

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
JUNE 30, 2025**

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS AND OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER
June 30, 2025

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

School Board
Hamlin School District No. 28-3
Hamlin County, South Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hamlin School District No. 28-3, South Dakota (School District), as of June 30, 2025, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, except for the matters described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions" paragraph, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, Food Service Fund, Driver's Education Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Hamlin School District No. 28-3, South Dakota, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the General Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, Special Education Fund, and Capital Projects Fund of Hamlin School District No. 28-3, South Dakota, as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Qualified Opinions

As explained in Note 4. to the financial statements, the inventory items for governmental activities are recorded in the government-wide financial statements as expenses at the time of purchase, which is contrary to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (USGAAP). USGAAP requires the inventories for governmental activities to initially be recorded as assets and charged to expense in the various functions of government as they are consumed. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets and expenses in the government-wide financial statements is not reasonably determinable.

The School District did not record the other postemployment benefits (OPEB) expense/expenditures and related liabilities (assets) in the financial statements for the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the major proprietary funds, which is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (USGAAP). The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, and expense/expenditures in the financial statements is not reasonably determinable.

The School District did not adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84 Fiduciary Activities, which is a departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (USGAAP). The amount by which this departure would affect the financial statements is not reasonably determinable.

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

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 School District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 School 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.

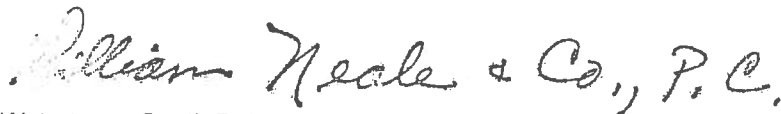
Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset), and Schedule of the School District Pension 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 School District 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.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 4, 2026 on our consideration of the School 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 School 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Watertown, South Dakota
February 4, 2026

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS:			
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 4,450,269.97	\$ 35,882.34	\$ 4,486,152.31
Investments	1,019,965.20	-	1,019,965.20
Taxes Receivable	2,427,899.76	-	2,427,899.76
Inventories	-	21,183.95	21,183.95
Other Assets	666,792.57	245.00	667,037.57
Net Pension Asset	6,645.48	220.53	6,866.01
Capital Assets:			
Land, Improvements and Construction Work in Process	97,900.00	-	97,900.00
Other Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation	<u>22,641,429.60</u>	<u>60,308.28</u>	<u>22,701,737.88</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>31,310,902.58</u>	<u>117,840.10</u>	<u>31,428,742.68</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	<u>1,255,027.40</u>	<u>41,562.87</u>	<u>1,296,590.27</u>
LIABILITIES:			
Accounts Payable	149,046.88	1,229.00	150,275.88
Other Current Liabilities	1,023,151.79	27,985.65	1,051,137.44
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Due Within One Year	580,000.00	-	580,000.00
Due in More than One Year	<u>9,513,623.03</u>	<u>215.30</u>	<u>9,513,838.33</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>11,265,821.70</u>	<u>29,429.95</u>	<u>11,295,251.65</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Taxes Levied for Future Period	2,365,492.71	-	2,365,492.71
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	<u>836,865.97</u>	<u>28,655.90</u>	<u>865,521.87</u>
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>3,202,358.68</u>	<u>28,655.90</u>	<u>3,231,014.58</u>
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	12,691,583.37	60,308.28	12,751,891.65
Restricted for:			
Capital Outlay	1,657,222.78	-	1,657,222.78
Special Education	948,137.71	-	948,137.71
Capital Projects	445,097.07	-	445,097.07
SDRS Pension	424,806.91	13,127.50	437,934.41
Unrestricted	<u>1,930,901.76</u>	<u>27,881.34</u>	<u>1,958,783.10</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 18,097,749.60</u>	<u>\$ 101,317.12</u>	<u>\$ 18,199,066.72</u>

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

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions		Governmental Activities	Primary Government	
							Business-Type Activities	Total
Primary Government:								
Governmental Activities:								
Instruction	\$ 6,224,217.62	\$ 11,955.33	\$ 277,410.63	\$ 919,516.13		\$ (5,015,335.53)	\$ -	\$ (5,015,335.53)
Support Services	3,078,218.43	-	87,850.64	-		(2,990,367.79)	-	(2,990,367.79)
Nonprogrammed Charges	1,170.36	-	-	-		(1,170.36)	-	(1,170.36)
*Interest on Long-Term Debt	435,166.67	-	-	-		(435,166.67)	-	(435,166.67)
Cocurricular Activities	558,718.62	59,394.29	17,425.00	-		(481,899.33)	-	(481,899.33)
Total Governmental Activities	10,297,491.70	71,349.62	382,686.27	919,516.13		(8,923,939.68)		(8,923,939.68)
Business-Type Activities:								
Food Service	492,030.33	178,154.92	254,416.89	-		-	(59,458.52)	(59,458.52)
Driver's Education	13,882.56	11,125.00	-	-		-	(2,757.56)	(2,757.56)
Total Business-Type Activities	505,912.89	189,279.92	254,416.89	-		-	(62,216.08)	(62,216.08)
Total Primary Government	\$ 10,803,404.59	\$ 260,629.54	\$ 637,103.16	\$ 919,516.13		(8,923,939.68)	(62,216.08)	(8,986,155.76)
* The School District does not have interest expense related to the functions presented above. This amount includes indirect interest expense on general long-term debt.								
General Revenues:								
Taxes:								
Property Taxes						5,520,416.03	-	5,520,416.03
Utility Taxes						246,205.17	-	246,205.17
Revenue from State Sources:								
State Aid						3,824,334.00	-	3,824,334.00
Other						128,086.72	-	128,086.72
Revenue from Federal Sources						175.01	-	175.01
Unrestricted Investment Earnings						165,240.29	57.20	165,297.49
Other General Revenues						125,743.29	499.87	126,243.16
Total General Revenues and Transfers						10,010,200.51	557.07	10,010,757.58
Change in Net Position						1,086,260.83	(61,659.01)	1,024,601.82
Net Position - Beginning						17,011,488.77	162,976.13	17,174,464.90
NET POSITION - ENDING						\$ 18,097,749.60	\$ 101,317.12	\$ 18,199,066.72

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

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS:					
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 2,376,069.38	\$ 642,140.03	\$ 979,686.05	\$ 452,374.51	\$ 4,450,269.97
Investments	15,000.00	1,004,965.20	-	-	1,019,965.20
Taxes Receivable - Current	1,011,803.66	944,658.44	451,044.78	-	2,407,506.88
Taxes Receivable - Delinquent	11,387.15	5,747.93	3,257.80	-	20,392.88
Accounts Receivable	1,439.90	-	1,796.00	-	3,235.90
Due from Other Governments	364,583.02	298,973.65	-	-	663,556.67
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,780,283.11	\$ 2,896,485.25	\$ 1,435,784.63	\$ 452,374.51	\$ 8,564,927.50
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES:					
Liabilities:					
Accounts Payable	\$ 93,448.04	\$ 47,988.47	\$ 332.93	\$ 7,277.44	\$ 149,046.88
Contracts Payable	565,064.68	-	33,097.19	-	598,161.87
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings and Employer Matching Payable	153,351.07	-	10,231.68	-	163,582.75
Total Liabilities	811,863.79	47,988.47	43,661.80	7,277.44	910,791.50
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	11,387.15	5,747.93	3,257.80	-	20,392.88
Unavailable Revenue - Utility Taxes	91,546.68	-	-	-	91,546.68
Taxes Levied for Future Period	991,640.76	929,866.83	443,985.12	-	2,365,492.71
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	1,094,574.59	935,614.76	447,242.92	-	2,477,432.27
Fund Balances:					
Restricted					
Capital Outlay	-	1,912,882.02	-	-	1,912,882.02
Special Education	-	-	944,879.91	-	944,879.91
Capital Projects	-	-	-	445,097.07	445,097.07
Assigned					
Subsequent Year's Budget	585,006.00	-	-	-	585,006.00
Unemployment	10,265.12	-	-	-	10,265.12
Unassigned	1,278,573.61	-	-	-	1,278,573.61
Total Fund Balances	1,873,844.73	1,912,882.02	944,879.91	445,097.07	5,176,703.73
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,780,283.11	\$ 2,896,485.25	\$ 1,435,784.63	\$ 452,374.51	\$ 8,564,927.50

