

**EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
DBA TEACHWELL SOLUTIONS**

AUDIT REPORT

FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2023 TO JUNE 30, 2024

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JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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

Board of Directors
East Dakota Educational Cooperative
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, Sioux Falls, South Dakota (Cooperative), as of June 30, 2024 and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2025.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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*.

Cooperative's Response to Findings

Governmental Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Cooperative's response to the findings identified in our audit. The Cooperative's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings. The Cooperative's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative'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. As required by South Dakota Codified Law 4-11-11, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS:

Finding Number 2023-001:

Errors and omissions were noted in the annual financial statements prepared by cooperative officials. This finding has not been corrected and is restated as current audit finding number 2024-001.

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SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGSCURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS:Internal Control – Related Finding – Material Weakness:Finding Number 2024-001:Condition:

Errors and omissions were noted in the annual financial statements prepared by cooperative officials. This is a continuing audit finding since 2022.

Criteria:

Accurate and complete financial information must be presented to be useful to the users of these statements.

Cause of Condition:

Some of the more significant errors and omissions noted in the annual financial statements are as follows:

- a. Transactions should be analyzed to ensure a clean cutoff and proper classification for amounts on all balance sheet accounts.
- b. Right to Use Lease Payables should be adjusted to amortization schedule at year end.
- c. Right-to-use lease payments should be made from a debt service account.

The financial statements in this report have been adjusted to take into account the errors and omissions in items a. through d. above.

Potential Effect of Condition:

As a result, inaccurate and incomplete information is being presented to the users of the annual financial statements.

Recommendation:

1. We recommend future annual financial statements be completely and accurately prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Client's Response:

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative Board President, Renee Ullom, is the contact person responsible for the corrective action plan for this comment. The cooperative will be more careful to follow generally accepted accounting principles and keep informed of updated accounting standards.

CLOSING CONFERENCE

The audit was discussed with the officials during the course of the audit and with the director, board and business manager at the conclusion of the audit.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
East Dakota Educational Cooperative
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, South Dakota (Cooperative), as of June 30, 2024, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of the East Dakota Educational Cooperative as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cooperative and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that

includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Schedule of the Cooperative's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset), and the Schedule of the Cooperative Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with GAAS, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Cooperative has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

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Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Cooperative Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic 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 basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic 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 June 11, 2025 on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
As of June 30, 2024

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	100,083.32	10,577.70	110,661.02
Internal Balances	(6,582.84)	6,582.84	0.00
Other Assets	2,654,028.97		2,654,028.97
Net Pension Asset	15,788.60		15,788.60
Capital Assets:			
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	108,226.23	2,796.00	111,022.23
Other Intangible Assets, Net of Amortization	950,806.62		950,806.62
TOTAL ASSETS	3,822,350.90	19,956.54	3,842,307.44
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	1,382,566.83		1,382,566.83
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,382,566.83	0.00	1,382,566.83
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	101,615.69		101,615.69
Other Current Liabilities	714,421.12		714,421.12
Unearned Revenue		15,062.43	15,062.43
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	170,352.00		170,352.00
Due in More than One Year	784,180.37		784,180.37
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,770,569.18	15,062.43	1,785,631.61
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	820,252.81		820,252.81
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	820,252.81	0.00	820,252.81
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	146,688.85	2,796.00	149,484.85
Restricted for:			
SDRS Pension Purposes	578,102.62		578,102.62
Unrestricted (Deficit)	1,889,304.27	2,098.11	1,891,402.38
TOTAL NET POSITION	2,614,095.74	4,894.11	2,618,989.85

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Primary Government:						
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	3,064,651.40	293,884.80		1,277,482.31		1,277,482.31
Support Services	6,050,679.08	2,598,341.08		(755,744.88)		(755,744.88)
Community Services	95,372.40			(95,372.40)		(95,372.40)
* Interest on Long-Term Debt	50,819.00			(50,819.00)		(50,819.00)
Total Governmental Activities	9,261,521.88	2,892,225.88	0.00	375,546.03		375,546.03
Business-type Activities:						
Food Service	76,011.48	22,984.85			(32,417.60)	(32,417.60)
Total Primary Government	9,337,533.36	2,915,210.73	0.00	375,546.03	(32,417.60)	343,128.43
General Revenues:						
Unrestricted Investment Earnings				16,874.86	803.57	17,678.43
Other General Revenues				16,943.54		16,943.54
Transfers				(8,858.63)	8,858.63	0.00
Total General Revenues				24,959.77	9,662.20	34,621.97
Change in Net Position				400,505.80	(22,755.40)	377,750.40
Net Position - Beginning				2,283,717.21	27,649.51	2,311,366.72
Restatements:						
Error in Prior Accounts Receivable (Note 12.)				(70,127.27)	0.00	(70,127.27)
Restated Net Position - Beginning				2,213,589.94	27,649.51	2,241,239.45
NET POSITION - ENDING				2,614,095.74	4,894.11	2,618,989.85

* The Cooperative does not have interest expense related to the functions presented above. This amount includes indirect interest expense on general long-term debt.

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
As of June 30, 2024

	General Fund
ASSETS:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	100,083.32
Accounts Receivable	2,266,270.19
Due From Food Service Fund	2,275.79
Notes Receivable	259,999.66
Prepaid Expenses	127,759.12
TOTAL ASSETS	2,756,388.08
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES:	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	101,615.69
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings and Employee Matching Payable	(64.00)
Due to Food Service Fund	8,858.63
Notes Payable	714,485.12
Total Liabilities	824,895.44
Fund Balances:	
Nonspendable:	
Note Receivable	259,999.66
Prepaid Expenses	127,759.12
Assigned for Next Year's Budget	450,000.00
Unassigned	1,093,733.86
Total Fund Balances	1,931,492.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	2,756,388.08

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	<u>1,931,492.64</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Net pension asset reported in governmental activities is not an available financial resource and therefore is not reported in the funds.	<u>15,788.60</u>
Capital assets and intangible assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>1,059,032.85</u>
Pension related deferred outflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>1,382,566.83</u>
Long-term liabilities, including accrued leave payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(954,532.37)</u>
Pension related deferred inflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(820,252.81)</u>
Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>2,614,095.74</u></u>

