

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2

Phillips County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

June 30, 2024



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PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's 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, 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 District 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 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 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

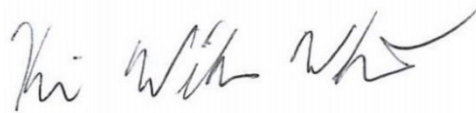
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplementary 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 April 28, 2025 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 28, 2025
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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (the "District"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2025. 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, 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 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated April 28, 2025.

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
April 28, 2025



Kevin William White, CPA, JD
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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

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 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 Helena-West Helena School District No. 2'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, 2024. 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, 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 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
April 28, 2025

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 and School Board Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We would like to communicate the following items that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comments 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. These matters were discussed previously with District officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

On October 10, 2024, the District discovered that an employee's payroll direct deposits totaling \$4,451 had been fraudulently diverted to another bank account, after the employee contacted the District about not receiving their direct deposits. It was determined that the District made the direct deposit change after receiving an email request from what appeared to be the employee's email account, without properly verifying the authenticity of the change request. The District notified the financial institution; however, as of report date, the funds had not been recovered.

During our review of payroll, we noted the Head Football Coach:

- Received the Athletic Director stipend in addition to being paid via timesheets for duties that appeared to be covered by this stipend.
- Was paid \$2,400 for performing three years of off-season duties even though the employment contract was for 240 days, without documented approval of the Superintendent.

During our review of payroll, we also noted the Executive Director was overpaid \$359 due to clerical errors.

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
April 28, 2025

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
 JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds		
	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 3,850,750	\$ 269,026	\$ 3,332,887
Investments	250,000		
Accounts receivable	3,481	973,820	
 TOTAL ASSETS	 \$ 4,104,231	 \$ 1,242,846	 \$ 3,332,887
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 183,023	\$ 453,958	
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	1,893,151	788,888	
Assigned	53,639		\$ 3,332,887
Unassigned	1,974,418		
Total Fund Balances	3,921,208	788,888	3,332,887
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	 \$ 4,104,231	 \$ 1,242,846	 \$ 3,332,887

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit B

	Major		Other
	General	Special Revenue	Aggregate
REVENUES			
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 4,630,489		
State assistance	7,830,964	\$ 4,135	
Federal assistance	26,661	7,635,295	
Activity revenues	47,244		
Meal sales		51,086	
Investment income	7,091		
Other revenues	239,576	28	
TOTAL REVENUES	12,782,025	7,690,544	
EXPENDITURES			
Regular programs	3,637,467	1,919,490	
Special education	952,625	132,169	
Career education programs	156,588	18,387	
Compensatory education programs		377,168	
Other instructional programs	266,686	36,782	
Student support services	522,660	312,670	
Instructional staff support services	744,961	2,130,348	
General administration support services	508,654	117,655	
School administration support services	554,260	43,352	
Central services support services	493,719	74,034	
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,417,809	109,591	
Student transportation services	514,258	63,885	
Other support services	26,523		
Food services operations		1,083,133	
Community services operations		18,051	
Facilities acquisition and construction services		955,238	\$ 3,139,438
Non-programmed costs		48,789	
Activity expenditures	81,610		
Debt Service:			
Principal retirement			660,000
Interest and fiscal charges			756,565
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,877,820	7,440,742	4,556,003
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,904,205	249,802	(4,556,003)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			2,462,868
Transfers out	(2,462,868)		
Refund to grantor			(615,609)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(2,462,868)		1,847,259
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(558,663)	249,802	(2,708,744)
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	4,479,871	539,086	6,041,631
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,921,208	\$ 788,888	\$ 3,332,887

