FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS AND REPORTS OF INDEPENDENT AUDITOR

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1-4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Education Gans Independent School District No. 4 Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying combined fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis of the Gans Independent School District No. 4, Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting" section of our report, the combined financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the assets, liabilities and fund balances arising from regulatory basis transactions of each fund type and account group of the District as of June 30, 2023, and the revenues it received and expenditures it paid and encumbered for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of the Oklahoma State Department of Education as 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 financial statements referred to in the first paragraph do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of June 30, 2023, or the revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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 and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and qualified audit opinions.

Basis for Qualified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements referred to above do not include the General Fixed Asset Account Group, which is a departure from the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. The amount that should be recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group is not known.

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

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the Oklahoma State Department of Education, the financial statements are prepared by the District, on the basis of the financial reporting regulations prescribed or permitted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education, 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 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 regulations prescribed or permitted by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as described in Note 1, to meet the financial reporting requirements of the State of Oklahoma; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 fund type and account group financial statements-regulatory basis that collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining financial statements-regulatory basis and other supplementary information and schedule of expenditures of federal awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the combined 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 combined financial statements-regulatory basis. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the fund type and account group financial statements within the combined financial statements-regulatory basis and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, except for the financial statements being prepared in compliance with the regulatory basis as prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as discussed in Note I, the combining financial statements-regulatory basis and other supplementary information and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined financial statements-regulatory basis as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 5, 2023 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.

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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

The Honorable Board of Education Gans Independent School District No. 4 Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma

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 fund type and account group financial statements – regulatory basis of the Gans Independent School District No. 4, Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 5, 2023, which was adverse with respect to the presentation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States because the presentation followed the regulatory basis of accounting for Oklahoma school districts as provided by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. However, our report was qualified because the omission of the general fixed asset account group results in an incomplete presentation with respect to the presentation of financial state Board of Education.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we identified one deficiency in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. This deficiency is shown on the accompanying Schedule of Audit Results, as item 2023-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District'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 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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. This instance of noncompliance is noted in the accompanying Schedule of Audit Results as item 2023-1. We also noted some immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have included in a separate letter to management dated October 5, 2023.

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 District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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

To the Honorable Board of Education Gans Independent School District No. 4 Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited the Gans Independent School District No. 4, Gans, Sequoyah County, Oklahoma's (the District) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the District's major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023. The District's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material non-compliance 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance is a deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance 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 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.

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October 5, 2023

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY DISPOSITION OF PRIOR YEAR'S SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES AND MATERIAL INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE JUNE 30, 2023

FINDING 2022-1 FINANCIAL RECONCILIATIONS

<u>Condition</u>: During our estimate of needs and final audit work, we observed that the bank balances were reconciled to the accounting records each month, however, there were several adjusting entries that had to be made in order to reconcile. These adjustments were due to electronic payments being initiated and made for payroll withholdings that did not have a corresponding check number issued in which to clear, resulting in possible overpayments. Some of these payments were not paid in a timely manner.

Current Status: This finding improved in the current fiscal year.

FINDING 2022-2 – PURCHASE ORDERS

<u>Condition</u>: During the review of the Purchase orders, we made the following observations:

- Invoices/delivery tickets were not being signed as received.
- Purchase orders were not always encumbered against available appropriations prior to the obligations being incurred.
- Purchase orders were not always signed by the encumbering officer nor always signed as approved by the purchasing agent.
- Checks issued for payment did not always test foot to supporting documentation attached.
- There were purchase orders which did not include all the supporting documentation, or had no supporting documentation attached.
- Credit card purchase order did not include all supporting documentation, statements not adequately reconciled to payments (i.e. balance was carried on account). Did not have a clear approval process/document for credit card purchases.

Current Status: This finding continued in the current fiscal year with some improvements.

FINDING 2022-3 – IRS PENALTIES AND TEACHERS' RETIREMENT

<u>Condition</u>: We observed during the audit that the applicable payroll withholdings were not always remitted to the Internal Revenue Service in a timely manner, therefore the District received notices from the Internal Revenue Service for penalties and interest for late payments. The District also had to pay additional fees to the Teachers' Retirement System for not filing the monthly remittances in a timely manner.

<u>Current Status</u>: This finding improved in the current fiscal year.

FINDING 2022-4 – SEGREGATION OF DUTIES

Condition: The District has a lack of segregation of duties resulting from a small number of employees performing functions that would normally be divided among employees were a larger number available prevent a proper segregation of accounting. Currently one individual performs the functions for payroll and accounts payable.

<u>Current Status</u>: The District has hired new staff and a treasurer who works outside the District.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY SCHEDULE OF AUDIT RESULTS JUNE 30, 2023

<u>Section 1</u> – Summary of Auditor's Results:

- 1. An adverse opinion was issued on the combined financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and a qualified opinion was issued for the omission of the general fixed asset account group on the combined financial statements in conformity with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education.
- 2. The audit reported one significant deficiency in the internal controls over financial reporting, item 2023-1, which is considered a material weakness.
- 3. The audit disclosed one instance of noncompliance, item 2023-1, which is material to the financial statements.
- 4. The audit did not identify any material weaknesses and did not report any significant deficiencies not considered to be material weaknesses in the internal controls over major programs.
- 5. An unmodified report was issued on the compliance for major programs in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting.
- 6. The audit disclosed no audit findings which are required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance, 2 CFR 200.516(a).
- 7. Programs determined to be major are the COVID-19 Education Stabilization Fund ESSER/ARP/CARES Act Programs (84.425D, 84.425U), which were not clustered in determination.
- 8. The dollar threshold used to determine between Type A and Type B programs was \$750,000.
- 9. The district was determined not to be a low-risk auditee.

<u>Section 2</u> – Findings relating to the financial statements required to be reported in accordance with GAGAS:

FINDING 2023-1 – PURCHASE ORDERS

<u>Condition</u>: During the review of the Purchase orders, we made the following observations:

- Invoices/delivery tickets were not being signed as received.
- Purchase orders were not always encumbered against available appropriations prior to the obligations being incurred.
- Purchase orders were not always signed by the encumbering officer nor always signed as approved by the purchasing agent.
- Checks issued for payment did not always test foot to supporting documentation attached.
- There were purchase orders which did not include all the supporting documentation, or had no supporting documentation attached.
- Credit card purchase orders did not include all supporting documentation, statements not adequately reconciled to payments (i.e. balance was carried on account) and did not have a clear approval process/document for credit card purchases.

