

Bearden School District No. 53

Ouachita County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2023



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OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bearden School District No. 53 and School Board Members
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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 Bearden School District No. 53 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 District as of June 30, 2023, 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 District as of June 30, 2023, 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. 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 District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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 District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, 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 District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

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 District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of 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 or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 March 4, 2024 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Bearden School District No. 53 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bearden School District No. 53 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the District prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material 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 District as of June 30, 2023, 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 District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's 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 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 District's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state 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*.

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

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 4, 2024

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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

Bearden School District No. 53 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Bearden School District No. 53's (the "District") compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District'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 District 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, 2023.

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

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

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

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 District's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the District's compliance with the requirements of 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 District's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the District's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

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

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 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



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
March 4, 2024

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds			
	Major			Fiduciary
	General	Special Revenue	Other Aggregate	Fund Types
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 864,295	\$ 130,237	\$ 670,720	\$ 5,291
Investments	102,703		1,653,950	11,558
Accounts receivable	23,980	148,577		
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 990,978	 \$ 278,814	 \$ 2,324,670	 \$ 16,849
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 20,991	\$ 1,446		
 Fund Balances:				
Restricted	197,242	277,368		\$ 16,849
Assigned	70,330		\$ 2,324,670	
Unassigned	702,415			
Total Fund Balances	969,987	277,368	2,324,670	16,849
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 \$ 990,978	 \$ 278,814	 \$ 2,324,670	 \$ 16,849

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

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,430,420		
State assistance	3,507,920	\$ 2,185	\$ 118,491
Federal assistance		1,749,064	
Activity revenues	163,987		
Meal sales		45,676	
Investment income	15,734	1,100	31,274
Other revenues	99,836		
TOTAL REVENUES	5,217,897	1,798,025	149,765
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	2,056,434	308,912	
Special education	135,362	193,677	
Career education programs	151,035		
Compensatory education programs	50,617	160,184	
Other instructional programs	43,979		
Student support services	160,687	148,972	
Instructional staff support services	265,925	67,375	
General administration support services	197,336		
School administration support services	322,855		
Central services support services	113,512	385,041	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	783,726	49,857	118,491
Student transportation services	391,887	14,432	
Other support services	8,197		
Food services operations		524,325	
Other enterprise operations	114		
Facilities acquisition and construction services	36,706		
Non-programmed costs		5,247	
Activity expenditures	172,193		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			95,000
Interest and fiscal charges			110,835
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,890,565	1,858,022	324,326
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	327,332	(59,997)	(174,561)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			597,393
Transfers out	(597,393)		
Federal grant revenue passed through from a cooperative		21,644	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(597,393)	21,644	597,393
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(270,061)	(38,353)	422,832
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	1,240,048	315,721	1,901,838
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 969,987	\$ 277,368	\$ 2,324,670

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

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA 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, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 1,275,000	\$ 1,430,420	\$ 155,420			
State assistance	3,451,037	3,507,920	56,883	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,185	\$ 185
Federal assistance				2,034,325	1,749,064	(285,261)
Activity revenues	32,000	163,987	131,987			
Meal sales				85,640	45,676	(39,964)
Investment income	4,100	15,734	11,634	100	1,100	1,000
Other revenues	33,600	99,836	66,236	973		(973)
TOTAL REVENUES	4,795,737	5,217,897	422,160	2,123,038	1,798,025	(325,013)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	2,249,140	2,056,434	192,706	429,402	308,912	120,490
Special education	178,733	135,362	43,371	222,685	193,677	29,008
Career education programs	154,578	151,035	3,543			
Compensatory education programs	83,256	50,617	32,639	171,192	160,184	11,008
Other instructional programs	61,157	43,979	17,178			
Student support services	187,126	160,687	26,439	173,137	148,972	24,165
Instructional staff support services	316,461	265,925	50,536	91,235	67,375	23,860
General administration support services	229,712	197,336	32,376			
School administration support services	329,224	322,855	6,369	405,564		405,564
Central services support services	115,336	113,512	1,824	54,988	385,041	(330,053)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	830,846	783,726	47,120	28,237	49,857	(21,620)
Student transportation services	469,056	391,887	77,169		14,432	(14,432)
Other support services	21,300	8,197	13,103			
Food services operations	54,090		54,090	466,690	524,325	(57,635)
Other enterprise operations	7,426	114	7,312	2,500		2,500
Facilities acquisition and construction services	2,500	36,706	(34,206)	1,618		1,618
Non-programmed costs				6,050	5,247	803
Activity expenditures		172,193	(172,193)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,289,941	4,890,565	399,376	2,053,298	1,858,022	195,276

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA 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, 2023