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
Property taxes (including property tax relief trust distribution)	\$ 4,902,595	\$ 4,630,489	\$ (272,106)			
State assistance	7,841,963	7,830,964	(10,999)	\$ 4,104	\$ 4,135	\$ 31
Federal assistance	4,000	26,661	22,661	9,765,205	7,635,295	(2,129,910)
Activity revenues		47,244	47,244			
Meal sales				115,859	51,086	(64,773)
Investment income	7,000	7,091	91			
Other revenues		239,576	239,576		28	28
TOTAL REVENUES	12,755,558	12,782,025	26,467	9,885,168	7,690,544	(2,194,624)
EXPENDITURES						
Regular programs	4,569,873	3,637,467	932,406	309,713	1,919,490	(1,609,777)
Special education	988,553	952,625	35,928	136,497	132,169	4,328
Career education programs	189,780	156,588	33,192		18,387	(18,387)
Compensatory education programs	5,250		5,250	311,360	377,168	(65,808)
Other instructional programs	386,320	266,686	119,634		36,782	(36,782)
Student support services	520,875	522,660	(1,785)	46,344	312,670	(266,326)
Instructional staff support services	997,313	744,961	252,352	1,405,528	2,130,348	(724,820)
General administration support services	552,976	508,654	44,322	198,485	117,655	80,830
School administration support services	745,150	554,260	190,890		43,352	(43,352)
Central services support services	443,145	493,719	(50,574)	3,151,062	74,034	3,077,028
Operation and maintenance of plant services	2,953,605	2,417,809	535,796	3,000,500	109,591	2,890,909
Student transportation services	598,794	514,258	84,536	6,000	63,885	(57,885)
Other support services	30,200	26,523	3,677			
Food services operations				914,872	1,083,133	(168,261)
Community services operations				27,000	18,051	8,949
Facilities acquisition and construction services				178,792	955,238	(776,446)
Non-programmed costs				111,007	48,789	62,218
Activity expenditures		81,610	(81,610)			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	12,981,834	10,877,820	2,104,014	9,797,160	7,440,742	2,356,418

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
 BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (226,276)	\$ 1,904,205	\$ 2,130,481	\$ 88,008	\$ 249,802	\$ 161,794
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	12,991,254		(12,991,254)			
Transfers out	(13,920,982)	(2,462,868)	11,458,114			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(929,728)	(2,462,868)	(1,533,140)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,156,004)	(558,663)	597,341	88,008	249,802	161,794
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	4,669,061	4,479,871	(189,190)	525,063	539,086	14,023
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 3,513,057	\$ 3,921,208	\$ 408,151	\$ 613,071	\$ 788,888	\$ 175,817

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

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

On July 14, 2022, the Arkansas State Board of Education (State Board) determined Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (District) should be classified as in need of Level 5 – Intensive support. The State Board removed the powers and duties to make all personnel decisions from the local seven member school board (Local Board). The Local Board has responsibilities over day-to-day activities of the District, and the Commissioner of the State Board shall make all personnel decisions of the 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.

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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (Continued)

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose funds will be reflected in the notes to financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

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

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The District maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2024

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)	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name	7,202,663	7,790,469
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 7,702,663</u>	<u>\$ 8,290,469</u>

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$250,000 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

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

	Governmental Funds
	Major
Description	General Special Revenue
Federal assistance	\$ 973,820
Other	\$ 3,481
Totals	<u>\$ 3,481 \$ 973,820</u>

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 JUNE 30, 2024

4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES

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

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 158,651	\$ 453,958
Payroll withholdings and matching	24,372	
Totals	<u>\$ 183,023</u>	<u>\$ 453,958</u>

5: COMMITMENTS

The District was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2024:

A. Construction Contracts

Project Name	Completion Date	Contract Balance
Social Distancing Locker Room & Gym	September 16, 2024	\$ 704,764
JF Wahl Elementary Wellness Area	December 10, 2024	819,659

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

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

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding June 30, 2024	Maturities To June 30, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>					
6/29/17	2/1/47	3 - 3.375%	<u>\$ 26,630,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,945,000</u>	<u>\$ 3,685,000</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	Balance July 1, 2023	Issued	Retired	Balance June 30, 2024
Bonds payable	<u>\$ 23,605,000</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 660,000</u>	<u>\$ 22,945,000</u>

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2024

5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding (Continued)

Future Principal and Interest Payments

Year Ended June 30,	Bonds		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 680,000	\$ 736,269	\$ 1,416,269
2026	700,000	715,869	1,415,869
2027	720,000	694,869	1,414,869
2028	745,000	673,269	1,418,269
2029	765,000	650,919	1,415,919
2030-2034	4,215,000	2,895,194	7,110,194
2035-2039	4,985,000	2,199,594	7,184,594
2040-2044	5,980,000	1,320,094	7,300,094
2045-2047	4,155,000	283,836	4,438,836
Totals	<u>\$ 22,945,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,169,913</u>	<u>\$ 33,114,913</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.