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

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2025

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds				\$ 5,176,703.73
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.				6,645.48
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental funds.	Capital Assets	32,082,192.17		
	Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(9,342,862.57)</u>		
			22,739,329.60	
Pension related deferred outflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.				1,255,027.40
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in governmental funds.	Capital Outlay Certificates	(9,720,000.00)		
	Accrued Leave Payable	(35,676.80)		
	Early Retirement Benefits Payable	(10,200.00)		
	Premiums on Bonds Issued	(327,746.23)		
	Accrued Interest Payable	<u>(261,407.17)</u>		
			(10,355,030.20)	
Assets, such as taxes receivable that are not available available to pay for the current period expenditures, are deferred in governmental funds.				111,939.56
Pension related deferred inflows are components of pension liability (asset) and therefore are not reported in the funds.				<u>(836,865.97)</u>
Net Position - Governmental Activities				\$ <u>18,097,749.60</u>

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

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:					
Revenue from Local Sources:					
Taxes:					
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 2,299,277.59	\$ 2,153,702.84	\$ 1,028,501.79	\$ -	\$ 5,481,482.22
Prior Years' Ad Valorem Taxes	12,451.98	7,897.01	4,149.06	-	24,498.05
Utility Taxes	247,576.49	-	-	-	247,576.49
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	4,981.65	3,865.55	1,913.62	-	10,760.82
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	130,837.85	34,305.28	97.16	-	165,240.29
Cocurricular Activities:					
Admissions	16,310.09	-	-	-	16,310.09
Concessions	40,128.94	-	-	-	40,128.94
Other Pupil Activity Income	2,955.26	-	-	-	2,955.26
Other Revenue from Local Sources:					
Rentals	13,578.80	-	-	-	13,578.80
Contributions & Donations	1,225.00	21,185.00	-	-	22,410.00
Charges for Services	2,290.94	-	9,664.39	-	11,955.33
Other	40,829.81	11,716.38	-	-	52,546.19
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:					
County Sources:					
County Apportionment	52,803.49	-	-	-	52,803.49
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	2,033.64	3,235.71	1,545.46	-	6,814.81
Revenue from State Sources:					
Grants-in-Aid:					
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	3,952,420.72	-	-	-	3,952,420.72
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	222.63	908,451.88	-	-	908,674.51
Revenue from Federal Sources:					
Grants-in-Aid:					
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government Through an Intermediate Source	175.01	-	-	-	175.01
Restricted Grants-in-Aid Received from Federal Government Through the State	360,053.64	11,064.25	-	-	371,117.89
Total Revenues	7,180,153.53	3,155,423.90	1,045,871.48	-	11,381,448.91

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Expenditures					
Current:					
Instruction:					
Regular Programs:					
Elementary	1,840,931.39	71,452.90	-	-	1,912,384.29
Middle/Junior High	546,851.32	30,636.76	-	-	577,488.08
High School	1,684,188.31	199,806.08	-	-	1,883,994.39
Preschool	83,610.21	-	-	-	83,610.21
Special Programs:					
Programs for Special Education	-	-	872,231.19	-	872,231.19
Educationally Deprived	275,235.11	-	-	-	275,235.11
Support Services:					
Pupils:					
Guidance	225,171.00	-	-	-	225,171.00
Health	37,691.86	-	-	-	37,691.86
Psychological	-	-	12,560.64	-	12,560.64
Speech Pathology	-	-	18,932.68	-	18,932.68
Student Therapy Services	-	-	10,845.26	-	10,845.26
Instructional Staff:					
Improvement of Instruction	44,516.74	-	-	-	44,516.74
Educational Media	148,283.00	7,774.79	-	-	156,057.79
General Administration:					
Board of Education	57,429.74	-	-	-	57,429.74
Executive Administration	89,236.56	-	-	-	89,236.56
School Administration:					
Office of the Principal	349,887.40	5,601.79	-	-	355,489.19
Other Support Services	507.08	-	-	-	507.08
Business:					
Fiscal Services	377,101.29	119.99	-	-	377,221.28
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	709,728.74	96,090.43	-	-	805,819.17
Student Transportation	533,317.08	544.42	-	-	533,861.50
Food Services	34,733.64	-	-	-	34,733.64
Special Education:					
Administrative Costs	-	-	87,040.28	-	87,040.28
Other Special Education Costs	-	-	35,706.20	-	35,706.20
Nonprogrammed Charges:					
Early Retirement Payments	16,470.36	-	-	-	16,470.36
Debt Services	-	571,032.50	-	77,065.65	648,098.15

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	General Fund	Capital Outlay Fund	Special Education Fund	Capital Projects Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Cocurricular Activities:					
Male Activities	63,553.60	9,462.39	-	-	73,015.99
Female Activities	78,507.14	4,512.54	-	-	83,019.68
Transportation	20,344.80	-	-	-	20,344.80
Combined Activities	190,037.34	45,578.68	-	-	235,616.02
Capital Outlay	-	812,557.90	-	4,473,643.72	5,286,201.62
Total Expenditures	7,407,333.71	1,855,171.17	1,037,316.25	4,550,709.37	14,850,530.50
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(227,180.18)	1,300,252.73	8,555.23	(4,550,709.37)	(3,469,081.59)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Transfers In	-	-	-	6,785,000.00	6,785,000.00
Transfers Out	-	(6,785,000.00)	-	-	(6,785,000.00)
General Long-Term Debt Issued	-	4,785,000.00	-	195,506.90	4,980,506.90
Compensation for Loss of Capital Assets	5,783.04	-	-	-	5,783.04
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	5,783.04	(2,000,000.00)	-	6,980,506.90	4,986,289.94
Net Change in Fund Balances	(221,397.14)	(699,747.27)	8,555.23	2,429,797.53	1,517,208.35
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,095,241.87	2,612,629.29	936,324.68	(1,984,700.46)	3,659,495.38
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 1,873,844.73	\$ 1,912,882.02	\$ 944,879.91	\$ 445,097.07	\$ 5,176,703.73

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

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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, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	1,517,208.35
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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.		5,286,201.62
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This amount represents the current year depreciation 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.		(784,285.72)
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Repayment of long-term liabilities is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.	Capital Outlay Certificates	405,000.00		
	Premiums on Bonds Issued	20,902.95		
				425,902.95