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ (494,204)</u>	<u>\$ 327,332</u>	<u>\$ 821,536</u>	<u>\$ 69,740</u>	<u>\$ (59,997)</u>	<u>\$ (129,737)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	6,623,507		(6,623,507)	12,808		(12,808)
Transfers out	(6,536,093)	(597,393)	5,938,700	(12,808)		12,808
Federal grant revenue passed through from a cooperative					21,644	21,644
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	<u>87,414</u>	<u>(597,393)</u>	<u>(684,807)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,644</u>	<u>21,644</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(406,790)	(270,061)	136,729	69,740	(38,353)	(108,093)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>1,252,576</u>	<u>1,240,048</u>	<u>(12,528)</u>	<u>257,827</u>	<u>315,721</u>	<u>57,894</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u><u>\$ 845,786</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 969,987</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 124,201</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 327,567</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 277,368</u></u>	<u><u>\$ (50,199)</u></u>

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

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a seven 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 Bearden School District (District). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fiduciary Fund types include the following:

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) 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.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

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 District maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

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

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

F. Property Taxes

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

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

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OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. 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 District'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.

H. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

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

The District budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis. Additionally, the District routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund.

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.

I. Stabilization Arrangements

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

J. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

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

K. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

K. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures (Continued)

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

L. Encumbrances

The District does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

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

	Carrying Amount	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the District's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the District's name	<u>3,159,955</u>	<u>3,484,973</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 3,409,955</u>	<u>\$ 3,734,973</u>

The above total deposits do not include cash of \$17,241 which was held in the Calhoun County Treasury. The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$1,756,653 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: INVESTMENTS

The District had 82.25 shares of General Electric Stock, 27 shares of GE Healthcare Technologies Stock and 3 shares of Wabtec Corporation Stock with a fair value of \$11,558 at June 30, 2023, which is comprised of all investments reported in the District's fiduciary fund types.

Fair value of investments - Fair value measurements are based on the fair value hierarchy as follows:

Level 1 - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets

Level 2 - Significant other observable inputs

Level 3 - Significant unobservable inputs

Of the above investments, \$11,558 are classified in Level 1. There are no investments classified in Level 2 or Level 3

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JUNE 30, 2023

4: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2023, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
State assistance	\$ 20,758	
Federal assistance		\$ 143,930
Meal sales		4,647
Other	3,222	
Totals	<u>\$ 23,980</u>	<u>\$ 148,577</u>

5: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable at June 30, 2023, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	<u>\$ 20,991</u>	<u>\$ 1,446</u>

6: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2023:

- A. Lease (lease of nonfinancial assets with initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year)

General description of lease and leasing arrangements:

On October 21, 2020, the District entered into a noncancelable agreement for a bus. The agreement stipulated three annual payments of \$14,300 and a final payment of \$54,344.

1. Future minimum lease payments (aggregate) at June 30, 2023: \$54,344
2. Future minimum lease payments for the succeeding years:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2024	<u>\$ 54,344</u>

Lease payments for the lease described above were approximately \$14,300 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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JUNE 30, 2023

6: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Amount Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding June 30, 2023</u>	<u>Maturities To June 30, 2023</u>
<u>Bonds</u>					
11/28/17	2/1/48	2 - 3.5%	<u>\$ 3,905,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 445,000</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	<u>Balance July 1, 2022</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2023</u>
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 3,555,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 95,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,460,000</u>

Future Principal and Interest Payments

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Bonds</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2024	\$ 100,000	\$ 108,535	\$ 208,535
2025	100,000	106,535	206,535
2026	105,000	104,285	209,285
2027	105,000	101,923	206,923
2028	110,000	99,298	209,298
2029-2033	585,000	451,568	1,036,568
2034-2038	670,000	358,950	1,028,950
2039-2043	775,000	240,438	1,015,438
2044-2048	910,000	97,824	1,007,824
Totals	<u>\$ 3,460,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,669,356</u>	<u>\$ 5,129,356</u>

Security for Debt Payments

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

7: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$3,905,000 issued on November 28, 2017. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$5,129,356, payable through February 1, 2048. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$205,435 and \$405,764, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 50.63 percent.

8: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$597,393 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$205,835 and \$391,558 for future capital projects.

9: 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, 2023, were \$544,571, 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, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$5,222,350.

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JUNE 30, 2023

10: CHANGES IN PRIVATE-PURPOSE FUNDS

ADDITIONS	
Donations	\$ 1,600
Gain on investment	<u>6,153</u>
 TOTAL ADDITIONS	 <u>7,753</u>
 DEDUCTIONS	
Scholarships	<u>3,000</u>
 CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	 4,753
 FUND BALANCE - JULY 1	 <u>12,096</u>
 FUND BALANCE - JUNE 30	 <u><u>\$ 16,849</u></u>

11: RISK MANAGEMENT

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

The District carries commercial insurance for student accidents and liability insurance for board members, administration, faculty, and staff.

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

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

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

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.