<u>Criteria</u>: District should follow Oklahoma Statutes for the initiating, recording and paying of contractual obligations, which include the appropriate approvals, signatures, supporting documentation, encumbering in a timely manner, issuance of payment and proper coding.

<u>Cause / Effect</u>: Proper, consistent, procedures were not in place over the accounts payable function for the appropriated fund expenditures. This increases the risk that a misappropriation of assets may occur, whether due to error or fraud, and not be detected in a timely manner.

<u>Recommendation</u>: We recommend that the District enforce its policies and procedures which require that all purchase orders be signed by both the encumbering and purchasing officers, purchase orders be encumbered prior to the obligation being incurred, invoices or delivery tickets be signed as received, all purchase orders have either original invoices or non-commercial vendor invoices attached as proof of indebtedness and proper coding be utilized, as required by Oklahoma Statutes.

<u>*Response:*</u> The District has not responded to the audit findings as of the date of this audit report.

COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE -ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2023

	G	OVERNMENTA	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES			
<u>ASSETS</u>	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	AGENCY FUNDS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Cash	<u>\$ 949,401</u>	260,279	684	2,931	56,476	1,269,771
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE						
Liabilities: Warrants/checks payable Funds held for school organizations	\$ 94,528	13,526			56,476	108,054 56,476
Total liabilities	94,528	13,526	0	0	56,476	164,530
Fund Balance:						
Restricted		246,753	684	2,931		250,368
Unassigned Cash fund balances	854,873	246 752	684	2,931	0	854,873
Cash lunu balances	854,873	246,753	004	2,931		1,105,241
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 949,401	260,279	684	2,931	56,476	1,269,771

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Revenues Collected:	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE	DEBT SERVICE	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
Local sources	\$ 341,31	A AE E0A			
Intermediate sources	52,59		214		387,032
State sources	2,476,30				52,594
Federal sources	746,03				2,555,137
Interest earnings	740,00	6,863			952,283
Non-revenue receipts	49				6,863
Total revenues collected	3,616,74		214	0	499
		007,440_	214	0	3,954,408
Expenditures:					
Instruction	2,239,07	4			2 220 074
Support services	1,833,97	B 148,266			2,239,074
Operation of non-instructional services	231,54				1,982,244
Other outlays:					231,549
Correcting entry	349	9			349
Debt service			2,642		
Total expenditures	4,304,950	148,266	2,642	0	<u> </u>
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)	(688,205	i) 189,183	(2,428)	0	(501,450)
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in (out)	050 400	(220 (00)			
Adjustments to prior year encumbrances	256,109 17,198	$\chi = -\gamma = \tau \gamma$			
Total other finance sources (uses)	273,307				17,198
	210,007	(200,109) _	0	0	17,198
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures	(414,898) (66,926)	(2,428)	0	(484,252)
Cash fund balances, beginning of year	1,269,771	313,679	3,112	2,931	1,589,493
Cash fund balances, end of year	<u>\$ 854,873</u>	246,753	684	2,931	1,105,241

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Revenues Collected:	Original / Final Budget		Actual	Prior Year (Memorandum Only)
Local sources	•			
Intermediate sources	\$	262,055	341,314	336,540
State sources		54,494	52,594	59,187
Federal sources		2,422,645	2,476,306	2,841,220
Non-revenue receipts		983,856	746,032	755,930
Total revenues collected			499	75,775
fotal revenues collected		3,723,050	3,616,745	4,068,652
Expenditures:				
Instruction		2,939,771	0.000.074	0.040.404
Support services		1,823,029	2,239,074	2,042,184
Operation of non-instruction services		229,671	1,833,978	1,599,236
Other outlays:		223,071	231,549	115,892
Correcting entry		349	240	
Repayment		345	349	
Total expenditures		4,992,820	4 204 050	952
		4,002,020	4,304,950	3,758,264
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)		(1,269,770)	(688,205)	310,388
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in (out)			050 400	
Adjustments to prior year encumbrances			256,109	00.007
Total other finance sources (uses)		0	<u>17,198</u> 273,307	30,267
(4000)			2/3,307	30,267
Excess of revenues collected				
over (under) expenditures		(1,269,770)	(414,898)	340,655
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		1,269,771	1,269,771	929,116
Cash fund balance, end of year		0	854,873	1,269,771

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Revenues Collected		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Prior Year (Memorandum Only)
Local sources					
State sources	\$	42,961	42,961	45,504	44,729
Federal sources		2,078	2,078	78,831	74,675
Interest earnings		207,719	277,719	206,251	261,928
Total revenues collected		050 750		6,863	
i otar fotonices conected		252,758	322,758	337,449	381,332
Expenditures:					
Instruction		435,571	505,571		
Support services		130,866	130,866	140.000	
Operation of non-instructional services		100,000	130,000	148,266	57,690
Other outlays:					193,041
Reimbursement					75 775
Total expenditures		566,437	636,437	148,266	75,775
			000,401	140,200	326,506
Excess of revenues collected					
over (under) expenditures before					
other financing sources (uses)		(313,679)	(313,679)	189,183	54,826
			,		01,020
Other financing sources (uses):					
Transfers in (out)		0	0	(256,109)	0
Excess of revenue collected over					
(under) expenditures		(0.4.0.0-0)			
(under) expenditures		(313,679)	(313,679)	(66,926)	54,826
Cash fund balances, beginning of year		212 670	040.070	• • • • - •	
salaria salarioos, segmining or year		313,679	313,679	313,679	258,853_
Cash fund balances, end of year	\$	0	0	040 750	
	<u> </u>		0	246,753	313,679

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - BUDGETED GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	DEBT SERVICE FUND				
Revenues Collected:	-	nal/Final Idget	Actual	Prior Year (Memorandum Only)	
Local sources		0	214	2,977	
Requirements: Judgment Interest Total expenditures		0	2,642	6,253 1,247 7,500	
Excess of revenue collected over (under) expenditures		0	(2,428)	(4,523)	
Cash fund balance, beginning of year		3,112	3,112	7,635	
Cash fund balance, end of year	\$	3,112	684	3,112	

NOTES TO COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying financial statements of the Gans Public Schools Independent District No. I-4 (the "District") have been prepared in conformity with another comprehensive basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education as authorized by Oklahoma Statutes. Accordingly, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position and results of operations in conformity with the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The District's accounting policies are described in the following notes that are an integral part of the District's financial statements.