The issuance of long-term debt is an other financing source in the fund financial statements but an increase in long-term liabilities in the government-wide statements.	Capital Outlay Certificates	(4,785,000.00)		
	Premium on Bonds Issued	(195,506.90)		
				(4,980,506.90)

In both the government-wide and fund financial statements, revenues from property tax levies are applied to finance the budget of a particular period. Accounting for revenues from property tax accruals in the fund statements differs from the accounting in the government-wide statements in that the fund financial statements require the amounts to be "available." This amount reflects the application of both the application period and the "availability criteria."		3,674.94
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Governmental funds recognize expenditures for amounts of compensated absences and early retirement benefits 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 or elect to retire early.	Accrued Leave Payable	(1,284.33)		
	Early Retirement Benefits Payable	15,300.00		
				14,015.67

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in governmental funds. (e.g., utility taxes)		(1,371.32)
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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 governmental funds. (e.g., accrued interest expense)		(212,971.47)
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Changes in the pension related deferred outflows/inflows
are direct components of pension liability (asset) and are
not reflected in the governmental funds.

(181,607.29)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities

\$ 1,086,260.83

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integral part of this statement.

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service Fund	Driver's Education Fund	Total
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 35,549.89	\$ 332.45	\$ 35,882.34
Accounts Receivable	245.00	-	245.00
Inventory of Supplies	569.17	-	569.17
Inventory of Stores Purchased for Resale	1,330.42	-	1,330.42
Inventory of Donated Food	19,284.36	-	19,284.36
Total Current Assets	56,978.84	332.45	57,311.29
Noncurrent Assets:			
Net Pension Asset	220.53	-	220.53
Capital Assets:			
Machinery and Equipment - Local Funds	251,687.79	-	251,687.79
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(191,379.51)	-	(191,379.51)
Total Noncurrent Assets	60,528.81	-	60,528.81
TOTAL ASSETS	117,507.65	332.45	117,840.10
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	41,562.87	-	41,562.87
LIABILITIES:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	1,229.00	-	1,229.00
Contracts Payable	8,812.89	-	8,812.89
Payroll Deductions and Withholdings and Employer Matching Payable	3,340.33	-	3,340.33
Deposits Payable	15,832.43	-	15,832.43
Total Current Liabilities	29,214.65	-	29,214.65
Noncurrent Liabilities:			
Accrued Leave Payable	215.30	-	215.30
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	215.30	-	215.30
TOTAL LIABILITIES	29,429.95	-	29,429.95
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:			
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	28,655.90	-	28,655.90
NET POSITION:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	60,308.28	-	60,308.28
Restricted for SDRS Pension	13,127.50	-	13,127.50
Unrestricted	27,548.89	332.45	27,881.34
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 100,984.67	\$ 332.45	\$ 101,317.12

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integral part of this statement.

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service Fund	Driver's Education Fund	Total
Operating Revenue:			
Food Sales:			
To Pupils	\$ 158,370.90	\$ -	\$ 158,370.90
To Adults	10,085.91	-	10,085.91
Ala Carte	9,698.11	-	9,698.11
Other Charges for Goods and Services	-	11,125.00	11,125.00
Total Operating Revenue	<u>178,154.92</u>	<u>11,125.00</u>	<u>189,279.92</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Salaries	159,385.86	12,896.00	172,281.86
Employee Benefits	75,021.32	986.56	76,007.88
Purchased Services	16,741.43	-	16,741.43
Supplies	20,371.66	-	20,371.66
Cost of Sales - Purchased Food	155,040.96	-	155,040.96
Cost of Sales - Donated Food	56,899.35	-	56,899.35
Depreciation - Local Funds	8,569.75	-	8,569.75
Total Operating Expenses	<u>492,030.33</u>	<u>13,882.56</u>	<u>505,912.89</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(313,875.41)</u>	<u>(2,757.56)</u>	<u>(316,632.97)</u>
Nonoperating Revenue (Expense):			
Local Sources:			
Investment Earnings	57.20	-	57.20
Miscellaneous	499.87	-	499.87
State Sources:			
Cash Reimbursements	805.26	-	805.26
Federal Sources:			
Cash Reimbursements	216,444.25	-	216,444.25
Donated Food	<u>37,167.38</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,167.38</u>
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expense)	<u>254,973.96</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>254,973.96</u>
Change in Net Position	(58,901.45)	(2,757.56)	(61,659.01)
Net Position - Beginning	<u>159,886.12</u>	<u>3,090.01</u>	<u>162,976.13</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 100,984.67</u>	<u>\$ 332.45</u>	<u>\$ 101,317.12</u>

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HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service Fund	Driver's Education Fund	Total
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:			
Receipts from Customers	\$ 178,731.47	\$ 11,125.00	\$ 189,856.47
Payments to Suppliers	(206,376.40)	-	(206,376.40)
Payments to Employees	(229,910.24)	(13,882.56)	(243,792.80)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	(257,555.17)	(2,757.56)	(260,312.73)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Miscellaneous	499.87	-	499.87
Cash Reimbursements - State	805.26	-	805.26
Cash Reimbursements - Federal	193,374.89	-	193,374.89
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	194,680.02	-	194,680.02
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Investment Earnings	57.20	-	57.20
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	57.20	-	57.20
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (62,817.95)	\$ (2,757.56)	\$ (65,575.51)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	\$ 98,367.84	\$ 3,090.01	\$ 101,457.85
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	35,549.89	332.45	35,882.34
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (62,817.95)	\$ (2,757.56)	\$ (65,575.51)
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (313,875.41)	\$ (2,757.56)	\$ (316,632.97)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation Expense	8,569.75	-	8,569.75
Value of Commodities Used	41,607.08	-	41,607.08
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Inventories	113.16	-	113.16
Net Pension Asset	293.75	-	293.75
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	3,674.41	-	3,674.41
Accounts and Other Payables	956.76	-	956.76
Accrued Wages Payable	(1,052.43)	-	(1,052.43)
Deposits Payable	821.55	-	821.55
Accrued Leave Payable	(384.70)	-	(384.70)
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	1,965.91	-	1,965.91
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ (257,555.17)	\$ (2,757.56)	\$ (260,312.73)
Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities:			
Value of Commodities Received	\$ 37,167.38	\$ -	\$ 37,167.38

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

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF FUDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
June 30, 2025

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Custodial Funds
ASSETS:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 213,303.32	\$ 30,981.25
Savings Certificates	6,903.79	-
Other Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>11,865.56</u>
 TOTAL ASSETS	 <u>220,207.11</u>	 <u>42,846.81</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Amounts Held for Others	-	22,846.81
Advance from Other Fund (Imprest)	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000.00</u>
 TOTAL LIABILITIES	 <u>-</u>	 <u>42,846.81</u>
NET POSITION		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	<u>\$ 220,207.11</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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integral part of this statement.

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds
ADDITIONS:	
Contributions and Donations	\$ 2,400.00
Investment Earnings:	
Interest and Dividends	<u>1,759.71</u>
Total Additions	<u>4,159.71</u>
DEDUCTIONS:	
Scholarships	<u>27,881.69</u>
Total Deductions	<u>27,881.69</u>
Change in Net Position	(23,721.98)
Net Position - Beginning	247,730.62
Error Correction	<u>(3,801.53)</u>
NET POSITION - ENDING	<u>\$ 220,207.11</u>

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integral part of this statement.