12: 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 \$100,230 for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2023

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

Description	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other Aggregate
	General	Special Revenue	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
Alternative learning environment	\$ 14,736		
Enhanced student achievement funding	92,075		
English-language learners	366		
Professional development	31,194		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 140,412	
Medical services		134,891	
Special education programs	38,862		
Other purposes	20,009	2,065	
Total Restricted	<u>197,242</u>	<u>277,368</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$ 2,324,670
Student activities	70,330		
Total Assigned	<u>70,330</u>		<u>2,324,670</u>
Unassigned	<u>702,415</u>		
Totals	<u>\$ 969,987</u>	<u>\$ 277,368</u>	<u>\$ 2,324,670</u>

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2023
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 153,190
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	8,346,212
Improvements/infrastructure	559,442
Equipment	2,413,149
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>11,318,803</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	4,945,753
Improvements/infrastructure	211,637
Equipment	1,500,933
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>6,658,323</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>4,660,480</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 4,813,670</u></u>

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program or Cluster Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number	Provided to Subrecipients	Total Federal Expenditures
CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				
<u>U. S. Department of Agriculture</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - School Breakfast Program	10.553	5201		\$ 122,847
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			8,499
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	5201		342,473
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	5201000		21,305
Total for National School Lunch Program				372,277
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				495,124
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				495,124
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	5201		188,816
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	5201		20,421
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	5201		7,812
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173X	5201		27
Total U. S. Department of Education				217,076
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				217,076
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>Federal Communications Commission</u>				
Emergency Connectivity Fund Program- COVID-19	32.009			13,388
Total Federal Communications Commission				13,388
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5201		82,736
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5201		654,573
Total Education Stabilization Fund				737,309
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	5201		166,460
Rural Education	84.358A			38,560
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	5201		27,280
Arkansas Department of Education - Comprehensive Literacy Development	84.371C	5201		45,153
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	5201		12,808
Total U. S. Department of Education				1,027,570
<u>U. S. Department of Health and Human Services</u>				
South Central Service Cooperative - COVID-19 Epidemiology and Laboratory Capacity for Infectious Diseases	93.323	N/A		21,644
Total U. S. Department of Health and Human Services				21,644
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				1,062,602
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 1,774,802

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

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SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 2

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 Bearden School District No.53 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2023. 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 District, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in financial position of the District.
- 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 District 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, 2023, the District received Medicaid funding of \$46,298 from the Arkansas Department of Human Services. Such payments are not considered Federal awards expended, and therefore, are not included in the above Schedule.
- Note 5: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the U. S. Department of Defense through an agreement with the U. S. Department of Agriculture.
- Note 6: Nonmonetary assistance is reported at the approximate value as provided by the Arkansas Department of Human Services.

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Schedule 3

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:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	none reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no

FEDERAL AWARDS

Internal control over major federal programs:

<input checked="" type="radio"/> Material weakness(es) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="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)?

<input type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	no
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Identification of major federal programs:

AL Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
84.425D and 84.425U	COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund

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

\$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?

<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	yes	<input type="text"/>	no
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SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No matters were reported.

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

BEARDEN PUBLIC SCHOOL



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Schedule 4

SUMMARY SCHEDULE FOR PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

There was no findings in the prior audit.

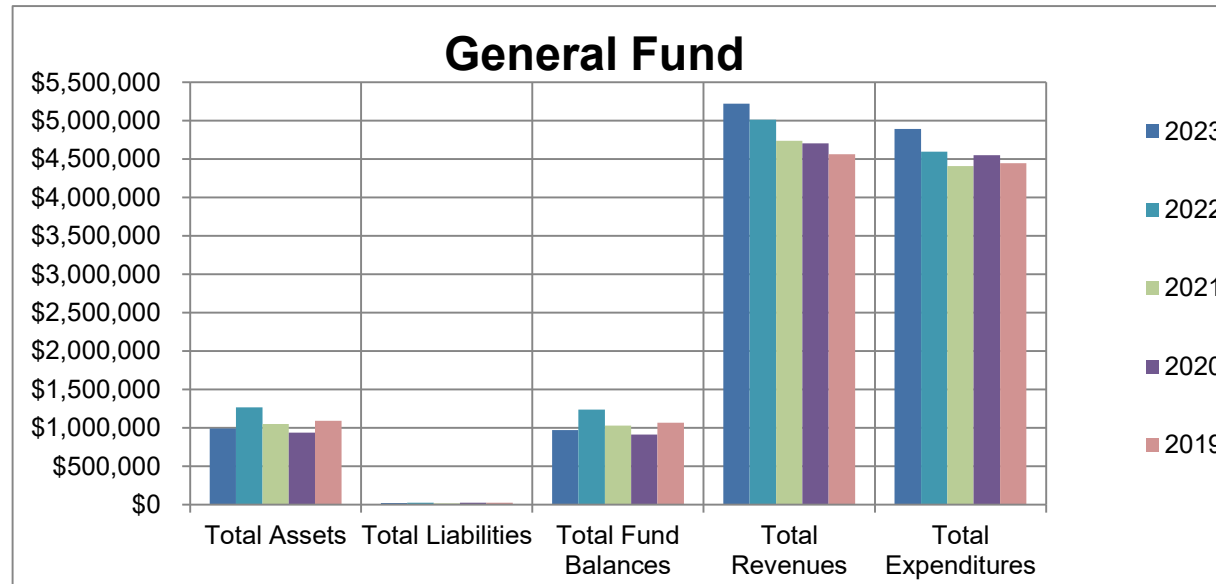
FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

