Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2024



LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative, 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards,* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole.

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, supplementary information, 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 January 22, 2025 on our consideration of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Kevin William White, CPA, JD Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas January 22, 2025 EDSC00124



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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

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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 Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative'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 Cooperative in a separate letter dated January 22, 2025.

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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

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Little Rock, Arkansas January 22, 2025



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative's (the "Cooperative") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Cooperative's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2024. The Cooperative's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

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

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

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

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

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

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

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

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

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

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Little Rock, Arkansas January 22, 2025 Arkansas

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative and Cooperative 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 Cooperative officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

The Cooperative had uninsured and uncollateralized bank deposits totaling \$382,692 at June 30, 2024, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-20-222.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local cooperative board and Cooperative 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.

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Matt Fink, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas January 22, 2025

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2024

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			Special		Other
	 General		Revenue	A	ggregate
ASSETS					
Cash	\$ 2,606,393	\$	460,878	\$	450,000
Investments	632,692				
Accounts receivable	 95,660	. <u> </u>	179,918		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,334,745	\$	640,796	\$	450,000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 22,764	\$	22,033		
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	214,179		618,763		
Assigned	536,733			\$	450,000
Unassigned	 2,561,069				
Total Fund Balances	 3,311,981		618,763		450,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND					
FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,334,745	\$	640,796	\$	450,000

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

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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

Exhibit B

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE 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

	General				Special Revenue						
	Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable Infavorable)		Budget		Actual	Fav	riance vorable avorable)
REVENUES											
State assistance	\$ 1,918,172	2 9	\$ 2,072,191	\$	154,019						
Federal assistance						\$	1,714,091	\$	1,499,488	\$	(214,603)
Activity revenues	15,47		8,245		(7,225)						
Investment income	83,00		131,500		48,500						
Other revenues	4,373,27	<u> </u>	4,358,540		(14,736)		72,569		96,658		24,089
TOTAL REVENUES	6,389,91	3	6,570,476		180,558		1,786,660		1,596,146		(190,514)
EXPENDITURES											
Regular programs			78,474		(78,474)		20,600		14,521		6,079
Special education	1,979,928	3	1,859,605		120,323		50,596		23,556		27,040
Compensatory education programs							108,919		58,729		50,190
Other instructional programs	1,150)	800		350						
Student support services	1,915,712	2	1,532,659		383,053		919,770		338,138		581,632
Instructional staff support services	1,877,38	7	1,891,807		(14,420)		721,612		740,751		(19,139)
General administration support services	390,03		365,804		24,227		212,155		146,417		65,738
Central services support services	354,11		245,882		108,235		14,593		15,455		(862)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	239,78)	223,636		16,144		11,950		21,711		(9,761)
Student transportation services	5,00		2,062		2,938		2,500				2,500
Other support services	25,00)	14,454		10,546						
Non-programmed costs	402,31				402,317		276,440		82,289		194,151
Activity expenditures	10,84) _	9,539		1,301						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,201,262	2	6,224,722		976,540		2,339,135		1,441,567		897,568
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)											
EXPENDITURES	(811,344	1)	345,754		1,157,098		(552,475)		154,579		707,054
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers in	448,53	I			(448,531)						
Transfers out	(25,04	5)			25,045		(18,000)				18,000
Refunds to grantors			(123,461)		(123,461)						
Federal grant revenues passed through to school districts			· · ·		. ,				(150,000)		(150,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	423,480	<u>} </u>	(123,461)		(546,947)		(18,000)		(150,000)		(132,000)

Exhibit C

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE 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

	General				Special Revenue						
	Budget		Actual	F	Variance avorable nfavorable)		Budget		Actual	F	Variance avorable nfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (387,858)	\$	222,293	\$	610,151	\$	(570,475)	\$	4,579	\$	575,054
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	 3,044,429		3,089,688		45,259		570,475		614,184		43,709
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,656,571	\$	3,311,981	\$	655,410	\$	0	\$	618,763	\$	618,763

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

Exhibit C

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a sixteen member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities within the jurisdiction of the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (Cooperative). 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.

<u>General Fund</u> – The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> – 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. If applicable, 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:

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – 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 individual, 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.