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
June 30, 2025

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

a. Financial Reporting Entity:

The reporting entity of Hamlin School District No. 28-3 (School District), 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.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable if its Governing Board appoints a voting majority of another organization's governing body and it has the ability to impose its will on that organization, or there is a potential for that organization to provide specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on, the School District (primary government). The School District may also be financially accountable for another organization if that organization is fiscally dependent on the School District. The School District does not have any component units.

The School District participates in the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative with twenty-three other school districts. See detailed note entitled "Joint Ventures" for specific disclosures. Joint ventures do not meet the criteria for inclusion in the financial reporting entity as a component unit, but are discussed in these notes because of the nature of their relationship with the School District.

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. The statements distinguish between governmental and business-type activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, 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 minus liabilities equal net position). Net position are 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 segment of the business-type activities of the School District and for each function of the School District'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.

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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 three major categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. An emphasis is placed on major funds within the governmental and proprietary categories. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the School District or it meets the following criteria:

1. Total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental or enterprise 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 or enterprise fund are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental and enterprise funds combined, or
3. Management has elected to classify one or more governmental or enterprise 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 School District financial reporting entity are described below within their respective fund types:

Governmental Funds:

General Fund – A fund established by South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 13-16-3 to meet all the general operational costs of the school district, excluding capital outlay fund and special education fund expenditures. The General Fund is always a major fund.

Special Revenue Funds – special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Capital Outlay Fund – A fund established by SDCL 13-16-6 to meet expenditures which result in the lease of, acquisition of or additions to real property, plant or equipment, textbooks, and instructional software. This fund is financed by grants and property taxes and restricted grants-in-aid. This is a major fund.

Special Education Fund – A fund established by SDCL 13-37-16 to pay the costs for the special education of all children in need of special assistance and prolonged assistance who reside within the School District. This fund is financed by property taxes. This is a major fund.

Capital Projects Funds – capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds and trust funds).

The School Building Addition Fund is the only capital projects fund maintained by the School District. This is 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.

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- 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.

Driver's Education Fund – A fund used to record financial transactions related to the driver's education program. This fund is financed by user charges. This is a major fund.

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary funds consist of the following sub-categories and are never considered to be major funds:

Private-Purpose Trust Funds – Private-purpose trust funds are used to account for all other trust arrangements under which principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations, or other governments. The School District maintains only one private-purpose trust fund for the purpose of accounting for the assets held in a trustee capacity for scholarships.

Custodial Funds – Custodial funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not required to be reported in pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, investment trust funds, or private-purpose trust funds. The School District maintains custodial funds for the purpose of accounting for the assets held in a trustee capacity for various classes and clubs within the School District. The custodial funds are used to account for the revenues and expenses that are incidental to each class and club.

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.

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 "economic resources" measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting are applied to the proprietary and fiduciary fund types.

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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, including property taxes, 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 for the School District is 30 days. The revenues which are accrued at June 30, 2025 are utility taxes received through the counties and State, restricted grants-in-aid received from the State, and restricted grants-in-aid received from the Federal government through the State. 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. Unavailable revenues, where asset recognition criteria have been met, but for which revenue recognition criteria have not been met, are reported as a deferred inflow of resources.

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

All proprietary fund and fiduciary fund types 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. Interfund Eliminations and Reclassifications:

Governmental-wide Financial Statements:

In the process of aggregating data for the government-wide financial statements, some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the fund financial statements have been eliminated or reclassified in order to minimize the grossing-up effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental and business-type activities columns of the primary government, amounts reported as interfund receivables and payables have been eliminated in the governmental and business-type activities columns, except for the net residual amounts due between governmental and business-type activities, which are presented as Internal Balances, if applicable.

e. Deposits and Investments

For the purpose of financial reporting, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit or short-term investments with a term to maturity at date of acquisition of three months or less.

Investments classified in the financial statements consist of certificates of deposit and those types of investments authorized by South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 4-5-6 whose term to maturity at date of acquisition exceeds three months.

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f. 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. 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.

Depreciation 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 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 methods, and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide financial statements and proprietary funds are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ -	N/A	N/A
Buildings	\$ 50,000	Straight-line	33-50 yrs.
Improvements Other than Buildings	\$ 15,000	Straight-line	10-25 yrs.
Machinery and Equipment	\$ 10,000	Straight-line	5-12 yrs.
Machinery and Equipment (Food Service)	\$ 5,000	Straight-line	5-12 yrs.

Land is an inexhaustible capital asset and is not depreciated.

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 financial statements.

g. 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 financial statements. The long-term liabilities primarily consist of capital outlay certificates payable, early retirement benefits payable, and compensated absences.

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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. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is on the accrual basis, the same in the fund financial statements as in the government-wide financial statements.

h. Program Revenues:

In the government-wide Statement of Activities, reported program revenues derive directly from the program itself or from parties other than the School District'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, applicants, 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.

i. 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.

j. 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.

k. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The School District pools its cash resources for depositing and investing purposes. Accordingly, the enterprise funds 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.

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I. 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 (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 placed on their 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 do 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. Fiduciary fund equity is reported as restricted net position.

m. Application of Net Position:

It is the School District'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 are available.

n. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures:

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the School District 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.

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, which is the School Board, 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 School Board.

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 School District 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 School District would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The School District does not have a formal minimum fund balance policy.

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o. 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. School District contributions and net pension liability (asset) are recognized on an accrual basis of accounting.

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

The School District 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 below:

Deposits – The School District'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 school district funds to be invested only 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 investments to 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.

As of June 30, 2025, the School District investments reported in the financial statements consist of certificates of deposit and U.S. Treasury Bills.

Fair Value Measurement

The School District categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

Credit Risk

State law limits eligible investments for the School District, as discussed above. The School District has no investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

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As of June 30, 2025, the School District had the following investments:

<u>Investment</u>	<u>Credit Rating</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
U.S. Government Securities			
U.S. Treasury Bills	N/A	6 Months	\$ 1,004,965.20
Certificates of Deposit	N/A	12 Months	15,000.00
			<u>\$ 1,019,965.20</u>

U.S. Government Securities are measured as Level 2 recurring fair value measurements according to the fair value hierarchy.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

The risk that, in the event of a depository failure, the School District's deposits may not be returned to it. The School District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of June 30, 2025, the School District's deposits in financial institutions were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

The risk that, in the event of a failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the School District will not be able to recover the value of investment or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party.

Interest Rate Risk

The School District 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 School District's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the fund making the investment.

3. RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Receivables and payables are not aggregated in these financial statements. The School District expects all receivables to be collected within one year. Since all receivables are considered collectible, no allowances for estimated uncollectibles have been established.

4. INVENTORY

Inventory held for consumption is stated at cost.

Inventory for resale is stated at the lower of cost or market. The cost valuation method is first in, first out (FIFO). Donated commodities are valued at estimated market value based on the USDA price list at date of receipt.

In the government-wide financial statements, inventory items for governmental activities are recorded as expenses at the time of purchase, and inventory items for business-type activities are initially recorded as assets and charged to expense in the various functions of government as they are consumed.

