

Lennox School District No. 41-4

**Independent Auditor's Report
and Financial Statements**

**For the Year Ended
June 30, 2025**

Lennox School District No. 41-4
School District Officials
June 30, 2025

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Nick Butler ----- Member
Heidi Bowers ----- Member
Melissa Daugherty ----- Member
Clayton Wulf ----- Member
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Angela Arlt -----Business Manager

Lennox School District No. 41-4

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**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards***

School Board
Lennox School District No. 41-4
Lincoln 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lennox School District No. 41-4, 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 November 4, 2025.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

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Elk Point, South Dakota
November 4, 2025

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Schedule of Prior and Current Audit Findings
Year Ended June 30, 2025

Schedule of Prior Audit Findings:

The prior audit report contained no written audit comments.

Schedule of Current Audit Findings:

The current audit report contains no written audit comments.



Independent Auditor's Report

School Board
Lennox School District No. 41-4
Lincoln County, South Dakota

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

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 Lennox School District No. 41-4, 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, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Lennox School District No. 41-4 as of June 30, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards (Government Auditing Standards)*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the 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 Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability, the Schedule of the School District Contributions, and the Schedule of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, 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.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 4, 2025, 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 School District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Elk Point, South Dakota
November 4, 2025

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
June 30, 2025

This section of Lennox School District No. 41-4's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the School's financial performance during the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2025. Please read it in conjunction with the School's financial statements, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- During the year, the District's revenues generated from taxes and other revenues of the governmental and business-type programs were \$688,111 more than the \$15,994,773 governmental and business-type program expenditures. Compared to last year's increase in net position, this is a decrease of 40.14%.
- The total cost of the District's programs decreased by 0.37%. This was due primarily to decreases in interest on long-term debt and co-curricular activities.
- The District's General, Capital Outlay, and Special Education funds total expenditures came in under budget.
- For FY 2025, the District adopted a balanced General Fund budget with the use of \$88,888 of fund balance. However, the General Fund ended the year with a \$147,373 decrease in fund balance with an ending fund balance of \$1,316,400.
- The Food Service Fund's net loss was \$87,328 of which \$18,448 was depreciation expense, which is a non-cash expense. For FY 2025, overall Food Service revenue increased by 1.45% from the prior year. Operating expenses increased by 1.48% due to the increase in food purchased, salaries, and benefits.
- The OST/preschool fund had net income of \$50,015, mainly due to an increase in afterschool fees.

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Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
June 30, 2025

Overview of the Financial Statements

This report consists of three parts – management’s discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the School:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the School’s overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the School government, reporting the School’s operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
 - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Proprietary fund statements offer short- and long-term financial information about the activities that the school operates like businesses. There are two proprietary funds operated by the school which are the food service and the Out of School Time/preschool.
 - Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships – like scholarship plans for graduating students – in which the School acts solely as a trustee or agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the School’s financial statements, including the portion of the School government covered and the types of information contained. The reminder of the overview section of the management’s discussion and analysis explains the structure and contents of each of the statements.

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Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
June 30, 2025

Figure A-1

Major Features of Lennox School's Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-Wide Statements	Fund Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire School government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the School that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as elementary and high school education programs	Activities the School operates similar to private businesses, the food service operation and the out of school time/preschool programs.	Instances in which the School is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources.
Required Financial Statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Net Position • Statement of Activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance Sheet • Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Net Position • Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position • Statement of Cash Flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Fiduciary Net Position • Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Accounting Basis and Measurement Focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of Asset/Liability Information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the School's funds do not currently contain capital assets although they can
Type of Inflow/Outflow Information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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June 30, 2025

Government-Wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the School as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the School's net position and how they have changed. Net position is one way to measure the School's financial health or position.

- Increases or decreases in the School's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the School you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the School's property tax base and changes in the state school aid funding formula from the State of South Dakota.

The government-wide financial statements of the School are reported in two categories:

- **Governmental Activities** – This category includes the School's basic instructional services, such as elementary and high school educational programs, support services (guidance counselor, executive administration, board of education, fiscal services, etc.), debt service payments, extracurricular activities (sports, debate, music, etc.) and capital equipment purchases. Property taxes, state grants, federal grants and interest earnings finance most of these activities.
- **Business-type Activities** - The school charges a fee to students to help cover the costs of providing hot lunch and breakfast services to all students. The food service fund also receives federal and state assistance to subsidize the food service program. The OST/preschool program receives most of its funds from student fees.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the School's most significant funds – not the School as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the School uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes:

- State Law requires some of the funds.
- The School Board establishes other funds to control and manage money for particular purposes (like the Custodial and Scholarship Trust Funds).

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The School has three kinds of funds:

- **Governmental Funds** – Most of the School’s basic services are included in the governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at the year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the School’s programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental fund’s statements, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- **Proprietary Funds** – Services for which the School charges customers a fee is generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds, like the government-wide statements, provide both short- and long-term financial information. The Food Service Enterprise Fund and the Out of School/Preschool Program are the only proprietary funds maintained by the School.
- **Fiduciary Funds** – The School is the trustee, or fiduciary, for various external and internal parties. The School is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. All of the School’s fiduciary activities are reported in a separate statement of net position and a statement of changes in net position. We exclude these activities from the School’s government-wide financial statements because the School cannot use these assets to finance its operations.