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>
Revenues:	
Revenue from Local Sources:	
Tuition and Fees:	
Regular Day School Tuition	4,048,248.91
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	16,874.86
Other Revenue from Local Sources:	
Services Provided Other School Districts	2,696,593.12
Other	16,943.54
Revenue from State Sources:	
Other State Revenue	2,598,341.08
Revenue from Federal Sources:	
Grants-in-Aid:	
Restricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government Through the State	293,884.80
Total Revenue	<u>9,670,886.31</u>
Expenditures:	
Instruction:	
Regular Programs:	
Other Regular Programs	2,858,603.80
Special Programs:	
Educationally Deprived	77,893.55
Support Services:	
Students:	
Guidance	158,151.35
Psychological	250,297.30
Speech Pathology	1,615,233.69
Student Therapy Services	727,764.55
Instructional Staff:	
Improvement of Instruction	1,805,785.03
Educational Media	141,579.07
General Administration:	
Executive Administration	238,107.20
School Administration:	
Office of the Principal	281,195.15
Business:	
Fiscal Services	363,733.42
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	206,337.84
Transportation	17,235.13
Food Service	34,801.10
Central:	
Planning	13,081.98
Staff	112,937.21

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund
Expenditures (Continued):	
Community Services:	
Other	95,158.07
Debt Services	238,620.00
Capital Outlay	34,495.00
Total Expenditures	9,271,010.44
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	399,875.87
Other Financing Sources:	
Transfer Out	(8,858.63)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(8,858.63)
Net Change in Fund Balances	391,017.24
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,610,602.67
Restatements:	
Error in Prior Accounts Receivable (Note 12.)	(70,127.27)
Restated Fund Balance - Beginning	1,540,475.40
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	1,931,492.64

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund
Balances to the Government-Wide Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	<u>391,017.24</u>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
This amount represents capital asset purchases which are reported as expenditures on the fund financial statements but increase assets on the government-wide statements.	<u>34,495.00</u>
This amount represents the current year depr./amort. expense reported in the statement of activities which is not reported on the fund financial statements because it does not require the use of current financial resources.	<u>(197,908.27)</u>
Repayment of lease payable is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	<u>187,801.00</u>
Governmental funds recognize expenditures for amounts of compensated absences actually paid to employees with current financial resources during the fiscal year. Amounts of compensated absences earned by employees are not recognized in the funds. In the statement of activities, expenses for these benefits are recognized when the employees earn leave credits.	<u>(1,179.06)</u>
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds. (Pension Expense)	<u>39,485.91</u>
Changes in the pension related deferred outflows/inflows are direct components of pension liability (asset) and are not reflected in the governmental funds.	<u>(53,206.02)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>400,505.80</u></u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
As of June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Funds
	Food Service Fund
ASSETS:	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	10,577.70
Due from General Fund	8,858.63
Total Current Assets	19,436.33
Capital Assets:	
Machinery and Equipment	4,194.00
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(1,398.00)
Total Noncurrent Assets	2,796.00
TOTAL ASSETS	22,232.33
LIABILITIES:	
Current Liabilities:	
Due to General Fund	2,275.79
Unearned Revenue	15,062.43
TOTAL LIABILITIES	17,338.22
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	2,796.00
Unrestricted Net Position	2,098.11
TOTAL NET POSITION	4,894.11

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EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Enterprise Funds
	Food Service Fund
Operating Revenue:	
Food Sales:	
Student	20,609.03
Total Operating Revenue	20,609.03
Operating Expenses:	
Salaries	13,035.38
Employee Benefits	1,789.61
Purchased Services	2,186.79
Cost of Sales - Purchased	58,650.20
Depreciation	349.50
Total Operating Expenses	76,011.48
Operating Income (Loss)	(55,402.45)
Nonoperating Revenue:	
Investment Earnings	803.57
Federal Grants	22,984.85
Total Nonoperating Revenue	23,788.42
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(31,614.03)
Transfers In	8,858.63
Change in Net Position	(22,755.40)
Net Position - Beginning	27,649.51
NET POSITION - ENDING	4,894.11

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

	Enterprise Funds Food Service Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:	
Cash Receipts from Customers	20,661.46
Cash Payments to Employees for Services	(14,824.99)
Cash Payments to Suppliers of Goods and Services	(87,719.25)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(81,882.78)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:	
Operating Grants	25,441.89
Net Cash Provided (Used) from Noncapital Financing Activities	25,441.89
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:	
Cash Received for Interest	803.57
Net Cash (Used) by Investing Activities	803.57
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(55,637.32)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	66,215.02
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	10,577.70
 RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	
Operating Income (Loss)	(55,402.45)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation Expense	349.50
Change in Assets and Liabilities:	
Receivables	52.43
Accounts and Other Payables	(26,882.26)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(81,882.78)

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Cooperative conform to generally accepted accounting principles applicable to government entities in the United States of America.

a. Financial Reporting Entity:

The reporting entity of East Dakota Educational Cooperative, d/b/a Teachwell Solutions, (Cooperative) consists of the primary government (which includes all of the funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that make up the legal entity, plus those funds for which the primary government has a fiduciary responsibility, even though those fiduciary funds may represent organizations that do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the financial reporting entity); those organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable; and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that their exclusion would cause the financial reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The East Dakota Educational Cooperative is a cooperative organized by three-member school districts; Lennox School District 41-4, Brandon Valley School District 49-2, and the West Central School District 49-7, to provide educational services to students. Funding sources are provided through various state and federal grants along with tuition paid for each student. The East Dakota Educational Cooperative is a separate legal entity, distinct from the member school districts.

b. Basis of Presentation:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting entity as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. Governmental activities generally are financed through fees, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources, in a net position form (assets plus deferred outflows of resources minus liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources equal net position). Net Position is displayed in three components, as applicable, net investment in capital assets, restricted (distinguishing between major categories of restrictions), and unrestricted.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Cooperative's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) charges paid by recipients of goods and services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into two major categories: governmental and proprietary. An emphasis is placed on major funds

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within the governmental category. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Cooperative or it meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type, and
2. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental fund are at least five percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined, or
3. Management has elected to classify one or more governmental funds as major for consistency in reporting from year to year, or because of public interest in the fund's operations.

The funds of the Cooperative financial reporting entity are described below within their respective fund types:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund – A fund established by South Dakota Codified Laws (SDCL) 13-16-3 to meet all the general operational costs of the cooperative. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Proprietary Funds:

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise funds may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services. Activities are required to be reported as enterprise funds if any one of the following criteria is met.