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The District is a corporate body for public purposes created under Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes and accordingly is a separate entity for operating and financial reporting purposes. The District is part of the public school system of Oklahoma under the general direction and control of the State Board of Education and is financially dependent on State of Oklahoma support. The general operating authority for the public school system is the Oklahoma School Code contained in Title 70, Oklahoma Statutes.

The governing body of the District is the Board of Education composed of five elected members. The appointed superintendent is the executive officer of the District. The Board, constituting an on-going entity, is the level of government, which has governance responsibilities over all activities, related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the local independent school district. The District receives funding from local, state and federal government sources and must comply with the requirements of these funding source entities. However, the District is not included in any other governmental "reporting entity" as defined in Section 2100, <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards</u>, since Board members are elected by the public and have decision making authority, the power to designate management, the responsibility to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters.

In evaluating how to define the District, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). The basic – but not the only – criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

A. <u>Reporting Entity</u> – cont'd

whether the activity benefits the District and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the District and is generally available to its patrons. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the District is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, there are no potential component units included in the District's reporting entity.

B. Measurement Focus

The District uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain District functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into three categories: Governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types."

Governmental Fund Types

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital projects funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds).

<u>General Fund</u> – The general fund is used to account for all financial transactions except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Major revenue sources include state and local property taxes and state funding under the Foundation and Incentive Aid Program. Expenditures include all costs associated with the daily operations of the schools except for programs funded for building repairs and maintenance, school construction and debt service on bonds and other long-term debt. The general fund includes federal and state restricted monies that must be expended for specific programs.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

B. Measurement Focus - cont'd

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> – Special revenue funds account for revenue sources that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes. The special revenue funds typically include the building, co-op and child nutrition funds. The District did not maintain a co-op fund during the 2022-23 fiscal year and closed out the child nutrition fund.

<u>Building Fund</u> – The building fund consists mainly of monies derived from property taxes levied for the purpose of erecting, remodeling, repairing, or maintaining school buildings and for purchasing furniture, equipment and computer software to be used on or for school district property, for paying energy and utility costs, for purchasing telecommunications services, for paying fire and casualty insurance premiums for school facilities, for purchasing security systems, and for paying salaries of security personnel.

<u>Co-op Fund</u> – The co-op fund is established when the boards of education of two or more school districts enter into cooperative agreements and maintain joint programs. The revenues necessary to operate a cooperative program can come from federal, state, or local sources, including the individual contributions of participating school districts. The expenditures for this fund would consist of those necessary to operate and maintain the joint programs.

<u>Child Nutrition Fund</u> - The child nutrition fund consists of monies derived from federal and state financial assistance and food sales. This fund is used to account for the various nutrition programs provided to students. The District operates their child nutrition program within the general fund.

<u>Debt Service Fund</u> – The debt service fund is the District's sinking fund and is used to account for the accumulation of financial resources for the payment of general long-term (including judgments) debt principal, interest and related costs. The primary revenue sources are local property taxes levied specifically for debt service and interest earnings from temporary investments.

<u>Capital Projects Fund</u> – The capital projects fund is the District's bond fund and is used to account for the proceeds of bond sales to be used exclusively for acquiring school sites, constructing and equipping new school facilities, renovating existing facilities and acquiring transportation equipment.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

B. Measurement Focus - cont'd

Fiduciary Fund Types

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the District. The terms "non-expendable" and "expendable" refer to whether or not the District is under an obligation to maintain the trust principal. Agency funds generally are used to account for assets that the District holds on behalf of others as their agent and do not involve measurement of results of operation.

<u>Expendable Trust Funds</u> – Expendable trust funds typically include the gifts and endowments fund. The District did not maintain any expendable trust funds during the 2022-23 fiscal year.

<u>Gifts and Endowments Fund</u> – The gifts and endowments fund receives its assets by way of philanthropic foundations, individuals, or private organizations for which no repayment or special service to the contributor is expected. This fund is used to promote the general welfare of the District.

<u>Agency Fund</u> – The agency fund is the school activities fund which is used to account for monies collected principally through the fundraising efforts of students and District-sponsored groups. The administration is responsible, under the authority of the Board, for collecting, disbursing and accounting for these activity funds.

Account Groups

An account group is not a fund and consists of a self-balancing set of accounts used only to establish accounting control over long-term debt and fixed assets.

<u>General Long-Term Debt Account Group</u> – This account group is established to account for all the long-term debt of the District, which is offset by the amount available in the debt service fund and the amount to be provided in future years to complete retirement of the debt principal. It is also used to account for other liabilities (judgments and lease purchases) which are to be paid from funds provided in future years.

<u>General Fixed Assets Account Group</u> – This account group is used by governments to account for the property, plant and equipment of the school district. The District does not have the information necessary to include this group in its financial statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

B. <u>Measurement Focus</u> – cont'd

Memorandum Only - Total Column

The total column on the combined financial statements – regulatory basis is captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that it is presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in this column does not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

C. Basis of Accounting and Presentation

The District prepares its financial statements in a presentation format that is prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education. This format is essentially the generally accepted form of presentation used by state and local governments prior to the effective date of GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* with certain modifications. This format differs significantly from that required by GASB 34.