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Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)
June 30, 2025

Financial Analysis of the School as a Whole

Net Position

The School's combined net position increased as follows:

Table A-1
Lennox School District 41-4
Statement of Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total		Total Percentage Change
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024-2025
Current and Other Assets	\$ 26,600,722	\$ 13,030,905	\$ 509,240	\$ 490,334	\$ 27,109,962	\$ 13,521,239	-50.12%
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)	36,518,474	48,552,560	148,507	135,928	36,666,981	48,688,488	32.79%
Total Assets	63,119,196	61,583,465	657,747	626,262	63,776,943	62,209,727	-2.46%
OPEB Related Deferred Outflows	112,117	95,439	--	--	112,117	95,439	-14.88%
Pension Related Deferred Outflows	2,466,670	2,164,280	--	--	2,466,670	2,164,280	-12.26%
Total Deferred Outflows or Resources	2,578,787	2,259,719	--	--	2,578,787	2,259,719	-12.37%
Long-Term Liabilities Outstanding	30,006,071	29,160,417	--	--	30,006,071	29,160,417	-2.82%
Other Liabilities	3,493,046	1,670,174	90,563	96,391	3,583,609	1,766,565	-50.70%
Total Liabilities	33,499,117	30,830,591	90,563	96,391	33,589,680	30,926,982	-7.93%
Taxes Levied for Future Period	3,693,142	3,810,688	--	--	3,693,142	3,810,688	3.18%
OPEB Related Deferred Inflows	519,080	459,642	--	--	519,080	459,642	-11.45%
Pension Related Deferred Inflows	1,402,613	1,435,884	--	--	1,402,613	1,435,884	2.37%
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,614,835	5,706,214	--	--	5,614,835	5,706,214	1.63%
Net Investment in Capital Assets	21,766,826	22,565,503	148,507	135,928	21,915,333	22,701,431	3.59%
Restricted	4,080,880	4,106,229	--	--	4,080,880	4,106,229	0.62%
Unrestricted	736,325	634,647	418,677	393,943	1,155,002	1,028,590	-10.94%
Total Net Position	26,584,031	27,306,379	567,184	529,871	27,151,215	27,836,250	2.52%
Beginning Net Position	25,418,069	26,584,031	583,629	567,184	26,001,698	27,151,215	4.42%
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 1,165,962	\$ 722,348	\$ (16,445)	\$ (37,313)	\$ 1,149,517	\$ 685,035	40.41%
Percentage of Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	4.59%	2.72%	-2.82%	-6.58%	4.42%	2.52%	

The School's combined net position of approximately \$27 million is approximately \$688,111 or 2.53% larger than on June 30, 2024. The increase in the School's financial position was primarily in its governmental activities due in part to taxes and state resources.

The Statement of Net Position reports all financial and capital resources. The statement presents the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources in order of relative liquidity. The liabilities with average maturities greater than one year are reported in two components – the amount due within one year and the amount due in more than one year. The long-term liabilities of the School, consisting of bonds payable, capital outlay certificates, capital lease purchase payables, and compensated absences payable have been reported in this manner on the Statement of Net Position. The difference between the School's assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities plus deferred inflows of resources is its net position.

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Changes in Net Position

The Lennox School District's total revenues (excluding transfers and extraordinary items) in FY25 were \$16,708,736. More than 52% of the School's revenue comes from property and other taxes, with approximately 33% coming from state aid. (See Table A-2).

Table A-2
Lennox School District 41-4
Sources of Revenues
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Taxes	\$ 8,744,562	52.34%
State Sources	5,469,256	32.73%
Operating Grants & Contributions	635,724	3.80%
Charges For Services	1,042,319	6.24%
Other General Revenues	461,135	2.76%
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	355,740	2.13%
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 16,708,736</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

Total expenditures of all programs and services increased by approximately 10.76%. The Lennox School District expenses totaled \$16,023,701 (See Table A-4). The School's expenses cover a range of services, encompassing instruction, support services, interest on long term debt, co-curricular activities, nonprogrammed charges, food services, and OST/preschool. (See Table A-3).

Table A-3
Lennox School District 41-4
Statement of Expenditures
Fiscal Year 2024-2025

Instruction	\$ 7,257,376	45.29%
Support Services	6,026,403	37.61%
Interest - on Long-Term Debt	633,800	3.96%
Cocurricular Activities	708,928	4.42%
Food Service	902,893	5.63%
Nonprogrammed Charges	106,938	0.67%
OST/Preschool	387,363	2.42%
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 16,023,701</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

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Governmental and Business-Type Activities

Table A-4 and the narrative that follows consider the operations of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of the School:

Table A-4
Lennox School District No. 41-4
Changes in Net Position

	Government Activities		Business-type Activities		Total		Total Percentage Change
	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	
Revenues							
Program Revenues							
Charge for Services	\$ 55,795	\$ 57,543	\$ 905,988	\$ 984,776	\$ 961,783	\$ 1,042,319	8.37%
Operating Grants/ Contributions	1,082,491	376,729	314,761	258,995	1,397,252	635,724	-54.50%
General Revenues							
Taxes	8,272,160	8,744,562	--	--	8,272,160	8,744,562	5.71%
Revenue State Sources	5,394,988	5,469,256	--	--	5,394,988	5,469,256	1.38%
Other							
Other general revenues	474,128	461,135	--	--	474,128	461,135	-2.74%
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	691,244	343,166	11,782	12,574	703,026	355,740	-49.40%
	<u>15,970,806</u>	<u>15,452,391</u>	<u>1,232,531</u>	<u>1,256,345</u>	<u>17,203,337</u>	<u>16,708,736</u>	<u>-2.88%</u>
Expenses							
Instruction	7,251,911	7,257,376	--	--	7,251,911	7,257,376	0.08%
Support Services	5,459,143	6,026,403	--	--	5,459,143	6,026,403	10.39%
Non-programmed Charges	1,758	106,938	--	--	1,758	106,938	5982.94%
Interest on long-term debt	1,502,552	633,800	--	--	1,502,552	633,800	-57.82%
Co-curricular Activities	592,029	708,928	--	--	592,029	708,928	19.75%
Food Service	--	--	864,270	902,893	864,270	902,893	4.47%
Other Enterprise	--	--	382,157	387,363	382,157	387,363	1.36%
	<u>14,807,393</u>	<u>14,733,445</u>	<u>1,246,427</u>	<u>1,290,256</u>	<u>16,053,820</u>	<u>16,023,701</u>	<u>-0.19%</u>
Excess (Deficiency)							
Before Transfers	1,163,413	718,946	(13,896)	(33,911)	1,149,517	685,035	-40.41%
Transfers	<u>2,549</u>	<u>3,402</u>	<u>(2,549)</u>	<u>(3,402)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	1,165,962	722,348	(16,445)	(37,313)	1,149,517	685,035	-40.41%
Beginning Net Position	<u>25,418,069</u>	<u>26,584,031</u>	<u>583,629</u>	<u>567,184</u>	<u>26,001,698</u>	<u>27,151,215</u>	<u>4.42%</u>
Ending Net Position	<u>\$ 26,584,031</u>	<u>\$ 27,306,379</u>	<u>\$ 567,184</u>	<u>\$ 529,871</u>	<u>\$ 27,151,215</u>	<u>\$ 27,836,250</u>	<u>2.52%</u>

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Governmental Activities

Revenues for the governmental activities decreased by approximately 0.17% due to a decrease in operating grants/contributions and unrestricted investment earnings. Expenses increased by 1.44% due to increased support services, non-programmed charges, and co-curricular activities.