6: PLEDGED REVENUES

The District has pledged a portion of its property taxes to retire bonds of \$26,630,000 issued on June 29, 2017. The bonds were issued for various capital projects. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds is \$33,114,913, payable through February 1, 2047. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total property taxes pledged for debt service were \$1,416,069 and \$1,990,529, respectively. The percentage of property taxes pledged for the current year for principal and interest payments was 71.14 percent.

7: INTERFUND TRANSFERS

The District transferred \$2,462,868 from the general fund to the other aggregate funds for debt related payments of \$1,038,530 and future capital expenditures of \$1,424,338.

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PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
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JUNE 30, 2024

8: RETIREMENT PLANS

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers employees of schools and education-related agencies, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 501-682-1517, or by visiting the ATRS website at www.artrs.gov.

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$1,266,922, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$10,437,841.

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description

The District contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers certain non-teaching school employees. APERS, 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 Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 West Capitol Avenue, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or by visiting the APERS website at www.apers.org.

Funding Policy

APERS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5.50% 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 for school districts is 4% of covered salaries. The District's contributions to APERS for the year ended June 30, 2024, were \$880, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The District's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$13,757.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
JUNE 30, 2024

9: 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 accident coverage and board liability.

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.

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

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

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

10: 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 \$204,015 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
 JUNE 30, 2024

11: 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	\$ 147,260		
Enhanced student achievement funding	1,475,565		
English-language learners	7,412		
Professional development	121,844		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 430,139	
Medical services		224,098	
Special education programs	17,358	116,177	
Other purposes	123,712	18,474	
Total Restricted	<u>1,893,151</u>	<u>788,888</u>	
Assigned to:			
Capital projects			\$3,332,887
Student activities	30,670		
Other purposes	22,969		
Total Assigned	<u>53,639</u>		<u>3,332,887</u>
Unassigned	<u>1,974,418</u>		
Totals	<u>\$3,921,208</u>	<u>\$ 788,888</u>	<u>\$3,332,887</u>

12: SUBSEQUENT EVENT

On September 9, 2024, the District executed a contract of \$1,731,683 for the Administration building roof replacement and HVAC upgrades.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2024
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 388,519
Construction in progress	5,420,350
Total nondepreciable capital assets	<u>5,808,869</u>
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	42,541,452
Improvements/infrastructure	12,696,583
Equipment	4,115,150
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>59,353,185</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	11,629,308
Improvements/infrastructure	5,657,684
Equipment	2,633,180
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>19,920,172</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>39,433,013</u>
Capital assets, net	<u><u>\$ 45,241,882</u></u>

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
 PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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	5403		\$ 320,936
National School Lunch Program (Note 5)	10.555			29,998
Arkansas Department of Education - National School Lunch Program	10.555	5403		621,192
Arkansas Department of Human Services - National School Lunch Program (Note 6)	10.555	5403000		30,305
Total for National School Lunch Program				681,495
Total U. S. Department of Agriculture				1,002,431
TOTAL CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER				1,002,431
SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Grants to States	84.027A	5403		346,304
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 American Rescue Plan - Special Education Grants to States	84.027X	5403		9,717
Arkansas Department of Education - Special Education - Preschool Grants	84.173A	5403		36,853
Total U. S. Department of Education				392,874
TOTAL SPECIAL EDUCATION CLUSTER (IDEA)				392,874
OTHER PROGRAMS				
<u>U. S. Department of Education</u>				
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425D	5403		178,792
Arkansas Department of Education - COVID-19 - American Rescue Plan - Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund	84.425U	5403		3,860,181
Total Education Stabilization Fund				4,038,973
Arkansas Department of Education - Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010A	5403		1,711,556
Arkansas Department of Education - Rural Education	84.358B	5403		10,645
Arkansas Department of Education - Supporting Effective Instruction State Grants	84.367A	5403		146,984
Arkansas Department of Education - Student Support and Academic Enrichment Program	84.424A	5403		107,639
Total U. S. Department of Education				6,015,797
TOTAL OTHER PROGRAMS				6,015,797
TOTAL EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS			\$ 0	\$ 7,411,102

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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 Helena-West Helena School District No. 2 (District) under programs of the federal government for the year ended June 30, 2024. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (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, 2024, the District received Medicaid funding of \$42,052 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.