There was no findings in the prior audit.

BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 5

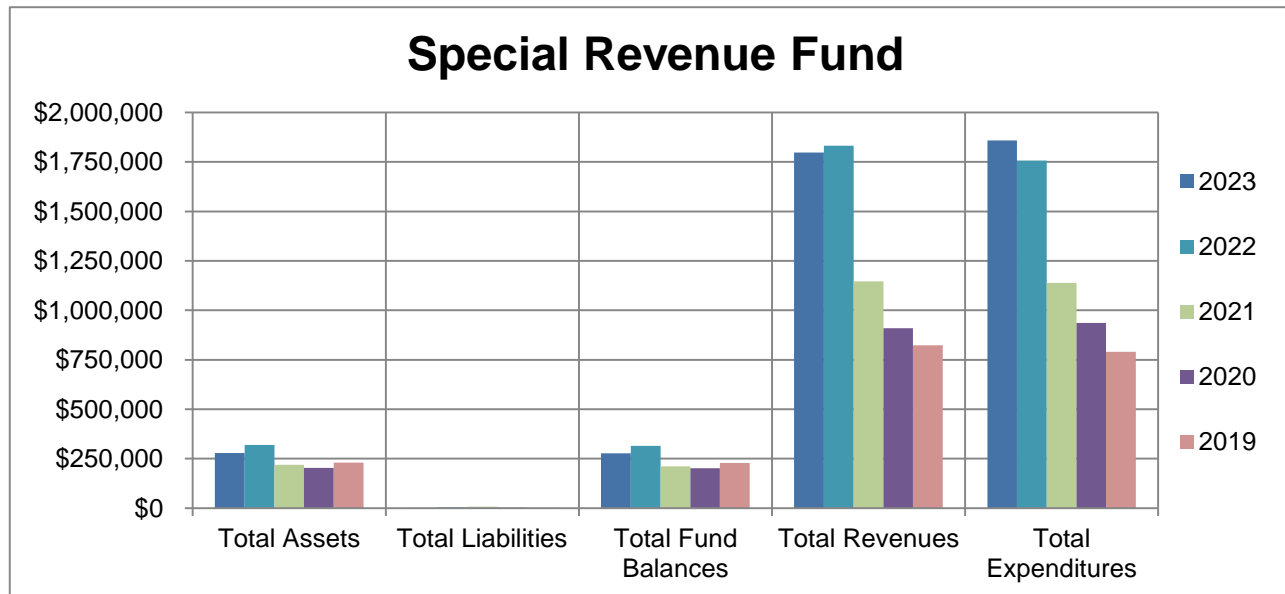
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 990,978	\$ 1,265,215	\$ 1,050,011	\$ 938,994	\$ 1,090,373
Total Liabilities	20,991	25,167	19,432	26,150	23,967
Total Fund Balances	969,987	1,240,048	1,030,579	912,844	1,066,406
Total Revenues	5,217,897	5,011,768	4,736,841	4,701,636	4,562,216
Total Expenditures	4,890,565	4,594,564	4,408,066	4,548,439	4,445,269
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(597,393)	(207,735)	(259,504)	(306,759)	(348,386)



BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 5

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 278,814	\$ 319,971	\$ 218,906	\$ 204,162	\$ 229,663
Total Liabilities	1,446	4,250	8,200	2,151	900
Total Fund Balances	277,368	315,721	210,706	202,011	228,763
Total Revenues	1,798,025	1,832,234	1,147,174	909,132	823,925
Total Expenditures	1,858,022	1,756,400	1,138,479	935,884	789,780
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	21,644	29,181			



BEARDEN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 53
OUACHITA COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023
(Unaudited)

Schedule 5

<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 2,324,670	\$ 1,901,838	\$ 1,973,813	\$ 2,555,376	\$ 2,757,580
Total Liabilities					20,725
Total Fund Balances	2,324,670	1,901,838	1,973,813	2,555,376	2,736,855
Total Revenues	149,765	12,955	24,473	14,581	323,242
Total Expenditures	324,326	292,665	865,540	502,819	1,551,446
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	597,393	207,735	259,504	306,759	348,386