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In the governmental fund financial statements, inventories consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are purchased. In the proprietary funds financial statements, inventory items are initially recorded as assets and charged to expense as they are consumed.

5. PROPERTY TAXES

Property taxes are levied on or before each October 1, attach as an enforceable lien on property, and become due and payable as of the following January 1, and are payable in two installments on or before the following April 30 and October 31. The county bills and collects the School District's taxes and remits them to the School District.

School District property tax revenues are recognized to the extent that they are used to finance each year's appropriations. Revenue related to current year property taxes receivable which is not intended to be used to finance the current year's appropriations and therefore are not susceptible to accrual has been reported as deferred inflows of resources – property taxes levied for future period in both the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements. Additionally, in the fund financial statements, revenue from property taxes may be limited by any amount not collected during the current fiscal period or within the "availability period."

6. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2025 is as follows:

	Balance 7/1/24	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/25
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 97,900.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 97,900.00
Construction Work in Progress	5,984,700.46	-	5,984,700.46	-
Total	6,082,600.46	-	5,984,700.46	97,900.00
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	16,768,940.75	10,458,344.18	-	27,227,284.93
Improvements Other than Bldgs	1,512,311.28	-	-	1,512,311.28
Machinery and Equipment	2,498,542.06	812,557.90	66,404.00	3,244,695.96
Total	20,779,794.09	11,270,902.08	66,404.00	31,984,292.17
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	5,604,454.65	546,137.28	-	6,150,591.93
Improvements Other than Bldgs	1,303,390.82	30,218.51	-	1,333,609.33
Machinery and Equipment	1,717,135.38	207,929.93	66,404.00	1,858,661.31
Total accumulated depreciation	8,624,980.85	784,285.72	66,404.00	9,342,862.57
Total capital assets, being Depreciated, net	12,154,813.24	10,486,616.36	-	22,641,429.60
Governmental activity capital assets, net	\$18,237,413.70	\$10,486,616.36	\$ 5,984,700.46	\$22,739,329.60

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Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Governmental Activities:

Instruction	\$464,212.49
Support Services	173,369.85
Cocurricular Activities	<u>146,703.38</u>
Total depreciation expense – governmental activities	<u>\$784,285.72</u>

	Balance 7/1/24	Increases	Decreases	Balance 6/30/25
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Machinery and Equipment – Local	\$ 251,687.79	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 251,687.79
Less: accumulated depreciation for:				
Machinery and Equipment – Local	182,809.76	8,569.75	-	191,379.51
Total capital assets, being Depreciated, net	68,878.03	(8,569.75)	-	60,308.28
Business-type activity capital assets, net	\$ 68,878.03	\$ (8,569.75)	\$ -	\$ 60,308.28

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Business-Type Activities:

Food Service	\$8,569.75
Total depreciation expense – business-type activities	<u>\$8,569.75</u>

7. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

A summary of the changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2025 is as follows:

	Beginning Balance 7/1/24	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance 6/30/25	Due Within One Year
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds Payable:					
Capital Outlay					
Certificates	\$5,340,000.00	\$4,785,000.00	\$ 405,000.00	\$9,720,000.00	\$ 570,000.00
Total Debt	5,340,000.00	4,785,000.00	405,000.00	9,720,000.00	570,000.00
Early Retirement Payable	25,500.00	-	15,300.00	10,200.00	10,200.00
Accrued Compensated Absences	34,392.47	1,284.33	-	35,676.80	-
Total Governmental Activities	5,399,892.47	4,786,284.33	420,300.00	9,765,876.80	580,200.00
Business-Type Activities:					
Accrued Compensated Absences	600.00	-	384.70	215.30	-
Total Primary Government	\$5,400,492.47	\$4,786,284.33	\$ 420,684.70	\$9,766,092.10	\$ 580,200.00

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Liabilities payable at June 30, 2025 are comprised of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Capital Outlay Certificates:

Limited Tax General Obligation Certificates, Series 2015; original amount of \$2,250,000; maturing December 15, 2035; interest rates from 1.00% to 4.00% depending on the length of time to maturity of the individual certificates; callable on or after December 15, 2024; payable by the Capital Outlay Fund	1,395,000.00
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Limited Tax General Obligation Refunding Certificates, Series 2018; original amount of \$1,680,000; maturing August 1, 2029; interest rates from 1.65% to 3.00% depending on the length of time to maturity of the individual certificates; callable on or after August 1, 2023; payable by the Capital Outlay Fund	825,000.00
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Limited Tax General Obligation Certificates, Series 2019; original amount of \$3,440,000; maturing August 1, 2038; interest rates from 1.55% to 3.00% depending on the length of time to maturity of the individual certificates; callable on or after August 1, 2026; payable by the Capital Outlay Fund	2,715,000.00
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Limited Tax General Obligation Capital Outlay Certificates, Series 2024; original amount of \$4,785,000; maturing August 1, 2043; interest rates from 4.00% to 5.00% depending on the length of time to maturity of the individual certificates; callable on or after August 1, 2032; payable by the Capital Outlay Fund	4,785,000.00
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Early Retirement Benefits Payable: Payable by the General Fund	10,200.00
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Compensated Absences: Accrued sick leave; payable by the General Fund and Special Education Fund	35,676.80
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Business-Type Activities:

Compensated Absences: Accrued sick leave; payable by the Food Service Fund	215.30
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Compensated absences liability includes the amount owed by the School District to employees for their accrued leave balances, including the School District's share of payroll deductions. The increase/decrease in the accrued compensated absences represents the net change during the year.

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Governmental Activities:

The annual debt service requirements to maturity, except for compensated absences, for all debt outstanding as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Capital Outlay		Early Retirement
	Certificates		
	Principal	Interest	
2026	\$ 570,000.00	\$ 494,445.00	\$ 10,200.00
2027	600,000.00	348,705.00	-
2028	625,000.00	326,372.50	-
2029	640,000.00	303,060.00	-
2030	665,000.00	278,725.00	-
2031-2035	2,765,000.00	1,061,912.50	-
2036-2040	2,475,000.00	504,437.50	-
2041-2045	<u>1,380,000.00</u>	<u>113,000.00</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 9,720,000.00</u>	<u>\$3,430,657.50</u>	<u>\$ 10,200.00</u>

8. EARLY RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Only certified, full-time employees who are covered under the bargaining unit and administrative team with at least twelve (12) continuous years of full-time service with the School District and who have attained the minimum age of fifty-five (55) as of the March 1, the date by which the employee's notice of intent to elect benefits and letter of resignation is required, are eligible to receive the early retirement benefits. The employee will receive monthly payments in the amount of \$425.00 commencing thirty (30) days after the last day of employment for a length of seven (7) years. In addition, if an employee retires at age 56, 57, or 58, they will still receive this benefit for a seven (7) year period. Employees may elect to retire after age 58, but the monthly benefit will only continue until age 65. At June 30, 2025, two retirees are receiving early retirement benefits, and the early retirement benefits payable is \$10,200.00. The early retirement benefits payable is recorded at the actual amount that will be paid to the retirees.