HELENA-WEST HELENA SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2
PHILLIPS COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

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
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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
10.553 and 10.555	Child Nutrition Cluster
84.027A, 84.027X and 84.173A	Special Education Cluster (IDEA)
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 type="text"/>	yes	<input checked="" type="text" value="X"/>	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.



Helena-West Helena School District

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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

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

2023 – Finding 2023-001: Education Stabilization Fund – AL NUMBERS 84.425D and 84.425U

Condition: During our examination of real property and construction improvements from the Education Stabilization Fund, we identified a facilities improvement project that was denied prior approval of Education Stabilization funding by the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Expenditures paid from Education Stabilization Fund for this project totaled \$622,511.

Current Status: Corrective action has been taken.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND

2023 – Finding 2023-002: Education Stabilization Fund – AL Number 84.425U

Condition: During our examination of Education Stabilization Fund payroll expenditures, we noted one employee was overpaid \$430.

Current Status: Corrective action has been taken.



Helena-West Helena School District

305 Valley Drive
Helena, AR 72342

Schedule 4

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
PASSED THROUGH ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION – GRANTS TO STATES

2023 – Finding 2023-003: Special Education – Grants to States – AL Number 84.027A

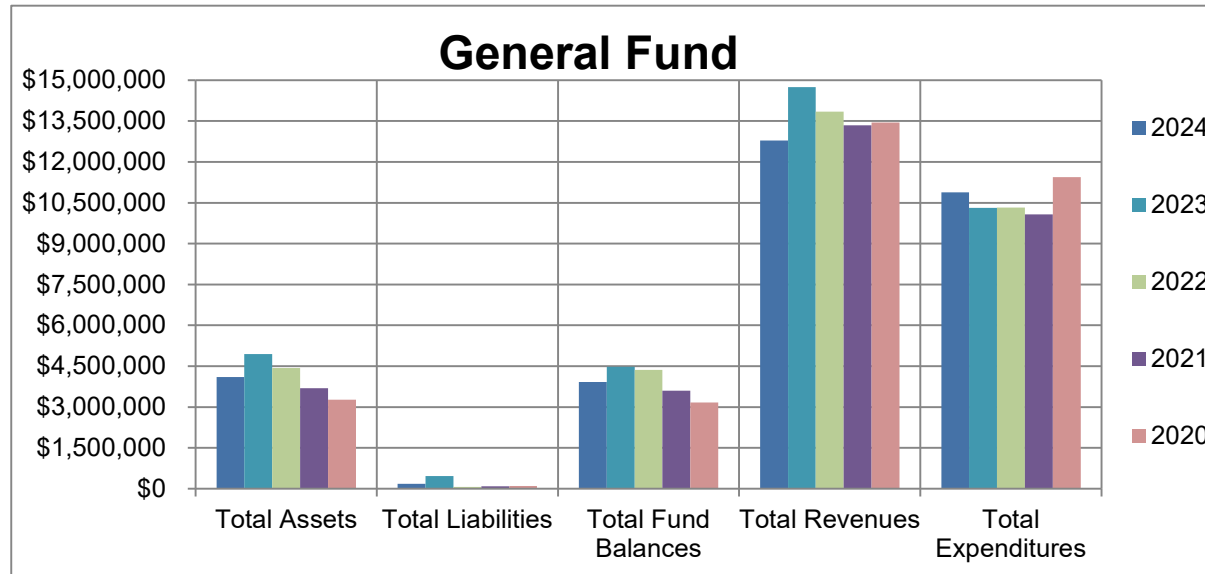
Condition: A Special Education employee's contracted salary amount did not agree to the approved salary schedule for the position resulting in \$6,646 in unallowable costs.

Current Status: Corrective action has been taken.