- a. The activity is financed with debt that is secured solely by a pledge of the net revenues from fees and charges of the activity. Debt that is secured by a pledge of net revenues from fees and charges and the full faith and credit of a related primary government or component unit—even if that government is not expected to make any payments—is not payable solely from fees and charges of the activity. (Some debt may be secured, in part, by a portion of its own proceeds but should be considered as payable "solely" from the revenues of the activity.)
- b. Laws or regulations require that the activity's costs of providing services, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service), be recovered with fees and charges, rather than with taxes or similar revenues.
- c. The pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

Food Service Fund – A fund used to record financial transactions related to food service operations. This fund is financed by user charges and grants. This is a major fund.

c. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "how" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements, regardless of the measurement focus.

Measurement Focus:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, applied on the accrual basis of accounting.

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Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting are applied to governmental funds, while the accrual basis of accounting is applied to the proprietary funds.

Basis of Accounting:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental and business-type activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues and related assets generally are recorded when earned (usually when the right to receive cash vests); and expenses and related liabilities are recorded when an obligation is incurred (usually when the obligation to pay cash in the future vests).

Fund Financial Statements:

All governmental fund types are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues generally are recognized when they become measurable and available. "Available" means resources are collected or to be collected soon enough after the end of the fiscal year that they can be used to pay the bills of the current period. The accrual period does not exceed one bill-paying cycle, and for the Cooperative, the length of that cycle is 60 days. The revenues which are accrued at June 30, 2024 are grants from the state of South Dakota and revenue from member schools districts.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, receivables may be measurable but not available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Reported unearned revenues are those where asset recognition criteria have been met but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met.

Expenditures generally are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principal and interest on general long-term liabilities which are recognized when due.

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.

d. Capital Assets:

Capital assets include land, buildings, machinery and equipment, and all other tangible or intangible assets that are used in operations and that have initial useful lives extending beyond a single reporting period.

The accounting treatment over capital assets depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at their acquisition value on the date donated. Reported cost values include ancillary charges necessary to place the asset into its intended location and condition for use. Subsequent to initial capitalization, improvements or betterments that are significant, and which extend the useful life of a capital asset are also capitalized.

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The total June 30, 2024 balance of capital assets for governmental activities and business-type activities are all valued at original costs.

Depreciation/Amortization of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities, with net capital assets reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Accumulated depreciation/amortization is reported on the government-wide Statement of Net Position and on the proprietary fund's Statement of Net Position.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation/amortization methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements and proprietary funds are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation Method	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ 1.00	----N/A----	----N/A----
Improvements	\$ 5,000.00	Straight-line	10-30 yrs.
Buildings	\$ 5,000.00	Straight-line	30-100 yrs.
Machinery & Equipment	\$ 5,000.00	Straight-line	10-20 yrs.
Mach. & Equip.-Food Service	\$ 500.00	Straight-line	12 yrs.
Intangible Assets	\$ 5,000.00	Straight-line	Life of the Contract

Land is an inexhaustible capital asset and is not depreciated/amortized. Intangible leased assets do not have a capitalization threshold, but the Cooperative's policy is to amortize over the life of the lease.

Fund Financial Statements:

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in governmental fund operations are accounted for as capital expenditures of the appropriate governmental fund upon acquisition. Capital assets used in proprietary fund operations are accounted for on the accrual basis, the same as in the government-wide statements.

e. Long-Term Liabilities:

The accounting treatment of long-term liabilities depends on whether the assets are used in governmental fund operations or proprietary fund operations and whether they are reported in the government-wide or fund financial statements.

All long-term liabilities to be repaid from governmental and business-type resources are reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term liabilities primarily consist of leases and compensated absences.

In the fund financial statements, debt proceeds are reported as revenues (other financing sources), while payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures when they become due.

f. Leases:

The Cooperative is a lessee for a noncancellable lease of a school building, office building and copiers. The Cooperative recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The Cooperative recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$5,000.00 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the Cooperative initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the

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principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

Key estimates and judgments related to leases include how the Cooperative determines (1) the discount rate it uses to discount the expected lease payments to present value, (2) lease term, and (3) lease payments.

- The Cooperative uses the interest rate charged by the lessor as the discount rate. When the interest rate charged by the lessor is not provided, the Cooperative generally uses its estimated incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for leases.
- The lease term includes the noncancellable period of the lease. Lease payments included in the measurement of the lease liability are composed of fixed payments and purchase option price that the Cooperative is reasonably certain to exercise.

The Cooperative monitors changes in circumstances that would require a remeasurement of its lease and will remeasure the lease asset and liability if certain changes occur that are expected to significantly affect the amount of the lease liability.

Lease assets are reported with other intangible assets and lease liabilities are reported with long-term liabilities on the statement of net position.

g. Program Revenues:

In the government-wide Statement of Activities, reported program revenues derive directly from the program itself or from parties other than the Cooperative's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole. Program revenues are classified into three categories, as follows:

1. Charges for services – These arise from charges to customers, applications, or others who purchase, use, or directly benefit from the goods, services, or privileges provided, or are otherwise directly affected by the services.
2. Program-specific operating grants and contributions – These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations, or individuals that are restricted for use in a particular program.
3. Program-specific capital grants and contributions – These arise from mandatory and voluntary non-exchange transactions with other governments, organizations, or individuals that are restricted for the acquisition of capital assets for use in a particular program.

h. Deferred Inflows and Deferred Outflows of Resources:

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent consumption of net position that applies to a future period or periods. These items will not be recognized as an outflow of resources until the applicable future period.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position reports a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. Deferred inflows of resources represent acquisitions of net position that applies to a future period or periods. These items will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until the applicable future period.

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i. Proprietary Funds Revenue and Expense Classifications:

In the proprietary fund's Statement of Activities, revenues and expenses are classified in a manner consistent with how they are classified in the Statement of Cash Flows. That is, transactions for which related cash flows are reported as capital and related financing activities, noncapital financing activities, or investing activities are not reported as components of operating revenues or expenses.

j. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The Cooperative pools its cash resources for depositing and investing purposes. Accordingly, the enterprise fund have access to their cash resources on demand. Accordingly, all reported enterprise fund deposit and investment balances are considered to be cash equivalents for the purpose of the Statement of Cash Flows.

k. Equity Classifications:

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and is displayed in three components.