9. RESTRICTED NET POSITION

The following table shows the net position restricted for other purposes as shown on the Statement of Net Position:

Fund	Restricted By	Amount
Capital Outlay	Law	\$1,657,222.78
Special Education	Law	948,137.71
Capital Projects	Law	445,097.07
SDRS Pension	GASB	437,934.41
Total Restricted Net Position		<u>\$3,488,391.97</u>

10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Interfund transfers for the year ended June 30, 2025 were as follows:

	<u>Transfers To:</u>
<u>Transfers From:</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>
Capital Outlay	\$6,785,000.00

The School District transferred funds from the Capital Outlay Fund to the Capital Projects Fund for the payment of expenditures relating to the construction of the school addition.

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11. 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 pension 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. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in South Dakota Codified Law (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, PO Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605) 773-3731.

Benefits Provided:

SDRS has four 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 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:

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- 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.

Legislation enacted in 2021 reduced the minimum COLA from 0.5% to 0%.

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 School District's share of contributions to the SDRS for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023 were \$281,545.65, \$282,934.24, and \$261,848.84, respectively, equal to the required contributions each year.

Pension Assets, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources to Pensions:

At June 30, 2024, SDRS is 100% 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 School District as of this measurement period ending June 30, 2024 and reported by the School District as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Proportionate share of total pension liability	\$25,303,758.45
Less proportionate share of net pension restricted for pension benefits	<u>25,310,624.46</u>
Proportionate share of net pension asset	(<u>\$ 6,866.01</u>)

At June 30 2025, the School District reported an asset of \$6,866.01 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was based on a projection of the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. At June 30, 2024, the School District's proportion was .169616%, which is an increase of .000421% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District recognized pension expense of \$187,541.35. At June 30, 2025 the School District 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.	\$ 635,797.36	\$ -
Changes in assumption.	113,200.39	862,877.13
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments.	258,624.90	-
Changes in proportion and difference between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions.	7,421.97	2,644.74
School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date.	281,545.65	-
TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,296,590.27</u>	<u>\$ 865,521.87</u>

\$281,545.65 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from School District contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ending June 30, 2026. 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:

2026	\$ (238,737.83)
2027	333,177.22
2028	34,479.63
2029	20,603.73
TOTAL	<u>\$ 149,522.75</u>

Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension asset in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
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	1.71%

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:

Teachers, Certified Regents, and Judicial: PubT-2010

Other Class A Members: PubG-2010

Public Safety Members: PubS-2010

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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, 2024 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period of July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2021.

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, 2024 (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%	2.3%
High Yield Debt	7.0%	2.8%
Real Estate	12.0%	4.0%
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 from 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 School District's proportionate share of net pension asset using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the School District'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% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$3,488,936.40	(\$6,866.01)	(\$2,867,521.31)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

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

12. JOINT VENTURES

The School District participates in the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative, a cooperative service unit (Co-op) formed for the purpose of providing educational services to the member school districts.

The members of the Co-op and their relative percentage participation in the Co-op for the year ended June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Arlington School District No. 38-1	3.57%
Britton-Hecla School District No. 45-4	5.82%
Castlewood School District No. 28-1	3.91%
Clark School District No. 12-2	5.54%
De Smet School District No. 38-2	4.01%
Deubrook School District No. 5-6	4.77%
Deuel School District No. 19-4	6.20%
Elkton School District No. 5-3	5.23%
Enemy Swim Day School	1.82%
Estelline School District No. 28-2	3.15%
Florence School District No. 14-1	4.00%
Hamlin School District No. 28-3	10.12%
Henry School District No. 14-2	2.21%
Iroquois School District No. 2-3	2.53%
Lake Preston School District No. 38-3	2.06%
Oldham-Ramona School District No. 39-5	3.68%
Rosholt School District No. 54-4	2.60%
Sioux Valley School District No. 5-5	8.64%
Summit School District No. 54-6	2.05%
Waubay School District No. 18-3	1.94%
Waverly School District No. 14-5	3.08%
Webster School District No. 18-4	6.43%
Willow Lake School District No. 12-3	3.83%
Wilmot School District No. 54-7	2.81%

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The Co-op's governing board is composed of one representative from each member school district, who is a school board member of the member school district. The board is responsible for adopting the Co-op's budget and setting service fees at a level adequate to fund the adopted budget.

The School District retains no equity in the net position of the joint venture, but does have a responsibility to fund deficits of the joint venture in proportion to the relative participation described above.

Separate financial statements for this joint venture are available from the Northeast Educational Services Cooperative.

At June 30, 2025, this joint venture had total assets of \$2,357,020, deferred outflows of resources of \$927,751, total liabilities of \$717,557, deferred inflows of resources of \$613,896, and net position of \$1,953,318.

13. RISK MANAGEMENT

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During the period ended June 30, 2025, the School District managed its risks as follows:

Employee Health Insurance:

The School District participates, with several other educational units and related organizations in South Dakota, in the Northern Plains Insurance Pool. This is a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for all participants. The School District pays a monthly premium to the pool to provide health insurance coverage for its employees. The pool purchases reinsurance coverage with the premiums it receives from its participants.

The School District does not carry additional health insurance coverage to pay claims in excess of this upper limit. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Liability Insurance:

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

Worker's Compensation:

The School District purchases liability insurance for worker's compensation from a commercial insurance carrier. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the liability coverage during the past three years.

Unemployment Benefits:

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

The School District has assigned fund balance in the General Fund in the amount of \$10,265.12 for the payment of future unemployment benefits.

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During the year ended June 30, 2025, no claims for unemployment benefits were paid. At June 30, 2025, no claims had been filed for unemployment benefits and none are anticipated in the next fiscal year.

14. LITIGATION

At June 30, 2025, the School District was not involved in any litigation.

15. ADJUSTMENTS TO AND RESTATEMENT OF BEGINNING BALANCES

During fiscal year 2025, an error correction resulted in adjustments to and restatement of beginning net position in the Private-Purpose Trust Funds. Because the interest receivable and investment earnings were overstated by \$3,801.53 for the year ended June 30, 2024, the prior year's change in net position and fund net position were also overstated by \$3,801.53.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 2,198,920.00	\$ 2,198,920.00	\$ 2,299,277.59	\$ 100,357.59
Prior Years' Ad Valorem Taxes	4,000.00	4,000.00	12,451.98	8,451.98
Utility Taxes	100,000.00	100,000.00	247,576.49	147,576.49
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,981.65	981.65
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	6,000.00	6,000.00	130,837.85	124,837.85
Cocurricular Activities:				
Admissions	14,000.00	14,000.00	16,310.09	2,310.09
Concessions	35,000.00	35,000.00	40,128.94	5,128.94
Other Pupil Activity Income	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,955.26	955.26
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Rentals	6,000.00	6,000.00	13,578.80	7,578.80
Contributions & Donations	11,800.00	11,800.00	1,225.00	(10,575.00)
Charges for Services	800.00	800.00	2,290.94	1,490.94
Other	12,000.00	12,000.00	40,829.81	28,829.81
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:				
County Sources:				
County Apportionment	30,000.00	30,000.00	52,803.49	22,803.49
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	2,033.64	2,033.64
Revenue from State Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Unrestricted Grants-in-Aid	3,979,833.00	3,979,833.00	3,952,420.72	(27,412.28)
Restricted Grants-in-Aid	-	-	222.63	222.63
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Unrestricted Grants-in Aid Received from Federal Government through an Intermediate Source	-	-	175.01	175.01
Restricted Grants-in Aid Received from Federal Government through the State	240,629.00	356,116.00	360,053.64	3,937.64
Total Revenues	6,644,982.00	6,760,469.00	7,180,153.53	419,684.53
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs:				
Elementary	1,894,461.00	1,894,461.00	1,840,931.39	53,529.61
Middle School/Junior High	500,890.00	500,890.00	546,851.32	(45,961.32)
High School	1,703,470.00	1,703,470.00	1,684,188.31	19,281.69
Preschool	44,152.00	84,289.00	83,610.21	678.79
Special Programs:				
Educationally Deprived	262,597.00	294,447.00	275,235.11	19,211.89