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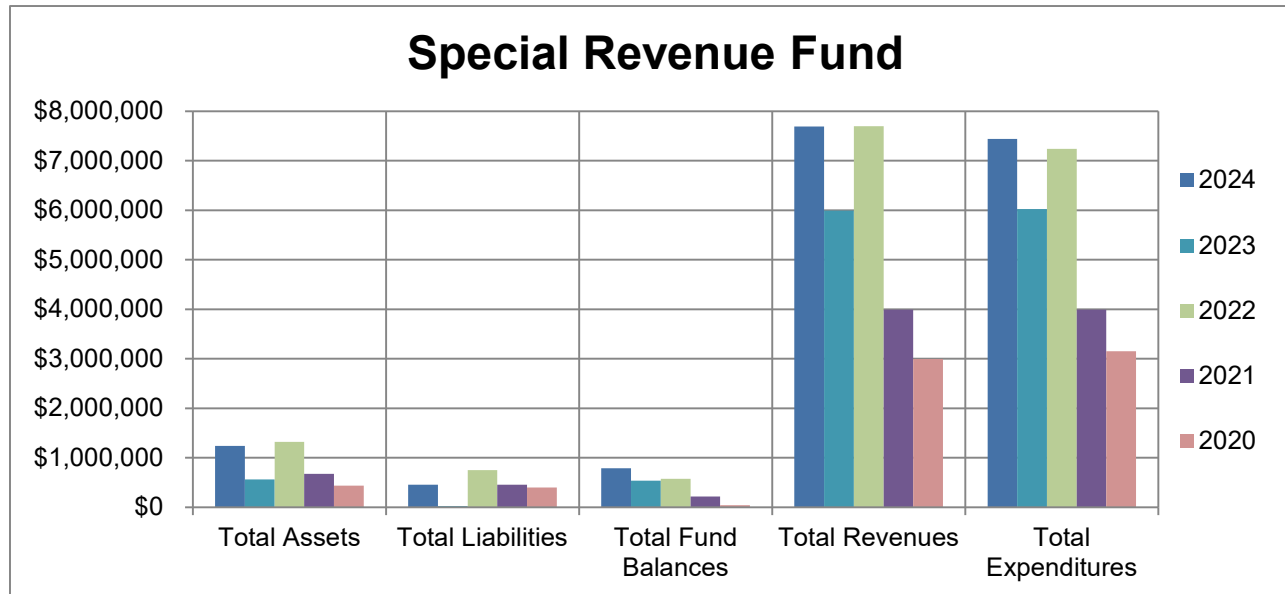
General Fund	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 4,104,231	\$ 4,946,343	\$ 4,433,056	\$ 3,685,707	\$ 3,266,433
Total Liabilities	183,023	466,472	69,206	87,009	98,646
Total Fund Balances	3,921,208	4,479,871	4,363,850	3,598,698	3,167,787
Total Revenues	12,782,025	14,749,118	13,846,508	13,340,715	13,446,576
Total Expenditures	10,877,820	10,314,884	10,326,231	10,074,950	11,442,917
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(2,462,868)	(4,318,213)	(2,755,125)	(2,825,961)	(1,151,648)



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<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 1,242,846	\$ 562,793	\$ 1,324,685	\$ 675,705	\$ 437,641
Total Liabilities	453,958	23,707	751,441	457,181	397,746
Total Fund Balances	788,888	539,086	573,244	218,524	39,895
Total Revenues	7,690,544	5,994,931	7,701,448	3,990,941	2,994,828
Total Expenditures	7,440,742	6,025,534	7,242,563	3,996,091	3,155,130
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(3,555)	(104,165)	183,779	150,615



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<u>Other Aggregate Funds</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 3,332,887	\$ 6,656,257	\$ 4,524,316	\$ 3,084,649	\$ 2,006,718
Total Liabilities		614,626			81,360
Total Fund Balances	3,332,887	6,041,631	4,524,316	3,084,649	1,925,358
Total Revenues			274,355	133,715	1,218,911
Total Expenditures	4,556,003	2,800,898	1,589,813	1,616,606	7,043,702
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	1,847,259	4,318,213	2,755,125	2,642,182	1,000,310