Business-Type Activities

Revenues for the business-type activities decreased by approximately 3.25% due to a decrease in operating grants and contributions. Expenses decreased by -0.52% due to decreases in Food Service expenditures.

Financial Analysis of the School's Funds

The Special Education Fund, Bond Redemption Funds, and OST Preschool Fund increased from FY24 mainly due to ad valorem taxes and an increase in afterschool fees. The General Fund, Capital Outlay Fund, and Food Service Fund did not have any significant changes in fund balance for the year. The Capital Projects Fund had a net decrease of \$12,115,118 mainly due to capital outlay expenditures.

Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the School Board revised the School budget several times. These amendments fall into three categories:

- Supplemental appropriations and contingency transfers approved for unanticipated, yet necessary, expenses to provide for items necessary for the education program of this School.
- Increases in appropriations, primarily by contingency transfer, to prevent budget overruns.

The budget was supplemented with additional grants, donations, bond proceeds, and fund balance. Other than these items, there were no other significant budget changes or budget variances for the year.

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Capital Asset Administration

By the end of 2025, the School had invested \$48,691,564 across a broad range of capital assets, including, land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements, and various machinery and equipment. (See Table A-5). This amount represents a net increase (including additions and deductions) of \$12,024,583 or approximately 32.79%, above last year resulting mainly the increase in construction in progress, the purchase of other assets, and depreciation.

Table A-5
Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total Dollar Change	Total % Change
	2024	2025	2024	2025		
Land	\$ 445,534	\$ 445,534	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	0.00%
Construction in progress	3,287,152	15,702,802	--	--	12,415,650	377.70%
Buildings & Improvements	30,856,177	30,640,454	--	--	(215,723)	-0.70%
Machinery & Equipment	1,576,360	1,493,143	148,507	135,928	(95,796)	-5.55%
Intangible Lease Assets	159,498	101,915	--	--	(57,583)	-36.10%
Library Books	193,753	168,712	--	--	(25,041)	-12.92%
Total Capital Assets	<u>\$ 36,518,474</u>	<u>\$ 48,552,560</u>	<u>\$ 148,507</u>	<u>\$ 135,928</u>	<u>\$ 12,021,507</u>	<u>32.79%</u>

This year's major capital asset purchases consisted of the Lennox Performing Arts Center and Auxiliary Gym project, the Worthing Elementary RTU Project, playground surfacing, improvements to the Worthing Elementary's roof, sidewalks, and multiple vehicles.

Long-Term Debt

At year-end, the School had \$29,160,417 in general obligation bonds, unamortized premiums, capital outlay certificates and other long-term obligations. This is a decrease of 2.82% as shown on Table A-6 below which is due primarily to the payment of debt.

Table A-6
Outstanding Debt and Obligations

	Governmental Activities		Total Dollar Change	Total % Change
	2024	2025		
General Obligation Bonds	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 17,000,000	\$ --	0.00%
Plus: Unamortized Premiums	1,710,084	1,573,277	(136,807)	-8.00%
Capital Outlay Certificates	10,760,000	9,985,000	(775,000)	-7.20%
Leases	162,131	105,377	(56,754)	-35.01%
Other Post Employment Benefits	350,160	384,215	34,055	9.73%
Early Retirement Payable	16,501	105,263	88,762	537.92%
Accrued Compensated Absences	7,195	7,285	90	1.25%
Total Outstanding Debt	<u>\$ 30,006,071</u>	<u>\$ 29,160,417</u>	<u>\$ (845,654)</u>	<u>-2.82%</u>

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The School is liable for the repayment of General Obligation Bonds, Capital Outlay Certificates, leases, OPEB, and accrued sick leave payable to the various employees who have ten consecutive years or more of employment at the School District.

The School also maintains an early retirement plan, which allows those meeting certain qualifications, to retire early and receive 80% of their last year's salary in 6 equal payments spread over the next three years. This plan allows the school to reduce the overall program cost by hiring lower paid teachers to replace the higher paid teachers.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

The School's current economic position has shown little change. The School did experience an increase in total property valuation from the prior year. The increase in property valuation allows the School the ability to increase the amount of revenue generated from property taxes, however, the total amount which can be levied is limited by the State of South Dakota.

Contacting the School's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the school's finances and to demonstrate the school's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Lennox School District's Business Office, 305 W. 5th Ave, P.O. Box 38, Lennox, SD 57039.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Net Position – Government-Wide
June 30, 2025

	Primary Government		
	Governmental	Business-Type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 8,431,122	\$ 457,401	\$ 8,888,523
Accounts receivable	664,207	10,603	674,810
Taxes receivable	3,918,757	--	3,918,757
Inventories	--	19,469	19,469
Other assets	5,439	2,861	8,300
Net pension asset	11,380	--	11,380
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	16,148,336	--	16,148,336
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	32,404,224	135,928	32,540,152
Total Assets	61,583,465	626,262	62,209,727
Deferred Outflows of Resources:			
OPEB-related deferred outflows	95,439	--	95,439
Pension-related deferred outflows	2,164,280	--	2,164,280
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,259,719	--	2,259,719
Liabilities:			
Unearned revenue	--	33,338	33,338
Other current liabilities	1,670,174	63,053	1,733,227
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	1,257,469	--	1,257,469
Due in more than one year	27,902,948	--	27,902,948
Total Liabilities	30,830,591	96,391	30,926,982
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Taxes levied for future periods	3,810,688	--	3,810,688
Pension related deferred inflows	1,435,884	--	1,435,884
OBEP-related deferred inflows	459,642	--	459,642
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,706,214	--	5,706,214
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	22,565,503	135,928	22,701,431
Restricted for:			
Capital outlay	1,652,013	--	1,652,013
Special education	602,697	--	602,697
Debt service	1,111,743	--	1,111,743
SDRS pension purposes	739,776	--	739,776
Unrestricted	634,647	393,943	1,028,590
Total Net Position	\$ 27,306,379	\$ 529,871	\$ 27,836,250