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Support Services:				
Pupils:				
Guidance	231,348.00	234,348.00	225,171.00	9,177.00
Health	45,851.00	45,851.00	37,691.86	8,159.14
Instructional Staff:				
Improvement of Instruction	-	39,500.00	44,516.74	(5,016.74)
Educational Media	163,439.00	163,439.00	148,283.00	15,156.00
General Administration:				
Board of Education	68,550.00	68,550.00	57,429.74	11,120.26
Executive Administration	97,670.00	97,670.00	89,236.56	8,433.44
School Administration:				
Office of Principal	360,769.00	360,769.00	349,887.40	10,881.60
Other	2,500.00	2,500.00	507.08	1,992.92
Business:				
Fiscal Services	363,328.00	363,328.00	377,101.29	(13,773.29)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	791,867.00	791,867.00	709,728.74	82,138.26
Student Transportation	558,500.00	559,500.00	533,317.08	26,182.92
Food Services	31,000.00	31,000.00	34,733.64	(3,733.64)
Nonprogrammed Charges:				
Early Retirement Payments	21,046.00	21,046.00	16,470.36	4,575.64
Cocurricular Activities:				
Male Activities	75,709.00	75,709.00	63,553.60	12,155.40
Female Activities	78,709.00	78,709.00	78,507.14	201.86
Transportation	16,911.00	16,911.00	20,344.80	(3,433.80)
Combined Activities	238,010.00	238,010.00	190,037.34	47,972.66
Contingencies	30,000.00	30,000.00	-	30,000.00
Amount Transferred	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>7,580,777.00</u>	<u>7,696,264.00</u>	<u>7,407,333.71</u>	<u>288,930.29</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(935,795.00)</u>	<u>(935,795.00)</u>	<u>(227,180.18)</u>	<u>708,614.82</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers In	200,000.00	200,000.00	-	(200,000.00)
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>200,000.00</u>	<u>5,783.04</u>	<u>(194,216.96)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(735,795.00)	(735,795.00)	(221,397.14)	514,397.86
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>2,095,241.87</u>	<u>2,095,241.87</u>	<u>2,095,241.87</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 1,359,446.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,359,446.87</u>	<u>\$ 1,873,844.73</u>	<u>\$ 514,397.86</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 2,168,000.00	\$ 2,168,000.00	\$ 2,153,702.84	\$ (14,297.16)
Prior Years' Ad Valorem Taxes	500.00	500.00	7,897.01	7,397.01
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	500.00	500.00	3,865.55	3,365.55
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	500.00	500.00	34,305.28	33,805.28
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Contributions & Donations	2,500.00	2,500.00	21,185.00	18,685.00
Other	-	-	11,716.38	11,716.38
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:				
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	3,235.71	3,235.71
Revenue from State Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted Grants-in Aid	955,681.00	955,681.00	908,451.88	(47,229.12)
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted Grants-in Aid Received from Federal Government through the State	-	11,400.00	11,064.25	(335.75)
Total Revenues	<u>3,127,681.00</u>	<u>3,139,081.00</u>	<u>3,155,423.90</u>	<u>16,342.90</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs:				
Elementary	144,985.00	144,985.00	71,452.90	73,532.10
Middle School/Junior High	47,225.00	47,225.00	30,636.76	16,588.24
High School	1,517,540.00	1,528,940.00	603,161.10	925,778.90
Support Services:				
Instructional Staff:				
Educational Media	9,000.00	9,000.00	7,774.79	1,225.21
School Administration:				
Office of Principal	7,800.00	7,800.00	5,601.79	2,198.21
Business:				
Fiscal Services	22,000.00	22,000.00	119.99	21,880.01
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	774,571.00	774,571.00	199,911.81	574,659.19
Student Transportation	23,000.00	23,000.00	544.42	22,455.58
Debt Services	572,800.00	572,800.00	571,032.50	1,767.50
Cocurricular Activities:				
Male Activities	16,100.00	16,100.00	9,462.39	6,637.61
Female Activities	9,200.00	9,200.00	4,512.54	4,687.46
Combined Activities	<u>298,800.00</u>	<u>298,800.00</u>	<u>350,960.18</u>	<u>(52,160.18)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,443,021.00</u>	<u>3,454,421.00</u>	<u>1,855,171.17</u>	<u>1,599,249.83</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
CAPITAL OUTLAY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers Out	(200,000.00)	(7,285,000.00)	(6,785,000.00)	500,000.00
General Long-Term Debt Issued	-	4,785,000.00	4,785,000.00	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(200,000.00)	(2,500,000.00)	(2,000,000.00)	500,000.00
Net Change in Fund Balance	(515,340.00)	(2,815,340.00)	(699,747.27)	2,115,592.73
Fund Balance - Beginning	2,612,629.29	2,612,629.29	2,612,629.29	-
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	\$ 2,097,289.29	\$ (202,710.71)	\$ 1,912,882.02	\$ 2,115,592.73

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - BUDGETARY BASIS
SPECIAL EDUCATION FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Revenues:				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,037,672.00	\$ 1,037,672.00	\$ 1,028,501.79	\$ (9,170.21)
Prior Years' Ad Valorem Taxes	-	-	4,149.06	4,149.06
Penalties and Interest on Taxes	500.00	500.00	1,913.62	1,413.62
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	-	-	97.16	97.16
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Charges for Services	1,000.00	1,000.00	9,664.39	8,664.39
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:				
Revenue in Lieu of Taxes	-	-	1,545.46	1,545.46
Total Revenues	<u>1,039,172.00</u>	<u>1,039,172.00</u>	<u>1,045,871.48</u>	<u>6,699.48</u>
Expenditures:				
Instruction:				
Special Programs:				
Programs for Special Education	1,075,463.00	1,075,463.00	872,231.19	203,231.81
Support Services:				
Pupils:				
Health	8,000.00	8,000.00	-	8,000.00
Psychological	16,300.00	16,300.00	12,560.64	3,739.36
Speech Pathology	21,800.00	21,800.00	18,932.68	2,867.32
Student Therapy	34,100.00	34,100.00	10,845.26	23,254.74
Special Education:				
Special Education Adm Costs	84,481.00	84,481.00	87,040.28	(2,559.28)
Other Special Education Costs	<u>57,000.00</u>	<u>57,000.00</u>	<u>35,706.20</u>	<u>21,293.80</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>1,297,144.00</u>	<u>1,297,144.00</u>	<u>1,037,316.25</u>	<u>259,827.75</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(257,972.00)</u>	<u>(257,972.00)</u>	<u>8,555.23</u>	<u>266,527.23</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(257,972.00)	(257,972.00)	8,555.23	266,527.23
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>936,324.68</u>	<u>936,324.68</u>	<u>936,324.68</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	<u>\$ 678,352.68</u>	<u>\$ 678,352.68</u>	<u>\$ 944,879.91</u>	<u>\$ 266,527.23</u>

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES
June 30, 2025

1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Budgetary Comparison Schedules have been prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The Budgetary Comparison Schedules present capital outlay expenditures within each function while the financial statements prepared in conformity with USGAAP present capital outlay expenditures as a separate function.