The financial statements are essentially prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements modified as required by the regulations of the Oklahoma State Department of Education as follows:

- Encumbrances represented by purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded as expenditures when approved.
- Investments are recorded as assets when purchased.
- Inventories of school supplies are recorded as expenditures and not as inventory assets.
- Warrants/checks payable are recorded as liabilities when issued.
- Long-term debt is recorded in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group and not in the basic financial statements.
- Compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid and not recorded as a liability.
- Fixed assets are recorded in the General Fixed Asset Account Group and not in the basic financial statements. Fixed assets are not depreciated.

This regulatory basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable, or when they are earned, and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred for governmental fund types; and, when revenues are earned.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

C. <u>Basis of Accounting and Presentation</u> – cont'd

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. All governmental type funds are accounted for using the regulatory basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are received rather than earned and expenditures are generally recognized when encumbered/reserved rather than at the time the related fund liability is incurred. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The District is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The Board of Education must request an initial temporary appropriations budget from their County Excise Board before June 30. The District uses the temporary appropriation amounts as their legal expenditure limit until the annual Estimate of Needs is completed.

A budget is legally adopted by the Board of Education for all funds (with the exception of the trust and agency funds) that includes revenues and expenditures. No later than October 1, each Board of Education shall prepare a financial statement and Estimate of Needs to be filed with the applicable County Clerk and the State Department of Education.

The 2022-23 Estimate of Needs was amended by supplemental appropriations as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Child Nutrition	\$ 70,000

These amendments were approved by the County Clerk's Office.

Encumbrances represent commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting – under which purchase orders and other commitments of resources are recorded as expenditures of the applicable fund – is utilized in all governmental funds of the District. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. While the Debt Service Fund is a governmental fund, a comparison of budget to actual schedule is presented in the financial statements, although the board can exercise no control of the revenue sources for this fund (except interest earnings), and no control over its expenditures.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance

<u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u> – The District considers all cash on hand, demand deposit accounts, and highly liquid investments, with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash and cash equivalents.

<u>Investments</u> – The District considers investments of direct obligations of the United States government and agencies, certificates of deposits, savings accounts or savings certificates with maturities of greater than three months. All investments are recorded at cost, which approximates market value.

<u>Inventories</u> – The value of consumable inventories at June 30, 2023 is not material to the combined financial statements.

<u>Fixed Assets and Property, Plant and Equipment</u> – The District has not maintained a record of general fixed assets, and, accordingly, a General Fixed Assets Account Group required by the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed by the Oklahoma State Department of Education is not included in the financial statements. General fixed assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the various funds at the time of purchase.

<u>Warrants/Checks Payable</u> – Warrants/checks are issued to meet the obligations for goods and services provided to the District. The District recognizes a liability for the amount of outstanding warrants/checks that have yet to be cashed by the District's bank.

<u>Encumbrances</u> – Encumbrances represent commitments related to purchase orders, contracts, other commitments for expenditures or resources, and goods or services received by the District for which a warrant/check has not been issued. An expenditure is recorded and a liability is recognized for outstanding encumbrances at year end in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting. While the regulatory basis that is used for the Debt Service Fund approximates full accrual accounting, the accruals recorded are reported to meet regulatory requirements, as opposed to the requirements of generally accepted accounting principles.

<u>Compensated Absences</u> – The District provides vacation and sick leave benefits in accordance with Title 70 of the Oklahoma Statutes, Article 6-104, which provides for annual sick leave and personal business days. District policy allows certified employees to accumulate such days to a maximum number of days. Vested or accumulated vacation leave that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources had not been reported as an expenditure of the governmental fund that will pay it since the financial statements have been prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting. This practice differs from generally accepted accounting principles.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance - cont'd

<u>Funds Held for School Organizations</u> – Funds held for school organizations represent the funds received or collected from students or other cocurricular and extracurricular activities conducted in the District, control over which is exercised by the board of education. These funds are credited to the account maintained for the benefit of each particular activity within the school activity fund.

<u>Long-Term Debt</u> – Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group.

<u>Fund Balance</u> – In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report the hierarchy of fund balances. The hierarchy is based primarily on the degree of spending constraints placed upon use of resources for specific purposes versus availability of appropriation. An important distinction that is made in reporting fund balance is between amounts that are considered *non-spendable* (i.e., fund balance associated with assets that are not in spendable form, such as inventories or prepaid items, long-term portions of loans and notes receivable, or items that are legally required to be maintained intact (such as the corpus of a permanent fund)) and those that are *spendable* (such as fund balance associated with cash, investments or receivables).

Amounts in the spendable fund balance category are further classified as *restricted*, *committed*, *assigned* or *unassigned*, as appropriate.

Restricted fund balance represents amounts that are constrained either externally by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors or laws or regulations of other governments; or by law, through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance represents amounts that are useable only for specific purposes by formal action of the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Such amounts are not subject to legal enforceability (like restricted amounts) but cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government removes or changes the limitation by taking action similar to that which imposed the commitment.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

E. Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance - cont'd

Assigned fund balance represents amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. Intent is expressed by the governing body itself, or a subordinated high-level body or official who the governing body has delegated the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining spendable amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds other than the general fund, that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the general fund that are intended to be used for specific purposes in accordance with the provisions of the standard.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It represents the amounts that have not been assigned to other funds, and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

F. Revenue and Expenditures

Local Revenues - Revenue from local sources is the money generated from within the boundaries of the District and available to the District for its use. The District is authorized by state law to levy property taxes which consist of ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the District. These property taxes are distributed to the District's general, building and sinking funds based on the levies approved for each fund. The County Assessor, upon receipt of the certification of tax levies from the county excise board, extends the tax levies on the tax rolls for submission to the county treasurer prior to October 1. The county treasurer must commence tax collection within fifteen days of receipt of the tax rolls. The first half of taxes is due prior to January 1. The second half is due prior to April 1. If the first payment is not made in a timely manner, the entire tax becomes due and payable on January 2. Second half taxes become delinquent on April 1, of the year following the year of assessment. If not paid by the following October 1, the property is offered for sale for the amount of taxes due. The owner has two years to redeem the property by paying the taxes and penalty owed. If at the end of two years the owner has not done so, the purchaser is issued a deed to the property. Other local sources of revenues include tuition, fees, rentals, disposals, commissions and reimbursements.