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Activities – Government-Wide
June 30, 2025

				Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
				Primary Government		
		Program Revenues				
		Charges for	Operating	Governmental	Business-Type	
Functions/Programs	Expenses	Services	Grants and Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Governmental Activities:						
Instruction	\$ 7,257,376	\$ --	\$ 376,729	\$ (6,880,647)	\$ --	\$ (6,880,647)
Support services	6,026,403	--	--	(6,026,403)	--	(6,026,403)
Nonprogrammed charges	106,938	--	--	(106,938)	--	(106,938)
Interest on long-term debt*	633,800	--	--	(633,800)	--	(633,800)
Cocurricular activities	708,928	57,543	--	(651,385)	--	(651,385)
Total Governmental Activities	14,733,445	57,543	376,729	(14,299,173)	--	(14,299,173)
Business-Type Activities:						
Food service	902,893	557,571	248,822	--	(96,500)	(96,500)
Other enterprise	387,363	427,205	10,173	--	50,015	50,015
Total Business Type Activities	1,290,256	984,776	258,995	--	(46,485)	(46,485)
Total Primary Government	\$ 16,023,701	\$ 1,042,319	\$ 635,724	(14,299,173)	(46,485)	(14,345,658)
General Revenues:						
Taxes:						
Property taxes				8,425,477	--	8,425,477
Gross receipts taxes				319,085	--	319,085
Revenue from state sources:						
State aid				4,848,238	--	4,848,238
Other				621,018	--	621,018
Unrestricted investment earnings				343,166	12,574	355,740
Other general revenues				461,135	--	461,135
Transfers				3,402	(3,402)	--
Total General Revenues, Extraordinary items, and Transfers				15,021,521	9,172	15,030,693
Change in Net Position				722,348	(37,313)	685,035
Net Position - Beginning of Year				26,584,031	567,184	27,151,215
Net Position - End of Year				\$ 27,306,379	\$ 529,871	\$ 27,836,250

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025

	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption Funds	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
Assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,762,363	\$ 1,546,173	\$ 659,064	\$ 1,109,365	\$ 3,354,157	\$ 8,431,122
Accounts receivable	20,618	4,901	--	--	--	25,519
Taxes receivable - current	1,469,812	1,133,253	722,939	484,684	--	3,810,688
Taxes receivable - delinquent	57,768	28,584	19,339	2,378	--	108,069
Due from other governments	371,182	115,338	147,168	--	--	633,688
Due from other fund	--	--	--	--	5,000	5,000
Prepaid items	5,439	--	--	--	--	5,439
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,687,182</u>	<u>\$ 2,828,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,427</u>	<u>\$ 3,359,157</u>	<u>\$ 13,019,525</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances:						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$ 96,571	\$ 42,983	\$ 16,221	\$ --	\$ 570,012	\$ 725,787
Contracts payable	638,999	--	171,932	--	--	810,931
Sales Tax Payable	26	--	--	--	--	26
Due to Other Fund	5,000	--	--	--	--	5,000
Payroll deductions and withholding and employer matching payable	93,709	--	34,721	--	--	128,430
Total Liabilities	<u>834,305</u>	<u>42,983</u>	<u>222,874</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>570,012</u>	<u>1,670,174</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:						
Taxes levied for future period	1,469,812	1,133,253	722,939	484,684	--	3,810,688
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	57,768	28,584	19,339	2,378	--	108,069
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,527,580</u>	<u>1,161,837</u>	<u>742,278</u>	<u>487,062</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>3,918,757</u>
Fund Balances:						
Nonspendable - prepaid items	5,439	--	--	--	--	5,439
Restricted:						
For capital outlay	--	1,623,429	--	--	2,789,145	4,412,574
For special education	--	--	583,358	--	--	583,358
For debt service	--	--	--	1,109,365	--	1,109,365
Assigned	55,316	--	--	--	--	55,316
Unassigned	1,264,542	--	--	--	--	1,264,542
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,325,297</u>	<u>1,623,429</u>	<u>583,358</u>	<u>1,109,365</u>	<u>2,789,145</u>	<u>7,430,594</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 3,687,182</u>	<u>\$ 2,828,249</u>	<u>\$ 1,548,510</u>	<u>\$ 1,596,427</u>	<u>\$ 3,359,157</u>	<u>\$ 13,019,525</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

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June 30, 2025

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 7,430,594
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	48,552,560
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Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.

Leases	(105,377)	
GO Bonds	(18,573,277)	
Other Postemployment Benefits Payable	(384,215)	
Capital Outlay Certificates	(9,985,000)	
Compensated Absences	(7,285)	
Retirement Payable	<u>(105,263)</u>	(29,160,417)

Assets, such as taxes receivable that are not available to pay for current period expenditures, are deferred in the funds.	108,069
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Net pension asset reported in governmental activities is not an available financial resource and therefore is not reported in the funds.	11,380
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Pension and OPEB related deferred inflows are components of non current liabilities and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(1,895,526)
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Pension and OPEB related deferred outflows are components of non current assets and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>2,259,719</u>
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Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ 27,306,379</u></u>
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Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Bond Redemption Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues						
Revenue from Local Sources:						
Taxes:						
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 3,192,987	\$ 2,484,186	\$ 1,617,676	\$ 993,030	\$ --	\$ 8,287,879
Prior years' ad valorem taxes	30,576	19,232	12,631	7,958	--	70,397
Utility taxes	319,085	--	--	--	--	319,085
Penalties and interest on taxes	8,141	5,347	3,471	2,573	--	19,532
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	38,803	17,905	12,549	17,814	256,095	343,166
Cocurricular Activities:						
Admissions	46,372	--	--	--	--	46,372
Rentals	480	--	--	--	--	480
Other student activity income	10,691	--	--	--	--	10,691
Other Revenue from Local Sources:						
Rentals	1,065	--	--	--	--	1,065
Contributions and donations	47,318	40,307	--	--	913	88,538
Charges for services	26,542	--	21,367	--	--	47,909
Other	37,924	252,221	--	--	5,000	295,145
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:						
County Sources:						
County apportionment	38,340	--	--	--	--	38,340
Revenue from State Sources:						
Grants-in-Aid:						
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	4,848,238	--	--	--	--	4,848,238
Restricted grants-in-aid	10,024	--	610,994	--	--	621,018
Revenue from Federal Sources:						
Grants-in-Aid:						
Restricted grants-in-aid received from federal government through the state	85,279	17,666	273,784	--	--	376,729
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 8,741,865</u>	<u>\$ 2,836,864</u>	<u>\$ 2,552,472</u>	<u>\$ 1,021,375</u>	<u>\$ 262,008</u>	<u>\$ 15,414,584</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025 (Continued)

