 Charter School as of June 30, 2024, 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.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, we considered the Charter School'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 Charter School's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Charter School'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 Charter School's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the Charter School in a separate letter dated May 7, 2025.

AUDIT FINDINGS

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 Charter School'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 Charter School's financial statements would not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. Financial accounting duties were not adequately segregated among employees, and internal controls related to cash were not always performed.

Specifically, as of June 30, 2024, the operating bank account had an unreconciled variance of \$375,702. ALA staff identified variances during audit fieldwork leaving an unexplained variance of \$15,332. Additionally, the bank reconciliation was not approved by entity personnel. Bank reconciliations for the periods of July 2023 through May 2024, were not available for review.

During our examination of receipts, we noted the following:

- Receipts were not always issued timely or accurately recorded in APSCN.
- \$2,613 of revenue was recorded on the general ledger twice.
- \$106 of revenue was not recorded on the general ledger.

Charter School management, due to cost/benefit implications, which hindered the Charter School's ability to hire sufficient personnel, did not effectively address the deficiencies in internal control. The Charter School'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 Charter School assets, was adversely affected by the identified weaknesses in the above internal control component.

Charter School management should adopt sound accounting policies and establish, maintain, and implement internal controls that will initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements and that will safeguard Charter School assets.

Management Response: The Imboden Area Charter School (IACS) has always suffered from deficiencies dealing with segregation of duties in the financials of the school. This is due mostly in part to having an extremely small staff due to budgeting concerns. This weakness was amplified significantly during the 2024 fiscal year when an employee was on leave for a significant period of time. Director Wells worked closely with APSCN to take over all bookkeeping and payroll duties in an effort to continue business and rectify any issues. During fiscal year 2025, Mr. Wells and bookkeeping staff have continued working to resolve variances and get all bank reconciliations completed and accurate. An additional employee was brought in to assist with bookkeeping as a means of segregating duties more, and to provide a third review of monthly checklists the bookkeeper should be completing. It is the recommendation of Director Wells that the Imboden Area Charter School's Board of Directors issue the employee an additional contract to assist and review bookkeeping duties. Moving forward it should be the practice of IACS to have a minimum of three people involved in the accounting side of the school. It is also Director Wells' belief that IACS should work closely with Ken Rich of the Arkansas Public School Resource Center to review internal controls practices and likely adopt new practices for internal controls. While documents and procedures for internal controls exist and were followed as best we could given the situation, the belief is these practices need to be updated and/or changed entirely to prevent future issues.

Charter School's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Charter School's response to the finding identified in our audit, excluding the management letter finding, and described in the Audit Findings section of this report. The Charter School's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of This Report

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 7, 2025

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Imboden Area Charter School and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We would like to communicate the following item that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comment is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management to maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. This matter was discussed previously with Charter School officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

During our review of payroll records, we noted an employee was overpaid \$1,536 due to a clerical error.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and Charter School management, state executive and oversight management, federal regulatory and oversight bodies, the federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matt Fink".

Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
May 7, 2025

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 66,808	\$ 23,953	
Accounts receivable		26,854	\$ 3,138
Due from other funds	3,138		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 69,946	\$ 50,807	\$ 3,138
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 9,460	\$ 7,092	
Due to other funds			\$ 3,138
Total Liabilities	9,460	7,092	3,138
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	79,775	43,715	
Assigned	4,135		
Unassigned	(23,424)		
Total Fund Balances	60,486	43,715	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 69,946	\$ 50,807	\$ 3,138

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

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
REVENUES			
State assistance	\$ 612,769	\$ 454	\$ 30,818
Federal assistance		160,075	
Activity revenues	10,187		
Investment income	2,072		
Other revenues	106	14,509	
TOTAL REVENUES	625,134	175,038	30,818
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	344,724	25,636	
Special education	30,439	16,790	
Compensatory education programs		35,684	
Student support services	50,238	22,195	
Instructional staff support services	31,654	9,150	
General administration support services	141,573		
School administration support services	2,902		
Central services support services	63,593	4,014	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	108,173		30,818
Student transportation services	42,711		
Other support services		3,592	
Food services operations		61,875	
Non-programmed costs		2,200	
Activity expenditures	9,835		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	825,842	181,136	30,818
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(200,708)	(6,098)	
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	261,194	49,813	
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 60,486</u>	<u>\$ 43,715</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