1. Net investment in Capital Assets - Consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization (if applicable) and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted Net Position - Consists of net position with constraints places on its use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted Net Position - All other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance, and is distinguished between Nonspendable, Restricted, Committed, Assigned or Unassigned components. Proprietary fund equity is classified the same as in the government-wide financial statements.

l. Application of Net Position:

It is the Cooperative's policy to first use restricted net position, prior to the use of unrestricted net position, when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

m. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures:

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the Cooperative classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

- Nonspendable – includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.
- Restricted – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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- Committed – includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision-making authority and does not lapse at year-end.
- Assigned – includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund Balance may be assigned by the Business Manager.
- Unassigned – includes positive fund balance within the General Fund which has not been classified within the above-mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Nonspendable Fund Balance is comprised of the following:

- Amount reported in non-spendable form such as prepaid expenses and note receivable.

The Cooperative uses restricted/committed amounts first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Cooperative would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Cooperative does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

n. Pensions:

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense (revenue), information about the fiduciary net position of the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS) and additions to/deletions from SDRS's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by SDRS. Cooperative contributions and net pension liability (asset) are recognized on an accrual basis of accounting.

2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS CREDIT RISK, CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK AND INTEREST RATE RISK

The Cooperative follows the practice of aggregating the cash assets of various funds to maximize cash management efficiency and returns. Various restrictions on deposits and investments are imposed by statutes. These restrictions are summarized as follows:

Deposits - The Cooperative's deposits are made in qualified public depositories as defined by SDCL 4-6A-1, 13-16-15, 13-16-15.1 and 13-16-18.1. Qualified depositories are required by SDCL 4-6A-3 to maintain at all times, segregated from their other assets, eligible collateral having a value equal to at least 100 percent of the public deposit accounts which exceed deposit insurance such as the FDIC and NCUA. In lieu of pledging eligible securities, a qualified public depository may furnish irrevocable standby letters of credit issued by federal home loan banks accompanied by written evidence of that bank's public debt rating which may not be less than "AA" or a qualified public depository may furnish a corporate surety bond of a corporation authorized to do business in South Dakota.

Investments - In general, SDCL 4-5-6 permits cooperative funds to be invested in (a) securities of the United States and securities guaranteed by the United States Government either directly or indirectly; or (b) repurchase agreements fully collateralized by securities described in (a) above; or in shares of an open-end, no-load fund administered by an investment company whose investments are in securities described in (a) above and repurchase agreements described in (b) above. Also, SDCL 4-5-9 requires that investments shall be in the physical custody of the political subdivision or may be deposited in a safekeeping account with any bank or trust company designated by the political subdivision as its fiscal agent.

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Credit Risk - State law limits eligible investments for the Cooperative, as discussed above. The Cooperative has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

As of June 30, 2024, the Cooperative had the following investments. Except for the investment in SDFIT, for the General Fund which is reported as cash and cash equivalent, no investments were held by the Cooperative at June 30, 2024.

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
External Investment Pools:		
SDFIT	Unrated	\$ 89,641.20
TOTAL INVESTMENTS		\$ 89,641.20

The South Dakota Public Fund Investment Trust (SDFIT) is an external investment pool created for South Dakota local government investing purposes. It is regulated by a nine-member board with representation from municipalities, school districts, and counties.

The net asset value of the SDFIT money market account (GCR) is kept at one dollar per share by adjusting the rate of return on a daily basis. Earnings are credited to each account on a monthly basis.

Concentration of Credit Risk - The Cooperative places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the Cooperative's investments are in SDFIT (100%).

Interest Rate Risk - The Cooperative does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Assignment of Investment Income - State law allows income from deposits and investments to be credited to either the General Fund or the fund making the investment. The Cooperative's policy is to credit all income from investments to the fund making the investment.

3. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables and payables are not aggregated in these financial statements. The Cooperative expects all receivables to be collected within one year.

4. NOTE RECEIVABLE

The Cooperative loaned \$325,000.00 to the East Dakota Educational Foundation (a related organization - see Note 13.) for the purpose of purchasing and remodeling real property. The note receivable is to be paid to the cooperative over a fifteen-year period. A summary of the change in note receivable for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Note Receivable -					
East Dakota Educational Foundation	281,666.66	0.00	21,667.00	259,999.66	21,666.67
Total Governmental Activities	<u>281,666.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>21,667.00</u>	<u>259,999.66</u>	<u>21,666.67</u>

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The following are the minimum payments required to be paid to the Cooperative for the existing note receivable:

Year Ending June 30,	Note Receivable	
	Principal	Interest
2025	21,666.67	0.00
2026	21,666.67	0.00
2027	21,666.67	0.00
2028	21,666.67	0.00
2029	21,666.67	0.00
2030-2024	108,333.35	0.00
2035-2036	43,332.96	0.00
Totals	<u>259,999.66</u>	<u>0.00</u>

5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Governmental Activities:				
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Leashold Improvements	64,708.00			64,708.00
Machinery & Equipment	<u>147,509.29</u>	<u>34,495.00</u>	<u>(21,670.00)</u>	<u>160,334.29</u>
Total, being depreciated	<u>212,217.29</u>	<u>34,495.00</u>	<u>(21,670.00)</u>	<u>225,042.29</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Leashold Improvements	(35,435.40)	(1,540.67)		(36,976.07)
Machinery & Equipment	<u>(90,235.69)</u>	<u>(11,274.30)</u>	<u>21,670.00</u>	<u>(79,839.99)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(125,671.09)</u>	<u>(12,814.97)</u>	<u>21,670.00</u>	<u>(116,816.06)</u>
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	<u>86,546.20</u>	<u>21,680.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>108,226.23</u>
Governmental Activity Capital Assets, Net	<u>86,546.20</u>	<u>21,680.03</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>108,226.23</u>

Leasehold improvements are comprised of improvements made to the buildings owned by the East Dakota Educational Foundation and for which the East Dakota Educational Cooperative and East Dakota Educational Foundation have entered into agreements to occupy the space for operation of the Cooperative.