<u>Intermediate Revenues</u> - Revenue from intermediate sources is the amount of money from funds collected by an intermediate administrative unit, or a political subdivision between the District and the state and distributed to Districts in amounts that differ in proportion to those which are collected within such systems.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

F. <u>Revenue and Expenditures</u> - cont'd

<u>State Revenues</u> – Revenues from state sources for current operations are primarily governed by the state aid formula under the provisions of Article XVIII, Title 70, Oklahoma Statutes. The State Board of Education administers the allocation of state aid funds to school districts based on information accumulated from the Districts.

After review and verification of reports and supporting documentation, the State Department of Education may adjust subsequent fiscal period allocations of money for prior year errors disclosed by review. Normally, such adjustments are treated as reductions from or additions to the revenue of the year when the adjustment is made.

The District receives revenue from the state to administer certain categorical educational programs. State Board of Education rules require that revenue earmarked for these programs be expended only for the program for which the money is provided and require that the money not expended as of the close of the fiscal year be carried forward into the following year to be expended for the same categorical programs. The State Department of Education requires that categorical educational program revenues be accounted for in the general fund.

<u>Federal Revenues</u> – Federal revenues consist of revenues from the federal government in the form of operating grants or entitlements. An operating grant is a contribution to be used for a specific purpose, activity or facility. A grant may be received either directly from the federal government or indirectly as a passthrough from another government, such as the state. Entitlement is the amount of payment to which the District is entitled pursuant to an allocation formula contained in applicable statutes. The majority of the federal revenues received by the District are apportioned to the general fund. The District maintains a separate child nutrition fund and the federal revenues received for the child nutrition programs are apportioned there.

<u>Non-Monetary Transactions</u> – The District receives commodities form the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The value of these commodities has been included in the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards; however, they have not been included in the financial statements as either revenue or expense since they are not reported under the regulatory basis of accounting.

<u>Interest Earnings</u> – Represent compensation for the use of financial sources over a period of time.

<u>Non-Revenue Receipts</u> – Non-revenue receipts represent receipts deposited into a fund that are not new revenues to the District, but the return of assets.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

F. <u>Revenue and Expenditures</u> - cont'd

<u>Instruction Expenditures</u> – Instruction expenditures include the activities dealing directly with the interaction between teachers and students. Teaching may be provided for students in a school classroom, in another location, such as a home or hospital, and in other learning situations, such as those involving cocurricular activities. It may also be provided through some other approved medium, such as television, radio, telephone and correspondence. Included here are the activities of teacher assistants of any type (clerks, graders, teaching machines, etc.) which assist in the instructional process. The activities of tutors, translators and interpreters would be recorded here. Department chairpersons who teach for any portion of time are included here. Tuition/transfer fees paid to other LEAs would be included here.

<u>Support Services Expenditures</u> – Support services expenditures provide administrative, technical (such as guidance and health) and logistical support to facilitate and enhance instruction. These services exist as adjuncts for fulfilling the objectives of instruction, community services and enterprise programs, rather than as entities within themselves.

<u>Operation of Non-Instructional Services Expenditures</u> – Activities concerned with providing non-instructional services to students, staff or the community.

<u>Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services Expenditures</u> – Consists of activities involved with the acquisition of land and buildings; remodeling buildings; the construction of buildings and additions to buildings; initial installation or extension of service systems and other built-in equipment; and improvements to sites.

<u>Other Outlays Expenditures</u> – A number of outlays of governmental funds are not properly classified as expenditures, but still require budgetary or accounting control. These are classified as Other Outlays. These include debt service payments (principal and interest).

<u>Other Uses Expenditures</u> – This includes scholarships provided by private gifts and endowments; student aid and staff awards supported by outside revenue sources (i.e., foundations). Also, expenditures for self-funded employee benefit programs administered either by the District or a third-party administrator.

<u>Repayment Expenditures</u> – Repayment expenditures represent checks/warrants issued to outside agencies for refund or restricted revenue previously received for overpayment, non-qualified expenditures and other refunds to be repaid from District funds.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - cont'd

F. <u>Revenue and Expenditures</u> - cont'd

<u>Interfund Transactions</u> – Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund or expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers. There was one interfund transfer during the 2022-23 fiscal year, in the amount of \$256,109, from the child nutrition fund to the general fund.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

<u>Custodial Credit Risk</u> – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to the District. The District's cash deposits and investments at June 30, 2023 were \$1,274,348 at financial institutions, and were completely insured or collateralized by federal depository insurance, direct obligations of the U.S. Government, or securities held by the District or by its agent in the District's name.

<u>Investment Interest Rate Risk</u> – Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair market value of an investment. Due to the required liquidity for those investments, these funds have no defined maturity dates. The District does not have a formal policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses from increasing interest rates.

<u>Investment Credit risk</u> – Credit risk is the risk that the issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The District does not have a formal policy limiting its investment choices, other than the limitation of state law as follows:

- Direct obligations of the U.S. Government, its agencies and instrument to which the full faith and credit of the U.S. Government is pledged, or obligations to the payment of which the full faith and credit of the State is pledged.
- Certificates of deposit or savings accounts that are either insured or secured with acceptable collateral with in-state financial institutions, and fully insured certificates of deposit or savings accounts in out-of-state financial institutions.
- With certain limitation, negotiable certificates of deposit, prime bankers acceptances, prime commercial paper and repurchase agreements with certain limitations.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS - cont'd

- County, municipal or school district tax supported debt obligations, bond or revenue anticipation notes, money judgments, or bond or revenue anticipation notes of public trusts whose beneficiary is a county, municipality or school district.
- Notes or bonds secured by mortgage or trust deed insured by the Federal Housing Administrator and debentures issued by the Federal Housing Administrator, and in obligations of the National Mortgage Association.
- Money market funds regulated by the SEC and in which investments consist of the investments mentioned in the previous bullet items.

<u>Concentration of Investment Credit Risk</u> – The District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer.

3. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

There were no interfund receivables or payables at June 30, 2023.

4. GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT

State statutes prohibit the District from becoming indebted in an amount exceeding the revenue to be received for any fiscal year without approval by the District's voters. Bond issues have been approved by the voters and issued by the District for various capital improvements. These bonds are required to be fully paid serially within 25 years of the date of issue.

General long-term debt of the District consists of bonds payable, judgements and capital leases. Debt service requirements for bonds and judgements are paid solely from the fund balance and the future revenues of the debt service fund. Capital leases are normally paid for from general, special revenue or capital projects funds.

The following is a summary of the long-term debt transactions of the District for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	Judgments Payable		Capital Leases	Total	
Balance, July 1, 2022 Retirements	\$	1,763 (1,763)	128,356 (128,356)	130,119 (130,119)	
Balance, June 30, 2023	\$	0	0	0	

Interest paid on long-term debt during the 2022-23 fiscal year totaled \$6,404.

The District had no outstanding long-term debt at June 30, 2023.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

5. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Description of Plan

The District participates in the state-administered Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, which is a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system (PERS), which is administered by the Board of Trustees of the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System (the "System"). The System provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Title 70 Section 17 of the Oklahoma Statutes establishes benefit provisions and may be amended only through legislative action. The Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System, P.O. Box 53624, Oklahoma City, OK 73152, or by calling 405-521-2387.

Basis of Accounting

The System's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting, except for accruals of interest income. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are made. Benefits and refunds are recognized when paid. The pension benefit obligation is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits. This pension valuation method reflects the present value of estimated pension benefits that will be paid in future years as a result of employee services performed to date and is adjusted for the effect of projected salary increases. There are no actuarial valuations performed on individual school districts. The System has an under-funded pension benefit obligation as determined as part of the latest actuarial valuation.

Funding Policy

The District, the State of Oklahoma, and the participating employee make contributions. The contribution rates for the District and its employees are established by and may be amended by Oklahoma Statutes. The rates are not actuarially determined. The rates are applied to the employee's earnings plus employer-paid fringe benefits. The required contribution for the participating members is 7.0% of compensation. Contributions received by the System from the State of Oklahoma are used to offset required employer contributions by the local school district. For the 2022-23 fiscal year, the District contributed 9.5% and the State of Oklahoma contributed the remaining amount during the year. The District is allowed by Oklahoma Teachers' Retirement System to make the required contributions on behalf of the participating members. In addition, if a member's salary is paid in part by federal or private funds, the contribution on that portion of the salary paid by those funds must be matched by the District at 8.00%.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

5. EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM - cont'd

Annual Pension Costs

The District's total contributions for 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$349,299, \$360,158 and \$332,863 respectively. Ten-year historical trend information is presented in the Teacher's Retirement System of Oklahoma Annual Report for the year ended June 30, 2023. This information is useful in assessing the pension plan's accumulation of sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due. Please visit www.ok.gov/TRS for all plan information.

GASB Statement 68 became effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2014, and significantly changes pension accounting and financial reporting for governmental employers who participate in a pension plan, such as the System, and who prepare published financial statements on an accrual basis using Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. Since the District does not prepare and present their financial statements on an accrual basis, the net pension amount is not required to be presented on the audited financial statements.

6. 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; or acts of God. The District purchases commercial insurance to cover these risks, including general and auto liability, property damage, and public officials' liability. Settled claims resulting from risks have not exceeded the commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

The District is also a member of the Oklahoma State School Boards Association (OSSBA) Employment Services program, which helps to cover the cost of unemployment claims. Depending on the level of membership the District elects, the District makes a deposit into an account administered by OSSBA, or will make payments periodically as needed. The money contributed by each District earns interest and is fully insured. If the District has claims in excess of the amount in its account, it will be liable for the excess.

7. CONTINGENCIES

Federal Grants

Amounts received or receivable from grant agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable funds. The amounts, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time, although the District expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY NOTES TO THE COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

7. CONTINGENCIES – cont'd

Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Awards

The schedule shows the federal awards received and expended by the District during the 2022-23 fiscal year. The revised Uniform Guidance Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations, established uniform audit requirements for nonfederal entities which expended more than \$750,000 in federal awards.

Litigation

Officials are not aware of any pending or threatened litigation, claims or assessments or unasserted claims or assessments against the District.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE -ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>	JILDING FUND	CHILD NUTRITION FUND	TOTAL
Cash	\$ 260,279	0	260,279
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE			
Liabilities: Warrant/checks payable	\$ 13,526	0	13,526
Fund Balance: Restricted	 246,753	0_	246,753
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 260,279	0	260,279

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES COLLECTED, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN CASH FUND BALANCES - ALL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	 JILDING FUND	CHILD NUTRITION FUND	TOTAL
Revenues Collected:	 		
Local sources	\$ 40,087	5,417	45,504
State sources	76,675	2,156	78,831
Federal sources		206,251	206,251
Interest earnings	 6,863		6,863
Total revenues collected	 123,625	213,824	337,449
Expenditures: Support services	 148,266	0	148,266
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)	 (24,641)	213,824	189,183
Other financing sources (uses): Transfers in (out)	 0	(256,109)	(256,109)
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures	(24,641)	(42,285)	(66,926)
Cash fund balances, beginning of year	 271,394	42,285	313,679
Cash fund balances, end of year	\$ 246,753	0	246,753

			BUILDING FUND			CHILD NUTRITION FUND	0
	δ¤	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL
Revenues Collected: Local sources State sources Federal sources	Ф	37,416	37,416	40,087 76,675	\$ 5,545 2,078 207,719	5,545 2,078 277,719	5,417 2,156 206,251
Interest earnings Total revenues collected		37,416	37,416	6,863 123,625	215,342	285,342	213,824
Expenditures: Instruction Support services		177,944 130,866	177,944 130,866	148,266	257,627		
Total expenditures		308,810	308,810	148,266	257,627	327,627	0
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures before other financing sources (uses)		(271,394)	(271,394)	(24,641)	(42,285)	(42,285)	213,824
Other financing sources (uses): Transfers in (out)		0	0	0	0	0	(256,109)
Excess of revenues collected over (under) expenditures		(271,394)	(271,394)	(24,641)	(42,285)	(42,285)	(42,285)
Cash fund balances, beginning of year		271,394	271,394	271,394	42,285	42,285	42,285
Cash fund balances, end of year	ŝ	0	0	246,753	0	0	0