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 financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

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 Cooperative 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	15
Equipment	5-10

- F. Fund Balance Classifications
 - 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 balances represents amounts that are constrained by the Cooperative'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.

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Cooperative is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Cooperative 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 cooperatives employ the cash basis method.

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting (Continued)

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative 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.

H. Stabilization Arrangements

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

I. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

J. 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 Cooperative's Board of Education has not adopted a formal policy addressing this authorization.

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative'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 Cooperative 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. Cooperative 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 Cooperative does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance 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.

K. Encumbrances

The Cooperative 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) Collateralized:	\$	500,000	\$ 500,000
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution		3,267,171	3,825,151
Uninsured and uncollateralized		382,692	 382,692
Total Deposits	\$	4,149,863	\$ 4,707,843

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$100. The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$632,692 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Cooperative's deposits may not be returned to it. The Cooperative does not have a formal deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2024, \$4,207,843 of the Cooperative's bank balance of \$4,707,843 was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Collateral held by the pledging financial institution	\$3,825,151
Uninsured and uncollateralized	382,692
Total	<u>\$4,207,843</u>

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

	Governmental Funds						
		Ma	ijor				
				Special			
Description	Ģ	General	F	Revenue			
State assistance Federal assistance Activity fund accounts Other	\$	70,415 30 25,215	\$	179,918			
Totals	\$	95,660	\$	179,918			

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

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

		Governmental Funds				
	Major					
		Special				
Description		General	Revenue			
Vendor payables	\$	22,764	\$	22,033		

5: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The Cooperative contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees 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 employer contribution was paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education from the Public School Fund, except for those employees paid from federal funding. Employer contributions for those employees were paid by the Cooperative. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's contributions to ATRS for the Cooperative during the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$648,369, 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 Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability.

6: RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative 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 Cooperative carries commercial insurance for vehicles, board liability, business trip accidental death and dismemberment, and general liability.

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Worker's 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 entities. The Cooperative contributes annually to this program.

The Cooperative 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.

6: **RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The Cooperative 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 entities, 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 Cooperative pays an annual premium for its coverage of contents.

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 Cooperative's employees, totaled \$196,980 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

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

	Governmental Funds					
	Ma	ajor				
		Special	Other			
Description	General	Revenue	Aggregate			
Fund Balances:						
Restricted for:						
Medical services		\$ 594,782				
Special education programs	\$ 949					
Robotics	116,105					
Inclusive education	50,874					
Other purposes	46,251	23,981				
Total Restricted	214,179	618,763				
A						
Assigned to:			* * * * * * * *			
Capital projects			\$ 450,000			
Special education programs	340,092					
Student activities	29,596					
Professional development	98,999					
Robotics	57,921					
Other purposes	10,125					
Total Assigned	536,733		450,000			
Unassigned	2 561 060					
Unassigned	2,561,069					
Totals	\$3,311,981	\$ 618,763	\$ 450,000			

Schedule 1

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Balance June 30, 2024			
Depreciable capital assets:				
Buildings	\$	188,991		
Equipment		600,478		
Total depreciable capital assets		789,469		
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings		188,991		
Equipment		322,223		
Total accumulated depreciation		511,214		
Total depreciable capital assets, net		278,255		
Capital assets, net	\$	278,255		

Schedule 2

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA) <u>U. S. Department of Education</u> Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	7221		\$ 345,000
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				345,000
OTHER PROGRAMS <u>U. S. Department of Education</u> Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Total Education Stabilization Fund	84.425C 84.425U	7221 7221		5,571 205,135 210,706
Arkansas Department of Education - Migrant Education - State Grant Program Arkansas Department of Career Education - Career and Technical Education - Basic Grants to States Total U. S. Department of Education	84.011A 84.048A	7221 7221		336,271 241,124 788,101
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u> University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences - Minority Health and Health Disparities Research Canopy of Northwest Arkansas - Refugee and Entrant Assistance State / Replacement Designee Administered Program Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services	93.307 93.566	7221 not available		175,000 <u>106,619</u> 281,619
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				1,069,720
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 1,414,720

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

- Note 1: Basis of Presentation The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (Cooperative) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Cooperative, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the Cooperative.
- Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement.
- Note 3: The Cooperative has elected not to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.
- Note 4: During the year ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative received Medicaid funding of \$89,665 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.

NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Types of auditor's reports issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with:

Generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) - adverse Regulatory basis - unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	x	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		yes	x	no
FEDERAL AWARDS				
Internal control over major federal programs:				
Material weakness(es) identified?		yes	X	no
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?		yes	X	none reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs:	unmodified			
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?		yes	X	no
Identification of major federal programs:				
AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Pro	gram or (Cluster	
84.027A	Special Education (Cluster (II	DEA)	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$		750,000	
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	X	yes		no
SECTION II - FINANCIAL ST	ATEMENT FINDINGS			

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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Schedule 4

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

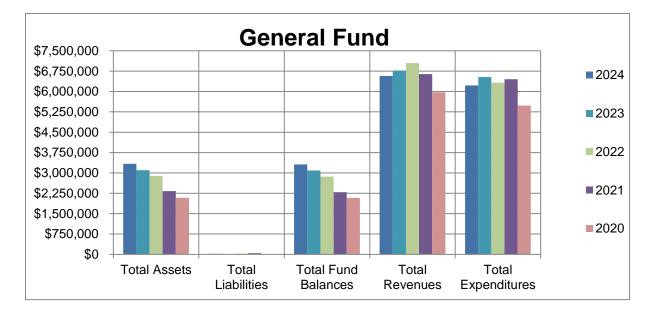
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There were no findings in the prior audit.

Serving the public schools of Benton, Madison & Washington Counties Bentonville, Decatur, Elkins, Farmington, Fayetteville, Gentry, Gravette, Greenland, Huntsville, Lincoln, Pea Ridge, Prairie Grove, Rogers, Siloam Springs, Springdale, West Fork Making a Difference!

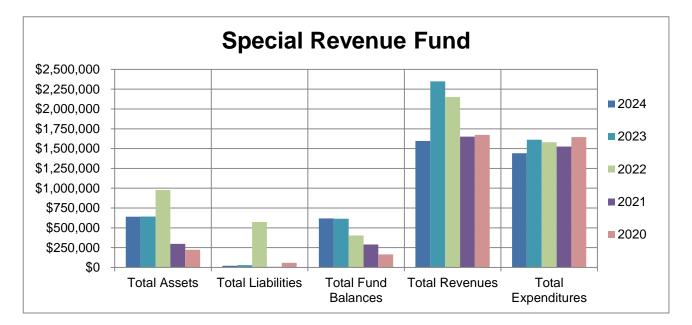
NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,									
General Fund	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
Total Assets	\$	3,334,745	\$	3,101,216	\$	2,888,923	\$	2,333,027	\$	2,085,954
Total Liabilities		22,764		11,528		27,849		43,868		4,400
Total Fund Balances		3,311,981		3,089,688		2,861,074		2,289,159		2,081,554
Total Revenues		6,570,476		6,770,939		7,049,228		6,641,445		5,973,680
Total Expenditures		6,224,722		6,529,788		6,327,313		6,452,471		5,479,367
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(123,461)		(12,537)		(150,000)				(300,000)



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

		Year Ended June 30,										
Special Revenue Fund	e Fund 2024			2023		2022		2021		2020		
Total Assets	\$	640,796	\$	643,035	\$	977,729	\$	296,679	\$	223,896		
Total Liabilities		22,033		28,851		573,448		6,634		59,446		
Total Fund Balances		618,763		614,184		404,281		290,045		164,450		
Total Revenues		1,596,146		2,349,346		2,150,182		1,650,973		1,672,408		
Total Expenditures		1,441,567		1,611,595		1,580,911		1,525,378		1,646,304		
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(150,000)		(527,848)		(455,035)						



NORTHWEST ARKANSAS EDUCATION SERVICE COOPERATIVE SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,									
Other Aggregate Funds	2024		2023		2022		2021		2020	
Total Assets	\$	450,000	\$	450,000	\$	450,000	\$	300,000	\$	300,000
Total Liabilities										
Total Fund Balances		450,000		450,000		450,000		300,000		300,000
Total Revenues										
Total Expenditures										
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)						150,000				300,000