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	2,464.90
Support Services	<u>10,350.07</u>
Total Depreciation Expense - Governmental Activities	<u>12,814.97</u>

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	Balance 7/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/24
Business Type Activities:				
Capital Assets, being depreciated:				
Machinery & Equipment	4,194.00			4,194.00
Total, being depreciated	4,194.00	0.00	0.00	4,194.00
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Machinery & Equipment	(1,048.50)	(349.50)		(1,398.00)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	(1,048.50)	(349.50)	0.00	(1,398.00)
Total Capital Assets, being depreciated, net	3,145.50	(349.50)	0.00	2,796.00
Business Type Activity Capital Assets, Net	3,145.50	(349.50)	0.00	2,796.00

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Business Type Activities:

Food Service	349.50
Total Depreciation Expense - Business Type Activities	349.50

6. CHANGES IN INTANGIBLE ASSETS

A summary of changes in intangible assets for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2023	Increases	Decreases	Balance 06/30/2024
Governmental Activities:				
Intangible Assets, being amortized:				
Right to Use Leased Building	1,420,021.00			1,420,021.00
Right to Use Leased Equipment	31,762.00			31,762.00
Technology & Software	60,381.52			60,381.52
Total, being amortized	1,512,164.52	0.00	0.00	1,512,164.52
Less Accumulated Amortization for:				
Right to Use Leased Building	(337,364.00)	(168,682.00)		(506,046.00)
Right to Use Leased Equipment	(8,670.00)	(4,335.00)		(13,005.00)
Technology & Software	(30,230.60)	(12,076.30)		(42,306.90)
Total Accumulated Amortization	(376,264.60)	(185,093.30)	0.00	(561,357.90)
Total Intangible Assets, being amortized, net	1,135,899.92	(185,093.30)	0.00	950,806.62
Governmental Activity Intangible Assets, Net	1,135,899.92	(185,093.30)	0.00	950,806.62

Amortization expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	118,877.00
Support Services	66,216.30
Total Amortization Expense - Governmental Activities	185,093.30

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7. NOTE PAYABLE

The Organization has an approved line of credit extended by First National Bank. The Organization's receivables are the collateral for the line of credit. The balance at June 30, 2024 is \$714,485.12 which is their negative cash balance.

8. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of the changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Right to Use Lease Payable - 715 E 14th St Office Building	54,318.00		54,318.00	0.00	0.00
Right to Use Lease Payable - 814 E 14th St School Building	1,025,902.00		125,557.00	900,345.00	131,980.00
Right to Use Lease Payable - Copiers	19,925.00		7,926.00	11,999.00	8,372.00
Accrued Compensated Absences	41,009.31	1,179.06		42,188.37	30,000.00
Total Governmental Activities	1,141,154.31	1,179.06	187,801.00	954,532.37	170,352.00
TOTAL PRIMARY GOVERNMENT	1,141,154.31	1,179.06	187,801.00	954,532.37	170,352.00

Compensated absences for governmental activities typically have been liquidated from the General Fund.

Liabilities payable at June 30, 2024 is comprised of the following:

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT

Right to Use Lease Payable:

Right to Use Lease Payable – School Building \$ 900,345.00
The Cooperative entered into an agreement for a school building with East Dakota Educational Foundation. The lease includes a clause for termination under the following circumstances: a) at end of lease; b) upon Lessee's default; and c) in the event the leased space is partially or completely taken under right of eminent domain and lessor or lessee so elects. The lease is paid out of the General Fund.

Right to Use Lease Payable – 5 Copiers \$ 11,999.00
The Cooperative also entered into an agreement for five copiers with Century Business Products. The lease is paid out of the General Fund.

Governmental Activities:

Compensated Absences:

Accrued leave balances for eligible employees.
Payment to be made by the fund that the payroll
expenditures are charged to.

\$ 42,188.37

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The following are the minimum payments required for existing operating leases:

Annual Requirements to Maturity for Long-Term Debt
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Year Ending June 30,	814 E 14th St School Building Lease		Century Business Products Copier Lease	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2025	131,980.00	42,020.00	8,372.00	448.00
2026	138,732.00	35,268.00	3,627.00	48.00
2027	145,830.00	28,170.00		
2028	153,291.00	20,709.00		
2029	161,134.00	12,866.00		
2030	169,378.00	4,622.00		
Totals	900,345.00	143,655.00	11,999.00	496.00

Year Ending June 30,	Totals	
	Principal	Interest
2025	140,352.00	42,468.00
2026	142,359.00	35,316.00
2027	145,830.00	28,170.00
2028	153,291.00	20,709.00
2029	161,134.00	12,866.00
2030	169,378.00	4,622.00
Totals	912,344.00	144,151.00

9. RESTRICTED NET POSITION

Restricted net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

Purpose	Restricted By	Amount
Major Funds:		
SDRS Pension	Governmental Accounting Standards	\$ 578,102.62
Total Restricted Net Position		<u>\$ 578,102.62</u>

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10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2024, were as follows:

<u>Transfers From:</u>	<u>Transfers To:</u>
	<u>Food Service Fund</u>
Major Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 8,858.63

The Cooperative typically budgets transfers to conduct the indispensable functions of the District.

11. INDIVIDUAL FUND INTERFUND RECEIVABLE AND PAYABLE BALANCES

Interfund receivable and payable balances at June 30, 2024 was:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	2,275.79	8,858.63
Food Service Fund	8,858.63	2,275.78

The Cooperative recorded an interfund receivable/payable from the General Fund to the food service fund due to timing of transfers.

12. RESTATEMENT OF PRIOR PERIOD

The Cooperative discovered an error in prior accounts receivable. As a result, beginning fund balance and net position has been restated as of July 1, 2023.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Net Position July 1, 2023, as previously reported	\$ 2,283,717.21
Restatement:	
Prior year error due to software conversion	(70,127.27)
Net Position July 1, 2023, as Restated	<u>\$ 2,213,589.94</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>
Fund Balance July 1, 2023, as previously reported	\$ 1,610,602.67
Restatement:	
Prior year error due to software conversion	(70,127.27)
Fund Balance July 1, 2023, as Restated	<u>\$ 1,540,475.40</u>

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13. PENSION PLAN

Plan Information:

All employees, working more than 20 hours per week during the school year, participate in the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS). SDRS is a hybrid defined benefit plan designed with several defined contribution plan type provisions and is administered by SDRS to provide retirement benefits for employees of the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions. The SDRS provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. The right to receive retirement benefits vests after three years of credited service. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in SDCL 3-12. The SDRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <http://sdrs.sd.gov/publications.aspx> or by writing to the SDRS, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605) 773-3731.

Benefits Provided:

SDRS has four different classes of employees, Class A general members, Class B public safety and judicial members, Class C Cement Plant Retirement Fund members, and Class D Department of Labor and Regulation members.