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

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE 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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
State assistance	\$ 583,444	\$ 612,769	\$ 29,325	\$ 150	\$ 454	\$ 304
Federal assistance				141,640	160,075	18,435
Activity revenues	3,500	10,187	6,687			
Investment income	200	2,072	1,872			
Other revenues		106	106		14,509	14,509
TOTAL REVENUES	587,144	625,134	37,990	141,790	175,038	33,248
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	346,535	344,724	1,811	7,021	25,636	(18,615)
Special education	33,756	30,439	3,317	20,110	16,790	3,320
Compensatory education programs				29,516	35,684	(6,168)
Student support services	41,796	50,238	(8,442)	18,639	22,195	(3,556)
Instructional staff support services	18,141	31,654	(13,513)	15,559	9,150	6,409
General administration support services	104,932	141,573	(36,641)			
School administration support services	4,056	2,902	1,154			
Central services support services	61,410	63,593	(2,183)	5,742	4,014	1,728
Operation and maintenance of plant services	41,054	108,173	(67,119)			
Student transportation services	34,345	42,711	(8,366)			
Other support services	1,000		1,000		3,592	(3,592)
Food services operations				53,189	61,875	(8,686)
Community services operations				200		200
Facilities acquisition and construction services	12,000		12,000			
Non-programmed costs				1,275	2,200	(925)
Activity expenditures	4,200	9,835	(5,635)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	703,225	825,842	(122,617)	151,251	181,136	(29,885)

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE 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, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (116,081)	\$ (200,708)	\$ (84,627)	\$ (9,461)	\$ (6,098)	\$ 3,363
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	844,727		(844,727)			
Transfers out	(843,752)		843,752			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	975		(975)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(115,106)	(200,708)	(85,602)	(9,461)	(6,098)	3,363
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	265,226	261,194	(4,032)	44,094	49,813	5,719
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 150,120	\$ 60,486	\$ (89,634)	\$ 34,633	\$ 43,715	\$ 9,082

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

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

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 Imboden Area Charter School (Charter School). 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. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects, including the Charter School'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.

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) 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.

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 and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets, leases, 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.

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

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. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. 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 financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose 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 Charter School 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
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.

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 Charter Schools in that county. For reporting purposes, URT revenues are considered property taxes.

G. Interfund Receivables and Payables

Interfund receivables and payables result from services rendered from one fund to another or from interfund loans.

IMBODEN AREA CHARTER SCHOOL
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Fund Balance Classifications

1. 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.
2. Assigned fund balance – represents amounts that are constrained by the Charter School's *intent* to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
3. 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.

I. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Charter School is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Charter School 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 Charter School 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.

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.

J. Stabilization Arrangements

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

K. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

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1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued)

The Charter School'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 Charter School'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 Charter School 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 Charter School 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.

M. Encumbrances

The Charter School 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)	\$ 90,761	\$ 188,060

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2024, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	Other Aggregate
	Special Revenue	
State assistance	\$ 36	\$ 3,138
Federal assistance	26,818	
Totals	\$ 26,854	\$ 3,138

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4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at June 30, 2024, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 9,460	\$ 7,092

5: 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 501-682-1517, 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 7% 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 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$85,120, 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, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$640,849.

6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Charter School 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 Charter School 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.

The Charter School 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.

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6: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

The Charter School 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 contents and 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.

7: 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 \$7,504 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	Special
	General	Revenue
Fund Balances:		
Restricted for:		
Enhanced student achievement funding	\$ 37,073	
Professional development	6,045	
Child nutrition programs		\$ 35,052
Medical services		4,979
Special education programs	5,830	
Other purposes	30,827	3,684
Total Restricted	<u>79,775</u>	<u>43,715</u>
Assigned to:		
Student activities	<u>4,135</u>	
Unassigned	<u>(23,424)</u>	
Totals	<u>\$ 60,486</u>	<u>\$ 43,715</u>

9: DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

The unassigned fund balance in the general fund at June 30, 2024, as reflected at the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis and the table at Note 8, was in the deficit amount of \$23,424 as a result of the lack of proper budget monitoring.

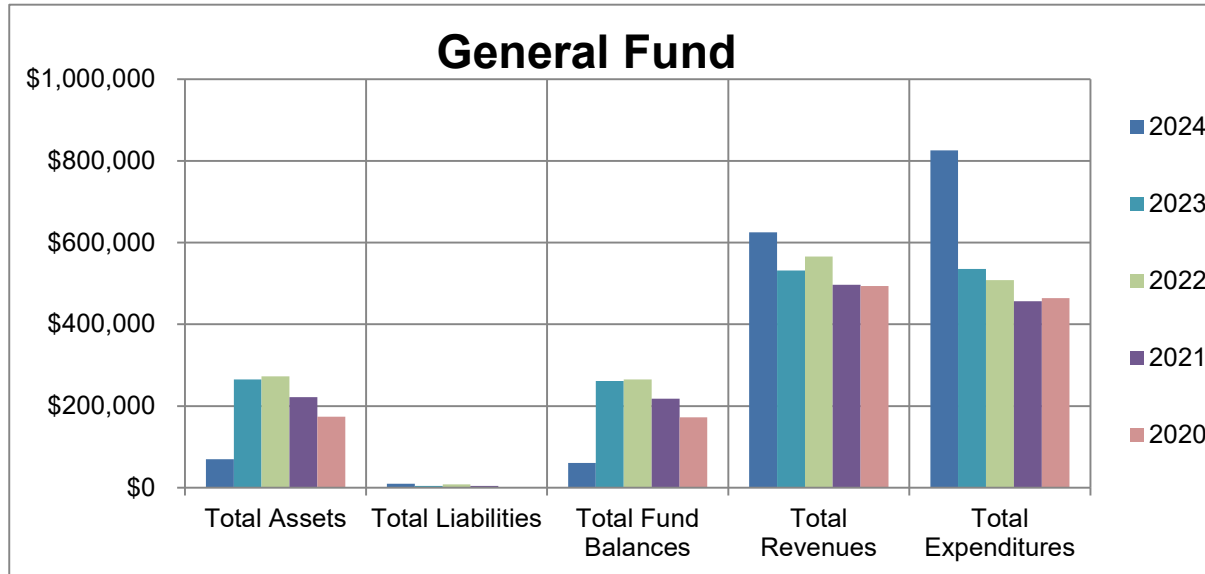
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Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Depreciable capital assets:	
Equipment	<u>281,423</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Equipment	<u>160,894</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>120,529</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 120,529</u></u>