	General	Capital Outlay	Special Education	Bond Redemption Funds	Capital Projects	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Expenditures</u>						
Instructional Services:						
Regular programs:						
Elementary	\$ 2,371,496	\$ 249,206	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 2,620,702
Middle/junior high	748,126	20,450	--	--	--	768,576
High school	1,310,825	371,644	--	--	--	1,682,469
Special programs:						
Programs for special education	--	--	1,626,027	--	--	1,626,027
Culturally different	27,253	--	--	--	--	27,253
Educationally deprived	40,816	--	--	--	--	40,816
Support Services:						
Students:						
Attendance and social work	17,000	--	--	--	--	17,000
Guidance	238,747	--	81,605	--	--	320,352
Health	112,283	--	--	--	--	112,283
Psychological	--	--	189,257	--	--	189,257
Speech pathology	--	--	278,661	--	--	278,661
Student therapy services	--	--	86,892	--	--	86,892
Instructional Staff:						
Improvement of instruction	144,262	--	2,293	--	--	146,555
Educational media	312,678	39,399	--	--	--	352,077
General Administration:						
Board of education	121,661	--	--	--	--	121,661
Executive administration	181,038	529	--	--	--	181,567
School Administration:						
Office of the principal	693,705	--	--	--	--	693,705
Other	2,124	--	--	--	--	2,124
Business:						
Fiscal services	289,122	3,277	--	--	--	292,399
Facilities acquisition and construction	--	--	--	--	7,991	7,991
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,451,136	182,173	--	--	--	1,633,309
Student transportation	468,946	2,037	--	--	--	470,983
Internal services	8,419	--	--	--	--	8,419
Other	5,130	--	--	--	--	5,130
Special Education:						
Administrative costs	--	--	200,727	--	--	200,727
Transportation costs	--	--	25,219	--	--	25,219

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds
June 30, 2025 (Continued)

	<u>General</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Special Education</u>	<u>Bond Redemption Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Nonprogrammed Charges:						
Payments to state - unemployment	\$ 1,585	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 1,585
Early retirement payments	16,501	--	--	--	--	16,501
Debt Services	--	1,176,661	--	425,700	--	1,602,361
Cocurricular Activities:						
Male activities	114,120	20,332	--	--	--	134,452
Female activities	73,020	16,918	--	--	--	89,938
Transportation	38,778	--	--	--	--	38,778
Combined activities	309,906	60,555	--	--	--	370,461
Capital Outlay	--	784,875	--	--	12,369,135	13,154,010
Total Expenditures	<u>9,098,677</u>	<u>2,928,056</u>	<u>2,490,681</u>	<u>425,700</u>	<u>12,377,126</u>	<u>27,320,240</u>
Excess of Revenue Over (Under) Expenditures	(356,812)	(91,192)	61,791	595,675	(12,115,118)	(11,905,656)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):						
Transfer in	211,670	--	--	--	--	211,670
Transfer out	--	(177,905)	(12,549)	(17,814)	--	(208,268)
Sale of surplus property	6,666	--	--	--	--	6,666
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>218,336</u>	<u>(177,905)</u>	<u>(12,549)</u>	<u>(17,814)</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>10,068</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(138,476)	(269,097)	49,242	577,861	(12,115,118)	(11,895,588)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>1,463,773</u>	<u>1,892,526</u>	<u>534,116</u>	<u>531,504</u>	<u>14,904,263</u>	<u>19,326,182</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 1,325,297</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,623,429</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 583,358</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,109,365</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,789,145</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,430,594</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities June 30, 2025

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds \$ (11,895,588)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

This amount represents capital assets purchases which are reported as expenditures on the fund financial statements but increase assets on the government wide statements.

13,154,010

The amount represents the current year depreciation expense reported in the statement of activities which is not reported on the fund financials because it does not require the use of current financial resources.

(1,103,396)

In the statement of activities, gains and losses on disposal of capital assets are reported, whereas, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the disposal of capital assets is reflected, regardless of whether a gain or loss is realized. (+gains, -losses, -proceeds=amount)

(16,528)

Payment of principal on long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds but the payment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position.

GO Bond

136,807

Lease

56,754

CO Certificate

775,000

968,561

The recognition of revenues in the governmental funds differ from the recognition in the governmental activities in the fact that revenue accruals in the fund financial statements require the amounts to be "available."

47,669

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.

(88,852)

Changes in the pension related deferred outflows/inflows are direct components of pension liability (asset) and are not reflected in the governmental funds.

(352,232)

Changes in the OPEB related deferred outflows/inflows are direct components of noncurrent liability (asset) and are not reflected in the governmental funds.