Members that were hired before July 1, 2017, are Foundation members. Class A Foundation members and Class B Foundation members who retire after age 65 with three years of contributory service are entitled to an unreduced annual retirement benefit. An unreduced annual retirement benefit is also available after age 55 for Class A Foundation members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 85 or after age 55 for Class B Foundation judicial members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 80. Class B Foundation public safety members can retire with an unreduced annual retirement benefit after age 55 with three years of contributory service. An unreduced annual retirement benefit is also available after age 45 for Class B Foundation public safety members where the sum of age and credited service is equal to or greater than 75. All Foundation retirements that do not meet the above criteria may be payable at a reduced level. Class A and B eligible spouses of Foundation members will receive a 60 percent joint survivor benefit when the member dies.

Members that were hired on/after July 1, 2017, are Generational members. Class A Generational members and Class B Generational judicial members who retire after age 67 with three years of contributory service are entitled to an unreduced annual retirement benefit. Class B Generational public safety members can retire with an unreduced annual retirement benefit after age 57 with three years of contributory service. At retirement, married Generational members may elect a single-life benefit, a 60 percent joint and survivor benefit, or a 100 percent joint and survivor benefit. All Generational retirement benefits that do not meet the above criteria may be payable at a reduced level. Generational members will also have a variable retirement account (VRA) established, in which they will receive up to 1.5 percent of compensation funded by part of the employer contribution. VRAs will receive investment earnings based on investment returns.

Legislation enacted in 2017 established the current COLA process. At each valuation date:

- Baseline actuarial accrued liabilities will be calculated assuming the COLA is equal to the long-term inflation assumption of 2.25%.
- If the fair value of assets is greater or equal to the baseline actuarial accrued liabilities, the COLA will be:
 - The increase in the 3rd quarter CPI-W, no less than 0.5% and no greater than 3.5%.
- If the fair value of assets is less than the baseline actuarial accrued liabilities, the COLA will be:
 - The increase in the 3rd quarter CPI-W, no less than 0.5% and no greater than a restricted maximum such that, that if the restricted maximum is assumed for future COLAs, the fair value of assets will be greater or equal to the accrued liabilities.

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Legislation enacted in 2021 reduced the minimum COLA from 0.5 percent to 0.0 percent.

All benefits except those depending on the Member's Accumulated Contributions are annually increased by the Cost-of-Living Adjustment.

Contributions:

Per SDCL 3-12, contribution requirements of the active employees and the participating employers are established and may be amended by the SDRS Board. Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute the following percentages of their salary to the plan; Class A Members, 6.0% of salary; Class B Judicial Members, 9.0% of salary; and Class B Public Safety Members, 8.0% of salary. State statute also requires the employer to contribute an amount equal to the employee's contribution. The Cooperative's share of contributions to the SDRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$289,831.00, \$250,345.09, and \$229,058.64, respectively, equal to the required contributions each year.

Pension Liabilities (Assets), Pension Expense (Revenue), and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions:

At June 30, 2023, SDRS is 100.1% funded and accordingly has a net pension asset. The proportionate share of the components of the net pension asset of South Dakota Retirement System, for the Cooperative as of the measurement period ending June 30, 2023 and reported by the Cooperative as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Proportionate share of pension liability	\$ 23,440,289.35
Less proportionate share of net pension restricted for pension benefits	<u>\$ 23,456,077.95</u>
Proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	<u><u>\$ (15,788.60)</u></u>

At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative reported a liability (asset) of \$(15,788.60) for its proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset). The net pension liability (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability (asset) used to calculate the net pension liability (asset) was based on a projection of the Cooperative's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2023, the Cooperative's proportion was 0.16176100%, which is an increase (decrease) of 0.0031520% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative recognized pension expense (reduction of pension expense) of \$13,720.11. At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience.	\$ 447,535.50	
Changes in assumption.	\$ 539,790.12	\$ 789,052.99
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.	\$ 105,115.05	
Changes in proportion and difference between School district contributions and proportionate share of contributions.	\$ 295.16	\$ 31,199.82
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	<u>\$ 289,831.00</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,382,566.83</u>	<u>\$ 820,252.81</u>

\$289,831.00 reported as deferred outflow of resources related to pensions resulting from Cooperative contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (revenue) as follows:

Year Ended	
June 30:	
2025	\$ 201,923.35
2026	(251,032.78)
2027	299,963.04
2028	<u>21,629.41</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$ 272,483.02</u>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liability (asset) in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50 percent
Salary Increases	Graded by years of service, from 7.66% at entry to 3.15% after 25 years of service
Discount Rate	6.50% net of plan investment expense. This is composed of an average inflation rate of 2.50% and real returns of 4.00%
Future COLAs	1.91%

Mortality Rates

All mortality rates based on Pub-2010 amount-weighted mortality tables, projected
Generationally with improvement scale MP-2020
Active and Terminated Vested Members:

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Teachers, Certified Regents, and Judicial PubT-2010
 Other Class A Members: PubG-2010
 Public Safety Members: PubS-2010

Retired Members:
 Teachers, Certified Regents, and Judicial Retirees: PubT-2010, 108% of rates above age 65
 Other Class A Retirees: PubG-2010, 93% of rates through age 74, increasing by 2% per
 Year until 111% of rates at age 83 and above.
 Public Safety Retirees: PubS-2010, 102% of rates at all ages.

Beneficiaries:
 PubG-2010 contingent survivor mortality table

Disabled Members:
 Public Safety: PubS-2010 disabled member mortality table
 Others: PubG-2010 disabled member mortality table

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2022 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2022.

Investment portfolio management is the statutory responsibility of the South Dakota Investment Council (SDIC), which may utilize the services of external money managers for management of a portion of the portfolio. SDIC is governed by the Prudent Man Rule (i.e., the council should use the same degree of care as a prudent man). Current SDIC investment policies dictate limits on the percentage of assets invested in various types of vehicles (equities, fixed income securities, real estate, cash, private equity, etc.). The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. Best estimates of real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 (see the discussion of the pension plan's investment policy) are summarized in the following table using geometric means:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Public Equity	56.3%	3.8%
Investment Grade Debt	22.8%	1.7%
High Yield Debt	7.0%	2.7%
Real Estate	12.0%	3.5%
Cash	1.9%	0.8%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability (asset) was 6.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that matching employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability (asset).