2. BUDGETS AND BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

The School District 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 school 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 school 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 school board must approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year for each fund, except fiduciary funds.
6. After adoption by the school board, the operating budget is legally binding and actual expenditures of each fund cannot exceed the amounts budgeted, except as indicated in number 8.
7. A line item for contingencies may be included in the annual budget. Such a line item may not exceed 5 percent of the total school district budget and may be transferred by resolution of the school 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 school board.
10. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund.
11. Budgets for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
 HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
 SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
 SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
School District's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.1664662%	0.1693791%	0.1739038%	0.1751980%	0.1723134%	0.1646403%	0.1724700%	0.1741880%	0.1691950%	0.1696160%
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset)	\$ (706,030.72)	\$ 572,145.96	\$ (15,781.95)	\$ (4,086.02)	\$ (18,260.50)	\$ (7,150.30)	\$ (1,320,825.02)	\$ (16,461.85)	\$ (16,514.20)	\$ (6,866.01)
School District's covered payroll	\$ 3,034,883.57	\$ 3,220,722.07	\$ 3,533,358.99	\$ 3,641,677.26	\$ 3,663,767.08	\$ 3,613,358.54	\$ 3,913,886.47	\$ 4,159,334.11	\$ 4,363,954.56	\$ 4,724,296.71
School District's proportionate share of net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	23.26%	-17.76%	0.45%	0.11%	0.50%	0.20%	33.75%	0.40%	0.38%	0.15%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	104.10%	96.89%	100.10%	100.02%	100.09%	100.04%	105.52%	100.10%	100.10%	100.00%

Note: The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of the collective net pension liability (asset) which is 6/30 of previous fiscal year.

SCHEDULE OF REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
SCHEDULE OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS
SOUTH DAKOTA RETIREMENT SYSTEM

	6/30/2016	6/30/2017	6/30/2018	6/30/2019	6/30/2020	6/30/2021	6/30/2022	6/30/2023	6/30/2024	6/30/2025
Contractually required contribution	\$ 193,244.71	\$ 212,001.84	\$ 218,537.05	\$ 219,826.64	\$ 216,801.56	\$ 234,833.80	\$ 249,560.18	\$ 261,848.84	\$ 282,934.24	\$ 281,545.65
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	193,244.71	212,001.84	218,537.05	219,826.64	216,801.56	234,833.80	249,560.18	261,848.84	282,934.24	281,545.65
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
School District's covered payroll	\$3,220,722.07	\$3,533,358.99	\$3,641,677.26	\$3,663,767.08	\$3,613,358.54	\$3,913,886.47	\$4,159,334.11	\$4,363,954.56	\$4,724,296.71	\$4,692,422.72
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PENSION SCHEDULES
June 30, 2025

Changes from Prior Valuation

The June 30, 2024, Actuarial Valuation reflects no changes to the plan provisions or actuarial methods and one change to the actuarial assumptions from the June 30, 2023, Actuarial Valuation.

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

Benefit Provision Changes

During the 2024 Legislative Session no significant SDRS benefit changes were made.

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, 2023, the FVFR assuming the long-term COLA is equal to the baseline COLA assumption (2.25%) was less than 100% and the July 2024 SDRS COLA was limited to a restricted maximum of 1.91%. For the June 30, 2023, Actuarial Valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA assumption of 1.91%.

As of June 30, 2024, the FVFR assuming future COLAs equal to the baseline COLA assumption of 2.25% is again less than 100% and the July 2025 SDRS COLA is limited to a restricted maximum of 1.71%. The July 2025 SDRS COLA will equal inflation, between 0% and 1.71%. For this June 30, 2024, Actuarial Valuation, future COLAs were assumed to equal the restricted maximum COLA of 1.71%.

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.



**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**

School Board
Hamlin School District No. 28-3
Hamlin County, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Hamlin School District No. 28-3, South Dakota (School District), as of June 30, 2025, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 4, 2026. The report on the governmental activities was qualified because the inventory items were not initially recorded as assets and charged to expense in the various functions of government as they are consumed. The report on the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the major proprietary funds was qualified because the School District did not record the other postemployment benefits (OPEB) expense/expenditures and the related liabilities (assets) in the financial statements. The report on the aggregate remaining fund information was qualified because the School District did not adopt Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 84 Fiduciary Activities.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the School 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 the School District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School 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 School District'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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings as item 2025-01 to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings as item 2025-02.

School District's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the School District's response to the findings identified in our audit. The School District's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Audit Findings. The School District'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 School District'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.



Watertown, South Dakota
February 4, 2026

HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
June 30, 2025

PRIOR FEDERAL AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no written prior federal audit findings.

PRIOR OTHER AUDIT FINDINGS

2024-01

Finding: A material weakness was reported for a lack of segregation of duties over the revenue function.
The finding has not been corrected and has been restated as current audit finding number 2025-01.

2024-02

Finding: The School District didn't advertise for competitive bids for an equipment contract required by State statute. The finding has not been corrected and has been restated as current audit finding number 2025-02.

**HAMLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 28-3
SCHEDULE OF CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2025**

CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS

2025-01 Lack of Segregation of Duties

Criteria: A good system of internal controls, which provides for the proper segregation of duties, results in increased reliability of reported financial data and decreased potential for loss of public assets.

Condition: Because the business manager and assistant business manager initiated, recorded, processed, and reported all transactions from the beginning of the year to the end of the year, there is inadequate segregation of duties over the revenue function.

Cause: The School District has an insufficient number of employees to adequately segregate duties.

Effect: As a result, there is an increased likelihood that fraud or errors could occur and not be detected and corrected in a timely manner by employees in the ordinary course of performing their duties.

Recommendation: We recommend that the school board be cognizant of this lack of segregation of duties over the revenue function and attempt to provide compensating internal controls whenever and wherever possible and practical.

Management's Response: Management agrees with this finding. The school board has determined it is not cost beneficial to employ additional personnel just to be able to adequately segregate duties. The School District is aware of this problem and is attempting to provide compensating controls whenever and wherever possible and practical. There are no written current other audit findings to report.

2025-02 Competitive Bidding Requirements

Criteria: South Dakota Codified Law (SDCL) 5-18A-14 requires that the School District advertise for competitive bids contracts for public improvements involving expenditures of \$100,000 or more or contracts for the purchase of supplies or services, other than professional services, involving expenditures of \$50,000 or more.

Condition: The School District didn't advertise for competitive bids for contracts required by State statute.

Cause: The School District didn't review the contract prior to purchasing to determine if the School District is required to advertise for competitive bids.

Effect: The School District's purchase of equipment over \$50,000 was not in compliance with State statute.

Recommendation: We recommend that the School District take measures to ensure that all contracts are reviewed prior to purchasing to determine if the School District is required to advertise for competitive bids.

Management's Response: Management agrees with this finding. Management plans to review all purchases to ensure that the School District advertises for competitive bids for those contracts required by State statute.