8,704

Change in net position of governmental activities

\$ 722,348

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service	OST/Preschool	
	Fund	Fund	Totals
Assets:			
Current Assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 272,252	\$ 185,149	\$ 457,401
Accounts receivable, net	--	10,603	10,603
Inventory of Supplies	7,398	--	7,398
Inventory - stores for resale	12,071	--	12,071
Prepaid Expenses	2,861	--	2,861
Total Current Assets	<u>294,582</u>	<u>195,752</u>	<u>490,334</u>
Noncurrent Assets:			
Machinery and equipment - local funds	429,370	--	429,370
Less accumulated depreciation	(293,442)	--	(293,442)
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>135,928</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>135,928</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 430,510</u>	<u>\$ 195,752</u>	<u>\$ 626,262</u>
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,065	\$ 5,448	\$ 6,513
Contracts payable	1,608	49,251	50,859
Accrued payroll expenses	2,072	3,609	5,681
Unearned revenue	28,192	5,146	33,338
Total Current Liabilities	<u>32,937</u>	<u>63,454</u>	<u>96,391</u>
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	135,928	--	135,928
Unrestricted net position	<u>261,645</u>	<u>132,298</u>	<u>393,943</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 397,573</u>	<u>\$ 132,298</u>	<u>\$ 529,871</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service Fund	OST/Preschool Fund	Totals
Operating Revenue:			
Tuition and Fees:			
Regular day school tuition	\$ --	\$ 97,673	\$ 97,673
Driver's education fees	--	13,725	13,725
Other fees	--	1,767	1,767
Afterschool fees	--	305,856	305,856
Food Sales:			
Student	553,729	6,221	559,950
Adult	3,842	--	3,842
Other charges for goods and services	--	1,963	1,963
Total Operating Revenue	<u>557,571</u>	<u>427,205</u>	<u>984,776</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Food Service:			
Salaries	332,369	310,021	642,390
Employee benefits	103,361	46,353	149,714
Purchased services	10,513	975	11,488
Supplies	24,145	9,575	33,720
Cost of sales - purchased	321,099	17,631	338,730
Cost of sales - donated	61,017	--	61,017
Other	6,089	2,808	8,897
Depreciation	18,448	--	18,448
Total Operating Expenses	<u>877,041</u>	<u>387,363</u>	<u>1,264,404</u>
Operating Income(Loss)	(319,470)	39,842	(279,628)
Nonoperating Revenues/Expenses:			
Investment Earnings	9,172	3,402	12,574
Other local revenue	5,697	--	5,697
State grants	1,625	--	1,625
Federal grants	180,483	10,173	190,656
Donated food	61,017	--	61,017
Loss on disposal of assets	(25,852)	--	(25,852)
Total Nonoperating Revenue/ (Expenses)	<u>232,142</u>	<u>13,575</u>	<u>245,717</u>
Income (Loss) Before Transfers	(87,328)	53,417	(33,911)
Transfer out	<u>--</u>	<u>(3,402)</u>	<u>(3,402)</u>
Change in Net Position	(87,328)	50,015	(37,313)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>484,901</u>	<u>82,283</u>	<u>567,184</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 397,573</u>	<u>\$ 132,298</u>	<u>\$ 529,871</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Funds
June 30, 2025

	Enterprise Funds		
	Food Service Fund	OST/Preschool Fund	Totals
Cash Flows from Operating Activities			
Cash receipts from customers	\$ 559,303	\$ 428,639	\$ 987,942
Cash payments to suppliers	(366,371)	(30,934)	(397,305)
Cash payments to employees	(435,224)	(355,509)	(790,733)
Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities	(242,292)	42,196	(200,096)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:			
Transfers Out	--	(3,402)	(3,402)
Other local revenue	5,697	--	5,697
Cash reimbursements - state	1,625	--	1,625
Cash reimbursements - federal	180,483	10,173	190,656
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	187,805	6,771	194,576
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:			
Capital assets purchased	(31,721)	--	(31,721)
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	(31,721)	--	(31,721)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:			
Investment Earnings	6,311	3,402	9,713
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	6,311	3,402	9,713
Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(79,897)	52,369	(27,528)
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	352,149	132,780	484,929
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	<u>\$ 272,252</u>	<u>\$ 185,149</u>	<u>\$ 457,401</u>
Reconciliation of Operating (Loss) to Net Cash (Used) by Operating Activities:			
Operating (Loss)	\$ (319,470)	\$ 39,842	\$ (279,628)
Adjustments to reconcile operating (loss) to net cash (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	18,448	--	18,448
Value of commodities used	61,017	--	61,017
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	464	(1,022)	(558)
Inventory	(5,203)	--	(5,203)
Deferred revenue	1,268	2,456	3,724
Contracts payable	978	1,052	2,030
Accrued payroll expenses	(472)	(187)	(659)
Accounts payable	678	55	733
Net cash (used) by operating activities:	<u>\$ (242,292)</u>	<u>\$ 42,196</u>	<u>\$ (200,096)</u>
Noncash Investing, Capital and Financing Activities			
Value of commodities received	<u>\$ 61,017</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 61,017</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2025

	Private -Purpose Trust Funds	Custodial Funds
Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40,721	\$ 100,017
Accounts receivable	--	1,337
	<u>40,721</u>	<u>1,337</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 40,721</u>	<u>\$ 101,354</u>
Accounts payable	\$ --	\$ 5,590
Total Liabilities	<u>--</u>	<u>5,590</u>
Net Position:		
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>40,721</u>	<u>95,764</u>
Total Net Position	<u>40,721</u>	<u>95,764</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Position	<u>\$ 40,721</u>	<u>\$ 101,354</u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2025

	Private-Purpose Trust Funds	Custodial Funds
Additions:		
Contributions and donations	\$ 610	\$ --
Interest	3,682	--
Collections for student activities	--	324,447
	<u>4,292</u>	<u>324,447</u>
Total Additions	<u>4,292</u>	<u>324,447</u>
Deductions:		
Trust deductions for scholarships awarded	2,000	--
Payments for student activities	--	341,590
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>341,590</u>
Total Deductions	<u>2,000</u>	<u>341,590</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>2,292</u>	<u>(17,143)</u>
Net Position - Beginning	<u>38,429</u>	<u>112,907</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 40,721</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 95,764</u></u>

The accompanying Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this financial statement.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
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. Reporting Entity:

The reporting entity of Lennox School District No. 41-4, 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 organizations 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 has no component units.

The School District participates in a cooperative service unit with several 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. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements:

Government-Wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting entity as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity except for fiduciary funds. Eliminations have been made to minimize the double counting of internal activities.

These statements distinguish between the governmental and business-type activities of the School District. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other nonexchange transactions. Business-type activities are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods and services.

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

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June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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.

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 Laws (SDCL) 13-16-3 to meet all the general operational costs of the School District, excluding the capital outlay fund and special education fund expenditures. The General Fund is always a major fund.

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

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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 property taxes. 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 District. This fund is financed by grants and property taxes. This is a major fund.

Debt Service Funds – Debt Service funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs.