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN ASSETS AND LIABILITIES -AGENCY FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS	LANCE -01-22	ADDITIONS	NET TRANSFERS	DEDUCTIONS	BALANCE 6-30-23
Cash	\$ 41,685	151,953	0	137,162	56,476
LIABILITIES					
Funds held for school organizations:					
Athletics	\$ 6,305	48,300		42,529	12,076
Administration	4,188	1,169	187	4,342	1,202
Library	2,304	3,569		2,708	3,165
Science fund	197	0		26	171
Class of 2027	519	360		53	826
Class of 2028	224	111		0	335
Class of 2029	213	175		0	388
Class of 2030	212	107		0	319
Class of 2031	16	291		0	307
Class of 2032	134	352		410	76
Class of 2033	4	349		332	21
Class of 2034	1	378		374	5
Class of 2035	72	828		894	6
Class of 2036	0	1,462		1,450	12
FCCLA	1,619	3,774		3,464	1,929
FFA	11,194	34,094		31,213	14,075
Graduation	1,558	3,176		2,774	1,960
Jr/Sr prom	590	3,891		2,108	2,373
Yearbook	3,844	10,666		9,876	4,634
Interest earned	547	106		0	653
HS cheerleaders	1,778	4,196		4,730	1,244
Lunch fund	0	150		150	0
Jr high cheerleaders	1,695	8,786		4,971	5,510
Class of 2021	187	0	(187)	0	0
Class of 2022	52	0	· · ·	0	52
Class of 2023	1,892	22,810	(270)	24,237	195
Class of 2024	1,049	2,510	220	521	3,258
Class of 2025	797	174		0	971
Class of 2026	 494	169	50	0_	713
Total Liabilities	\$ 41,685	151,953	0	137,162	56,476

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REGULATORY BASIS

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal Grantor / Pass Through <u>Grantor / Program Title</u> U.S. Department of Education	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Total Expenditures
Direct Programs: Indian Education Small, Rural School Achievement Grant	84.060a 84.358	\$ 22,246 32,340
Passed Through State Department of Education: Title I, Basic Program Title II, Part A Title IV, Part A ARP-IDEA-B Flow Through IDEA-B, Flow Through IDEA-B, Preschool Total IDEA-B Special Education Cluster	84.010 84.367 84.186 84.027X 84.027 84.173	166,902 10,062 10,700 15,034 103,794 6,826 110,620
*COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESF): CARES Act - ESSER I CRRSA - ESSER II ARP - ESSER III Total COVID-19 ESF	84.425D 84.425D 84.425U	1,561 148,856
<u>U.S. Department of Agriculture:</u> <u>Passed Through State Department of Education</u> Child Nutrition Program Cluster: School Breakfast Program National School Lunch Program Supply Chain Assistance Program Non monetary assistance - commodities Total Child Nutrition Program Cluster	10.553 10.555 10.555 10.555	42,753 138,997 19,009 23,637 224,396
Other Child Nutrition Programs: P-EBT	10.649	628
Other Federal Assistance: Johnson O'Malley	15.130	4,560
Total Federal Assistance		\$ 1,112,082

* Major programs

Note 1 - Basis of Presentation - The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal activity of the District for the year ended June 30, 2023. This information is presented in accordance with the 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). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the District, it is not intended and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of the District.

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - Expenditures reported on this schedule are reported on the regulatory basis of accounting consistent with the preparation of the combined financial statements except as noted in Note 3. 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. The District has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimums indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance. None of the federal programs include any loan programs, loan guarantee programs, and has no sub-recipients.

Note 3 - Non-Monetary Assistance - Commodities received by the District were of a non-monetary nature.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS - REGULATORY BASIS PREPARED FOR THE OKLAHOMA STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Federal Grantor / Pass Through Grantor / Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Project Number	Program or Award Amount	Balance at 7/1/22	Revenue	Total	Balance at
	Listing withder	Number	Award Amount	111122	Collected	Expenditures	6/30/23
U.S. Department of Education							
Direct Programs:							
Indian Education	84.060a	561	\$ 22,246		22,246	22,246	
Small, Rural School Achievement Grant	84.358	588	32,340		32,340	32,340	
Small, Rural School Achievement Grant	84.358	799		28,014	28,014		
Sub Total			54,586	28,014	82,600	54,586	0
Passed Through State Department of Education:							
Title I, Basic Program	84.010	511	178.416		166,902	166,902	
Title I, Basic Program	84.010	799	110,110	54,910	54,910	100,502	
Title II. Part A	84.367	541	10.062	01,010	10.062	10.062	
Title IV, Part A	84.186	552	10,700		10,700	10,700	
ARP-IDEA-B Flow Through	84.027X	628	20,386		15,034	15,034	
ARP-IDEA-B Preschool	84.027X	643	1,157		10,004	10,004	
IDEA-B, Flow Through	84.027	621	104,241		103,794	103.794	
IDEA-B, Preschool	84.173	641	6,826		6.826	6,826	
School Nurse Support Grant	93.323	724	32,500		0,020	0,020	
COVID-19 - Education Stabilization Fund (ESF		124	52,500				
CARES Act - ESSER I	,. 84.425D	788	1,561		1,561	1,561	
CARES Act - ESSER I, 2021-22	84.425D	799	1,001	583	583	1,001	
CRRSA - ESSER II	84.425D	793	148.856	505	148.856	148,856	
ARP - ESSER III	84.425U	795	1,133,067		122.377	364,177	241,801
Total COVID-19 ESF	01.1200	, 50	1,283,484	583	273,377	514,594	241,801
Sub Total			1,647,772	55,493	641,605	827,912	241,801
							211,001
U.S. Department of Agriculture:							
Passed Through State Department of Education							
Child Nutrition Program Cluster:							
School Breakfast Program	10.553	764			42,753	42,753	
National School Lunch Program	10.555	763			160,634	138,997	
Supply Chain Assistance Program	10.555	759			19,009	19,009	
Non monetary assistance - commodities	10.555	N/A		_	23,637	23,637	
Sub Total				-	246,033	224,396	
Other Child Nutrition Programs:							
P-EBT	10.649	760			628	con	
F-EBT	10.049	760		-	628	628	
Other Federal Assistance:							
Johnson O'Malley	15.130	563	4,560			4,560	4,560
Johnson O'Malley 2021-22	15.130	799		4,410	4,410		
Flood Control	12-112	771	644		644		
Sub Total			5,204	4,410	5,054	4,560	4,560
Total Federal Assistance			\$ 1,707,562	87,917	975,920	1,112,082	246,361
			<u> </u>		313,320	1,112,002	240,301

Note 1 - This schedule was prepared on a regulatory basis of accounting consistent with the preparation of the combined financial statements, excepts for the non-cash assistance noted in Note 2.