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Sensitivity of liability (asset) to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the Cooperative's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.50% as well as what the Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.50%) or 1-percentage point higher (7.50%) than the current rate:

	<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Discount</u> <u>Rate</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$3,236,108.02	\$(15,788.60)	\$(2,675,219.69)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SDRS financial report.

14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the period ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative managed its risks as follows:

Employee Health Insurance:

The Cooperative purchases health insurance through a commercial carrier. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Liability Insurance:

The Cooperative purchases liability insurance for risks related to torts; theft or damage to property; and errors and omissions of public officials from a commercial carrier. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Worker's Compensation:

The Cooperative participates, with several other educational units and related organizations in South Dakota, in the Associated School Boards of South Dakota Workers' Compensation Fund Pool which provided workers' compensation insurance coverage for participating members of the pool. The objective of the Fund is to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of the member organizations, a program of worker's compensation coverage, to obtain lower costs for that coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The Cooperative's responsibility is to initiate and maintain a safety program to give its employees safe and sanitary working conditions and to promptly report to and cooperate with the Fund to resolve any worker's compensation claims. The Cooperative pays an annual premium to provide worker's compensation coverage for its employees, under a retrospectively rated policy and the premiums are accrued based on the ultimate cost of the experience to date of the Fund members. The Cooperative may also be responsible for additional assessments in the event the pool is determined by its board of trustees to have inadequate reserves to satisfy current obligations or judgments. Additional assessments, if any, are to be determined on a prorated basis based upon each participant's percentage of contribution in relation to the total contribution to the pool of all participants for the year in which the shortfall occurs. The pool provides loss coverage to all participants through pool retained risk retention and through insurance coverage purchased by the pool in excess of the retained risk. The pool pays the first \$500,000 of any claim per individual. The pool has reinsurance which covers up to an additional \$1,000,000 per individual per incident.

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The Cooperative does not carry additional insurance to cover claims in excess of the upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage over the past three years.

Unemployment Benefits:

The Cooperative has elected to be self-insured and retain all risk for liabilities resulting from claims for unemployment benefits.

During the year ended June 30, 2024, no claims were filed for unemployment benefits. At June 30, 2024, no claims had been filed or were outstanding. It is not anticipated that any additional claims for unemployment benefits will be filed in the next fiscal year.

15. RELATED ORGANIZATION

The East Dakota Educational Foundation was incorporated April 17, 1992 to promote the further educational development of East Dakota Educational Cooperative's students and staff. The organization is a nonprofit corporation governed by four trustees, which are appointed by the East Dakota Educational Cooperative.

The Cooperative does not approve the organization's financial decisions. The Foundation does own the building which houses some of the Cooperative's office and classroom space. The Cooperative does pay rent to the Foundation for this purpose.

16. SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES – LITIGATION

At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative was not involved in any significant litigation.

17. REPORTING ENTITY SECONDARY NAME

Teachwell Solutions began as East Dakota Educational Cooperative (EDEC) in 1986 as an educational resource, advocate and support network for member districts in eastern South Dakota. EDEC eventually grew to serve the entire state through unique opportunities provided to them by their member districts. In 2013, it was determined EDEC needed a new name that wouldn't restrict their services to eastern South Dakota or the cooperative members. Teachwell Solutions was introduced in 2015, even as programs were continuing to change and evolve to meet the needs of the districts. Today, Teachwell Solutions continues to focus on their core member districts of Brandon Valley, West Central and Lennox, but many of their programs are utilized across the entire state of South Dakota to help administrators, teachers, students and parents.

18. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated whether any subsequent events have occurred through June 11, 2025, the date on which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Revenues:				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Tuition and Fees:				
Regular Day School Tuition	3,390,000.00	4,048,250.00	4,048,248.91	(1.09)
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	10,000.00	16,875.00	16,874.86	(0.14)
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Services Provided Other School Districts	2,530,000.00	2,710,199.00	2,696,593.12	(13,605.88)
Other	10,000.00	16,947.00	16,943.54	(3.46)
Revenue from State Sources:				
Other State Revenue	2,320,000.00	2,611,565.00	2,598,341.08	(13,223.92)
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government Through the State	134,401.00	295,217.00	293,884.80	(1,332.20)
Total Revenue	8,394,401.00	9,699,053.00	9,670,886.31	(28,166.69)
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs:				
Other Regular Programs	2,980,000.00	2,858,653.00	2,858,603.80	49.20
Special Programs:				
Educationally Deprived	70,000.00	77,898.00	77,896.55	1.45
Support Services:				
Students:				
Guidance	65,000.00	158,162.00	158,151.35	10.65
Psychological	250,000.00	250,301.00	250,297.30	3.70
Speech Pathology	1,600,000.00	1,615,248.00	1,615,233.69	14.31
Student Therapy Services	670,000.00	727,789.00	727,764.55	24.45
Instructional Staff:				
Improvement of Instruction	1,189,401.00	1,805,797.00	1,805,785.03	11.97
Educational Media	110,000.00	141,581.00	141,579.07	1.93
General Administration:				
Executive Administration	230,000.00	238,116.00	238,107.20	8.80
School Administration:				
Office of Principal	280,000.00	281,202.00	281,195.15	6.85
Business:				
Fiscal Services	300,000.00	363,742.00	363,733.42	8.58
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	400,000.00	444,965.00	206,334.84	238,630.16
Pupil Transportation	50,000.00	51,733.00	51,730.13	2.87
Food Service	0.00	34,804.00	34,801.10	2.90
Central:				
Planning	0.00	13,085.00	13,081.98	3.02
Staff	110,000.00	112,941.00	112,937.21	3.79

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
EAST DAKOTA EDUCATIONAL COOPERATIVE
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	(Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
Expenditures (Continued):				
Community Services:				
Other	90,000.00	95,160.00	95,158.07	1.93
Debt Service	0.00	0.00	238,620.00	(238,620.00)
Total Expenditures	8,394,401.00	9,271,177.00	9,271,010.44	166.56
Excess of Revenue Over (Under)				
Expenditures	0.00	427,876.00	399,875.87	(28,000.13)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers Out	0.00	0.00	(8,858.63)	(8,858.63)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	0.00	0.00	(8,858.63)	(8,858.63)
Net Change in Fund Balances	0.00	427,876.00	391,017.24	(36,858.76)
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,610,602.67	1,610,602.67	1,610,602.67	0.00
Restatements:				
Error in Prior Accounts Receivable (Note 12.)	0.00	0.00	(70,127.27)	(70,127.27)
Restated Fund Balance - Beginning	1,610,602.67	1,610,602.67	1,540,475.40	(70,127.27)
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	1,610,602.67	2,038,478.67	1,931,492.64	(106,986.03)

NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
June 30, 2024

Schedules of Budgetary Comparisons for the General Fund.