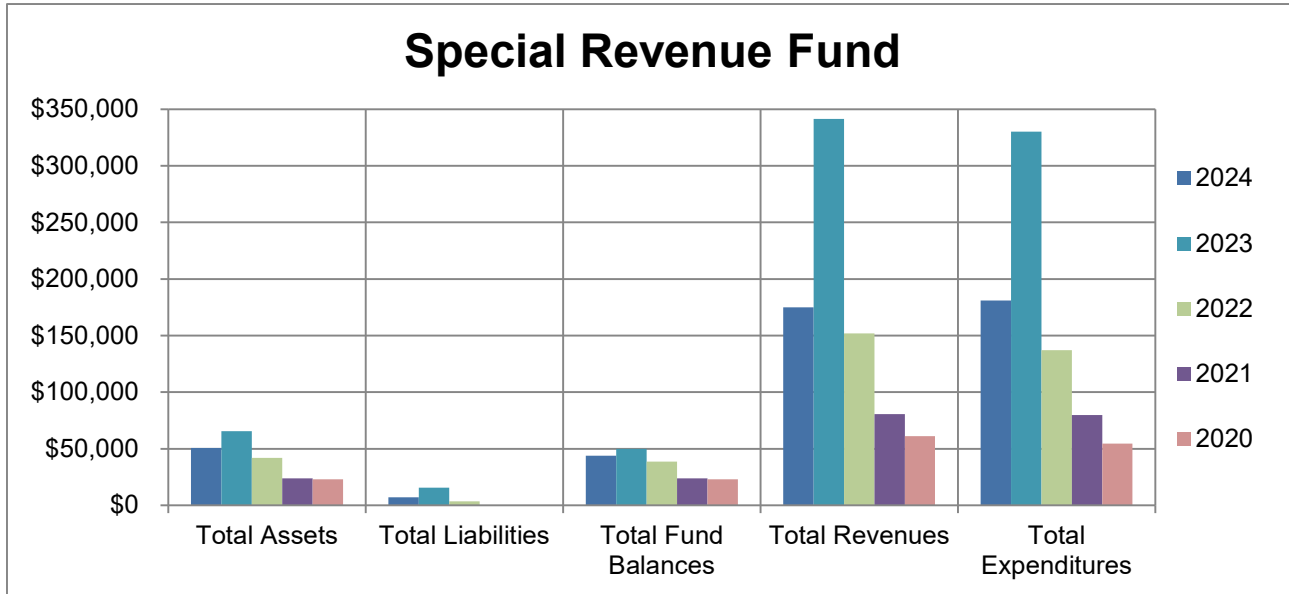
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General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 69,946	\$ 265,250	\$ 272,869	\$ 221,894	\$ 173,509
Total Liabilities	9,460	4,056	8,001	4,002	1,489
Total Fund Balances	60,486	261,194	264,868	217,892	172,020
Total Revenues	625,134	531,912	565,967	497,117	493,345
Total Expenditures	825,842	535,586	507,803	456,701	464,325
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)			(11,188)		(377)



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Special Revenue Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 50,807	\$ 65,478	\$ 41,918	\$ 23,813	\$ 23,028
Total Liabilities	7,092	15,665	3,398		
Total Fund Balances	43,715	49,813	38,520	23,813	23,028
Total Revenues	175,038	341,444	151,897	80,504	61,182
Total Expenditures	181,136	330,151	137,190	79,719	54,594
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)					



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Schedule 2

Other Aggregate Funds	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 3,138	\$ 2,996	\$ 3,004	\$ 2,283	\$ 4,573
Total Liabilities	3,138	2,996	832	105	
Total Fund Balances			2,172	2,178	4,573
Total Revenues	30,818	29,620	34,661	29,605	31,559
Total Expenditures	30,818	31,792	34,667	32,000	32,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)					