The Bond Redemption Funds: Funds established by SDCL 13-16-13 to account for the proceeds of a special property tax restricted to use for the payment of principal and interest on general obligation bonded debt. The 2023 General Obligation Bonds are paid from the High School Bond Redemption Fund. 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 Lennox High School Performing Arts Center and Auxiliary Gym Project is the current capital project maintained by the school and was opened in FY23.

Proprietary Funds:

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

1. 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.)
2. 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.
3. The pricing policies of the activity establish fees and charges designed to recover its costs, including capital costs (such as depreciation or debt service).

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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.

OST/Preschool Fund--A fund used to record financial transactions related to OST/Preschool programs conducted for the benefit of the children. This fund is financed by user charges and grants. 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 private-purpose trust funds for scholarships.

Custodial Fund Types – 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 to hold assets as an agent in a trustee capacity for various classes, clubs, and so on.

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 funds.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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 does not exceed one bill-paying cycle, and for the Lennox School District No. 41-4, the length of that cycle is 60 days. Revenues accrued at June 30, 2025 are amounts due from grants, accrued interest, and other receivables.

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

d. Interfund Eliminations and Reclassifications:

Government-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, as follows:

1. 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.

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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 in open-end mutual fund shares, or similar investments in external investment pools, are also considered to be cash equivalents.

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 or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated capital assets are valued at the 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.

For governmental activities capital assets, construction-period interest is not capitalized, in accordance with USGAAP, while, also for capital assets used in business-type activities/proprietary fund’s operations, construction period interest is also not capitalized in accordance with USGAAP.

The total June 30, 2025 balance of capital assets for governmental activities includes approximately 1.75% for which the costs were determined by estimates of the original costs. These estimated original costs were established by appraisals. The total June 30, 2025 balance of capital assets for business-type activities are valued at original costs.

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June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Depreciation/amortization of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the government-wide Statement of Activities, with net capital assets reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation/amortization methods and estimated useful lives of capital assets reported in the government-wide statements and proprietary funds are as follows:

	Capitalization Threshold	Depreciation/ Amortization Method	Estimated Useful Life
Land*	All Land	--	--
Buildings	\$ 50,000	Straight-line	50 years
Improvements	\$ 15,000	Straight-line	10-25 years
Intangible lease assets	\$ 45,000	Straight-line	5-50 years
Equipment - governmental activities	\$ 5,000	Straight-line	5-20 years
Equipment - proprietary funds	\$ 1,000	Straight-line	12 years

*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 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 statements. The long-term liabilities consist of bonds payable, capital outlay certificates payable, leases, OPEB, early retirement benefits payable, and compensated absences.

In the fund financial statements, debt proceeds are reported as revenues (other financing sources) and payments of principal and interest are reported as expenditures when they become due. The accounting for proprietary fund long-term debt is the accrual basis, the same in the fund statements as it is in the government-wide statements.

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June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

h. Leases:

The School District is a lessee for a noncancellable lease of copiers. The School District recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The School recognizes lease liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$45,000 or more.

At the commencement of a lease, the School District initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

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

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

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

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

i. Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements:

The School does not have any subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) with vendors to use vendor-provided information technology. If it did, it would recognize a subscription liability and an intangible right-to-use subscription asset (subscription asset) in the government-wide financial statements. The School recognizes subscription liabilities with an initial, individual value of \$45,000 or more.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

At the commencement of a subscription, The School initially measures the subscription liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the subscription term. Subsequently, the subscription liability is reduced by the principal portion of subscription payments made. The subscription asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the subscription liability, adjusted for subscription payments made at or before the subscription commencement date, plus certain initial implementation costs. Subsequently, the subscription asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over its useful life.

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

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

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

Subscription assets are reported with other capital assets and subscription liabilities are reported with long-term debt on the statement of net position.

j. Deferred Outflows/Inflows 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.

k. 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:

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Notes to the Financial Statements

June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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 nonexchange 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 nonexchange transactions with other governments, organizations, or individuals that are restricted for the acquisition of capital assets for use in a particular program.

l. 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.

m. 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.

n. 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."

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June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

Fund Financial Statements:

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance, and may distinguish 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.

o. 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 is available.

p. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures:

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) No. 54, Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions, the 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 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 nor 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 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 Government would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
June 30, 2025

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies: (Continued)

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

The purpose of each major special revenue fund and revenue source is listed below:

<u>Major Special Revenue Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>
Capital Outlay Fund	Taxes
Special Education Fund	Taxes

q. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

r. 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, 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.

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2. Deposits and Investments, Credit Risk, Concentrations of Credit Risk and Interest Rate Risk: (Continued)

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

As of June 30, 2025, the School District had no investments.

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.

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.

Concentration of Credit Risk – The School District places no limit on the amount that may be invested in any one issuer. The school district does not have any investments with an external investment pool as of June 30, 2025.

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 District's policy is to credit all income from deposits and investments to the General Fund except the Food Service Fund. USGAAP, on the other hand, requires income from deposits and investments to be reported in the fund whose assets generated that income. Where the governing board has discretion to credit investment income to a fund other than the fund that provided the resources for investments, a transfer to the designated fund is reported. Accordingly, in the fund financial statements, interfund transfers of investment earnings are reported, while in the government-wide financial statements, they have been eliminated, except for the net amounts transferred between governmental activities and business-type activities. These interfund transfers are not violations of the statutory restriction on interfund transfers.

3. Inventory:

Inventory held for consumption is stated at cost.

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

In the government-wide and in the enterprise fund financial statements, inventory items are initially recorded as assets and charged to expense in the various functions of government as they are consumed.

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3. Inventory: (Continued)

In the government fund financial statements, inventories in the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds consist of expendable supplies held for consumption. The cost is recorded as an expenditure at the time individual inventory items are purchased. Reported inventories are equally offset by a nonspendable fund balance classification which indicates that they do not constitute "available spendable resources" even though they are a component of net current assets.

4. Property Tax:

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 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."

5. 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. No allowance for estimated uncollectible accounts has been established, as the School District believes all receivables are ultimately collectable.