Note 1. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

The Cooperative followed these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to the first regular board meeting in May of each year the board causes to be prepared a proposed budget for the next fiscal year according to the budgetary standards prescribed by the Auditor General.
2. The proposed budget is considered by the board at the first regular meeting held in the month of May of each year.
3. The proposed budget is published for public review no later than July 15 each year.
4. Public hearings are held to solicit taxpayer input prior to the approval of the budget.
5. Before October 1 of each year, the board must approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year for each fund, except fiduciary funds.
6. After adoption by the board, the operating budget is legally binding and actual expenditures of each fund cannot exceed the amounts budgeted, except as indicated by number eight.
7. A line item for contingencies may be included in the annual budget. Such a line item may not exceed five percent of the total cooperative budget and may be transferred by resolution of the cooperative board to any other budget category, except for capital outlay, that is deemed insufficient during the year. No amount of expenditures may be charged directly to the contingency line item in the budget.
8. If it is determined during the year that sufficient amounts have not been budgeted, state statute allows adoption of supplemental budgets when moneys are available to increase legal spending authority.
9. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered by resolution of the board.
10. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund.
11. Budgets for the General Fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Note 2. GAAP/Budgetary Accounting Basis Differences:

The financial statements prepared in conformity with USGAAP present capital outlay expenditure information in a separate category of expenditures. Under the budgetary basis of accounting, capital outlay expenditures are reported within the function to which they relate. For example, the purchase of a new school bus would be reported as a capital outlay expenditure on the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances, however in the Budgetary RSI Schedule, the purchase of a school bus would be reported as an expenditure of the Support Services-Business/Student Transportation function of government, along with all other current Student Transportation related expenditures.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATIONSCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE'S PROPORTIONATE
SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)

South Dakota Retirement System

Last 10 Fiscal Years *

	Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability/asset	Cooperative's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	Cooperative's covered-employee payroll	Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)
2024	0.1617610%	\$ (15,789)	\$ 4,172,411	0.38%	100.10%
2023	0.1586090%	\$ (14,990)	\$ 3,817,643	0.39%	100.10%
2022	0.1362050%	\$ (1,043,097)	\$ 3,090,934	33.75%	105.52%
2021	0.1036537%	\$ (4,502)	\$ 2,274,505	0.20%	100.04%
2020	0.0932359%	\$ (9,880)	\$ 1,979,266	0.50%	100.09%
2019	0.0930065%	\$ (2,169)	\$ 1,935,316	0.11%	100.02%
2018	0.1034217%	\$ (9,386)	\$ 2,101,319	0.45%	100.10%
2017	0.0957147%	\$ 323,315	\$ 1,819,933	17.77%	96.89%
2016	0.0987713%	\$ (418,917)	\$ 1,803,387	23.23%	104.10%
2015	0.1053136%	\$ (758,741)	\$ 1,841,644	41.20%	107.30%

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability (asset) which is 06/30 of the previous year.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF THE COOPERATIVE PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

South Dakota Retirement System

Last 10 Fiscal Years

	<u>Contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution</u>	<u>Contribution deficiency (excess)</u>	<u>Cooperative's covered payroll</u>	<u>Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll</u>
2024	\$ 289,831	\$ 289,831	\$ -	\$ 4,832,460	6.00%
2023	\$ 250,345	\$ 250,345	\$ -	\$ 4,172,411	6.00%
2022	\$ 229,059	\$ 229,059	\$ -	\$ 3,817,643	6.00%
2021	\$ 185,456	\$ 185,456	\$ -	\$ 3,090,934	6.00%
2020	\$ 136,471	\$ 136,471	\$ -	\$ 2,274,505	6.00%
2019	\$ 118,976	\$ 118,976	\$ -	\$ 1,979,266	6.01%
2018	\$ 116,119	\$ 116,119	\$ -	\$ 1,935,316	6.00%
2017	\$ 126,079	\$ 126,079	\$ -	\$ 2,101,319	6.00%
2016	\$ 109,194	\$ 109,194	\$ -	\$ 1,819,933	6.00%
2015	\$ 108,203	\$ 108,203	\$ -	\$ 1,803,387	6.00%

**NOTES TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and
Schedule of Pension Contributions

Changes from Prior Valuation

The June 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuation reflects no changes to the plan provisions or actuarial methods and one change in actuarial assumptions from the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Valuation.

The details of the changes since the last valuation are as follows:

Benefit Provision Changes

During the 2023 Legislative Session no significant SDRS benefit changes were made and emergency medical services personnel prospectively became Class B Public Safety members.

Actuarial Method Changes

No changes in actuarial methods were made since the prior valuation

Actuarial Assumption Changes

The SDRS COLA equals the percentage increase in the most recent third calendar quarter CPI-W over the prior year, no less than 0% and no greater than 3.5%. However, if the FVFR assuming the long-term COLA is equal to the baseline COLA assumption (currently 2.25%) is less than 100%, the maximum COLA payable will be limited to the increase that if assumed on a long-term basis, results in a FVFR equal to or exceeding 100%.

As of June 30, 2022, the FVFR assuming the long-term COLA is equal to the baseline COLA assumption (2.25%) was less than 100% and the July 2023 SDRS COLA was limited to a restricted maximum of 2.10%. For the June 30, 2022 Actuarial Valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA assumption of 2.10%.

As of June 30, 2023, the FVFR assuming future COLAs equal to the baseline COLA assumption of 2.25% is again less than 100% and the July 2024 SDRS COLA is limited to a restricted maximum of 1.91%. The July 2024 SDRS COLA will equal inflation, between 0% and 1.91%. For this June 30, 2023 Actuarial Valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA of 1.91%.

Actuarial assumptions are reviewed for reasonability annually and reviewed in depth periodically, with the next experience analysis anticipated before the June 30, 2027 Actuarial Valuation and any recommended changes approved by the Board of Trustees are anticipated to be first implemented in the June 30, 2027 Actuarial Valuation.