Note 2 - Food Distribution - Non-cash assistance is reported in this schedule at the fair market value of the commodities received and disbursed.

Note 3 - None of the federal programs include any loan programs, loan guarantee programs, has no sub-recipients and does not use the 10% de minimus indirect cost rate.

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY STATEMENT OF STATUTORY, FIDELITY AND HONESTY BONDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

BONDING COMPANY	POSITION COVERED	BOND NUMBER	COVERAGE AMOUNT	EFFECTIVE DATES
CNA Surety - Westen Surety Company				
	Superintendent	61708834	\$ 100,000	7/1/22 - 7/1/23
	Treasurer	61725731	100,000	7/1/22 - 7/1/23
	Encumbrance Clerk	66323103	5,000	7/1/22 - 7/1/23
	Board Minutes Clerk	66323103	5,000	7/1/22 - 7/1/23
	Activity Fund Clerk	64984797	25,000	2/20/23 - 2/20/24

GANS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4, SEQUOYAH COUNTY SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTANT'S PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE AFFIDAVIT JULY 1, 2022 TO JUNE 30, 2023

State of Oklahoma)) ss County of Tulsa)

The undersigned auditing firm of lawful ages, being first duly sworn on oath says that said firm had in full force and effect Accountant's Professional Liability Insurance in accordance with the "Oklahoma Public School Audit Law" at the time of audit contract and during the entire audit engagement with Gans Public Schools for the audit year 2022-23.

Bledsoe, Hewett & Gullekson Certified Public Accountants, PLLLP Auditing Firm

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Authorized Agent

Subscribed and sworn to before me ne Mille This 5th day of Octøber, 2023 aununun nun totary Public (or Clerk or Judge) OK My Commission Expires: 12/11/2024 Commission No. 20014980



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October 5, 2023

Ms. Regina Brannon, Supt. Gans Public Schools P. O. Box 70 Gans, OK 74936-0070

Dear Ms. Brannon:

Listed below are the observations and recommendations from the final audit work we performed for you. Please review them very carefully, along with the review copy of your audit report. If you have questions or desire additional information, please call us so that any discrepancies may be resolved.

The following section contains the observations relayed to management that are <u>immaterial</u> <u>deficiencies</u>, which we feel need to be communicated to you so appropriate action may be taken to correct these deficiencies. These items are not included, but are referred to, in your audit report, as they are not considered to be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. They are immaterial deficiencies that could evolve into material findings if not addressed or corrected.

Payroll

We observed that timesheets were not kept on file for hourly employees or part-time employees. We recommend that timesheets be utilized for hourly employees, part time employees, or any additional hours worked, and kept on file for review. This being stated, we did observe that the new administration is implementing procedures to ensure that timesheets are being properly utilized and kept on file for review.

In addition for school districts where only one person performs the entire payroll function, we recommend that an earnings report be printed at the end of each fiscal year, and the total amount of compensation paid to every employee be reconciled to their employment contract for that year. The report should then be shared with the superintendent or business manager and kept on file for future inquiries.

Activity Fund Collections

We observed during our examination of activity fund collections that sponsors (FFA & Athletics) were not always turning money in for deposit in a timely manner. Although these

amounts were immaterial, we recommend that sponsors turn in collections daily, or weekly if the collections are less than \$100.00. It appeared that the activity fund custodian was depositing these funds in a proper and timely manner, but it was obvious that the sponsors were holding cash and checks collected from students and/or parents for too long before turning these funds into the activity fund custodian for deposit.

Credit Card Support

We observed during our examination of credit card purchases in the general fund that itemized receipts (credit card slips or invoices) were not included as supporting documentation. We recommend that every effort be made to match up all items listed on the credit card monthly statement with an itemized receipt. According to the Oklahoma State Auditor's Office, a credit card statement with no itemized listing of items purchased is not considered adequate supporting documentation. Also, any meals that are purchased by the District should include a receipt with all those in attendance listed on the ticket. It was noted that the credit cards were not always paid off each month leading to late fees or interest incurred. We recommend that credit card payments be made in full and in a timely manner so the District will not incur interest or late fees.

In addition, we observed during our examination of credit card purchases in both the general fund and the activity fund that the credit card statement did not always note the purchase order number or how to locate the itemized support for the charge. We recommend that a better filing system be implemented where all support can easily be traced from the credit card statement to the detailed invoice on file.

Purchase from Board of Education Member

We noted that the District acquired a Chevrolet Tahoe for \$46,000 from a Board member. We strongly advise against making any purchases from board members, as we find no statutory authority to support this transaction. Such transactions can give rise to conflicts of interest and ethical considerations. We recommend that the District never conduct business with a sitting Board member or with their immediate family members.

Child Nutrition Programs

We observed during our audit of child nutrition claims that some of the monthly claim information did not agree with the monthly edit check sheet or the daily meal count forms from which the monthly claim amounts are produced from. This can result in an overstatement and/or understatement of the amount claimed for reimbursement. We recommend that internal controls be implemented to ensure that the daily counts are properly transferred to the edit check sheets and that these amounts are used for each monthly claim. The daily counts and edit checks sheets should then be attached to the claim as support.

We take this opportunity to thank you and your professional staff for the outstanding cooperation and invaluable assistance you gave us during our recent onsite audit work.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey D. Hewett