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6. Changes in Capital Assets:

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

	<u>7/1/2024</u>			<u>6/30/2025</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated/amortized:				
Land	\$ 445,534	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 445,534
Construction in progress	<u>3,287,152</u>	<u>12,418,726</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>15,702,802</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated/amortized	<u>3,732,686</u>	<u>12,418,726</u>	<u>3,076</u>	<u>16,148,336</u>
Capital assets being depreciated/amortized:				
Buildings	33,761,665	147,708	--	33,909,373
Improvements	5,663,383	378,533	--	6,041,916
Machinery & equipment	3,217,369	204,063	96,600	3,324,832
Intangible lease assets	214,431	--	--	214,431
Library books	<u>653,882</u>	<u>8,056</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>661,938</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized	<u>43,510,730</u>	<u>738,360</u>	<u>96,600</u>	<u>44,152,490</u>
Less accumulated depreciation/amortization for:				
Buildings	7,306,244	456,294	--	7,762,538
Improvements	1,262,627	285,670	--	1,548,297
Machinery & equipment	1,641,009	270,752	80,072	1,831,689
Intangible lease assets	54,933	57,583	--	112,516
Library books	<u>460,129</u>	<u>33,097</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>493,226</u>
Total accumulated depreciation/amortization	<u>10,724,942</u>	<u>1,103,396</u>	<u>80,072</u>	<u>11,748,266</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated/amortized, net	<u>32,785,788</u>	<u>(365,036)</u>	<u>16,528</u>	<u>32,404,224</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 36,518,474</u>	<u>\$ 12,053,690</u>	<u>\$ 19,604</u>	<u>\$ 48,552,560</u>

Depreciation/amortization expense was charged to functions as follows:

Instruction	\$ 491,532
Support services	478,982
Amortization	57,583
Co-curricular activities	<u>75,299</u>
Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 1,103,396</u>

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6. Changes in Capital Assets: (Continued)

	<u>7/1/2024</u> Balance	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>6/30/2025</u> Balance
Business-Type Activities:				
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Equipment	\$ 446,951	\$ 31,721	\$ 49,302	\$ 429,370
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>298,444</u>	<u>18,448</u>	<u>23,450</u>	<u>293,442</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 148,507</u>	<u>\$ 13,273</u>	<u>\$ 25,852</u>	<u>\$ 135,928</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to functions as follows:

Business-type activities:	
Food service	<u>\$ 18,448</u>

Construction Work in Progress at June 30, 2025 is comprised of the following:

<u>Project name</u>	<u>Project</u> <u>Authorization</u>	<u>Expended</u> <u>Through</u> <u>6/30/2025</u>	<u>Committed</u>
LHS Performing Arts Center and Auxiliary Gym	<u>\$ 18,020,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,702,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,198</u>
Total Construction in Progress	<u>\$ 18,020,000</u>	<u>\$ 15,702,802</u>	<u>\$ 2,317,198</u>

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7. Long-Term Liabilities:

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

Primary Government	7/1/2024	Increase	Decrease	6/30/2025	Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities:					
Bonds and CO Certificates Payable:					
General obligation bonds	\$ 17,000,000	\$ --	\$ --	\$ 17,000,000	\$ 225,000
Plus: Unamortized Premiums	1,710,084	--	136,807	1,573,277	68,403
Capital outlay certificates	10,760,000	--	775,000	9,985,000	800,000
	<u>29,470,084</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>911,807</u>	<u>28,558,277</u>	<u>1,093,403</u>
Other Liabilities:					
Compensated absences	7,195	90	--	7,285	--
OPEB	350,160	51,624	17,569	384,215	--
Early retirement payable	16,501	105,263	16,501	105,263	105,263
Leases	162,131	--	56,754	105,377	58,803
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>\$ 30,006,071</u>	<u>\$ 156,977</u>	<u>\$ 1,002,631</u>	<u>\$ 29,160,417</u>	<u>\$ 1,257,469</u>

Compensated absences, early retirement benefits, and other post-employment benefits for governmental activities typically have been liquidated from the General Fund.

Capital Outlay Certificates at June 30, 2025 is comprised of the following:

Lennox School District No 41-4 Capital Outlay Certificate Bonds, Series 2017A	During 2017, the School District entered into an agreement to receive Capital Outlay Certificate Bonds in the amount of \$2,400,000. There is a varying interest rate from 1.35 to 3.00% assessed on these bonds. Final payment is June 2031. The Capital Outlay Fund makes payment on this debt.	\$ 1,500,000
Lennox School District No 41-4 Capital Outlay Certificate Bonds, Series 2017B	During 2017, the School District entered into an agreement to receive Capital Outlay Certificate Bonds in the amount of \$2,775,000. There is a varying interest rate from 1.35 to 3.00% assessed on these bonds. Final payment is August, 2033. The Capital Outlay Fund makes payment on this debt.	\$ 2,010,000

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7. Long-Term Liabilities: (Continued)

Lennox School District No 41-4 Capital Outlay Certificate Bonds, Series 2018	During 2018, the School District entered into an agreement to receive Capital Outlay Certificates in the amount of \$7,800,000. There is a varying interest rate from 4.00 to 3.00% assessed on these certificates. Final payment is June 2039. The Capital Outlay Fund makes payment on this debt.	\$ 6,475,000
Lennox School District No 41-4 GO Bonds, Series 2023	During FY2024, the School District entered into an agreement to receive GO Bonds in the amount of \$17,000,000. There is an interest rate of 5.00% assessed on these certificates. Final payment is August 2048. The Bond Redemption Fund makes payment on this debt.	\$ 17,000,000

Other liabilities at June 30, 2025 is comprised of the following:

Compensated Absences –		
Payable from the fund to which payroll expenditures are charged.	\$	7,285
Early Retirement Payable –		
Retirement benefits payable to participating employees; semi-annual payments are made from the General Fund.	\$	105,263
OPEB –		
Obligations to individuals who are retired or will retire from the School District and will receive post-employment benefits. Payments are made from the General Fund.	\$	384,215
Leases –		
Copier lease due in annual installments of \$44,550 including interest at 3%; final maturity in June 2027; Payments are made from the Capital Outlay Fund.	\$	86,109
Phone lease due in annual installments of \$16,953 including interest at 4.2%; final maturity in August 2026; Payments are made from the Capital Outlay Fund.	\$	19,268

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7. Long-Term Liabilities: (Continued)

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding, other than other post-employment benefits outstanding at June 30, 2025, are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Capital Outlay Certificates		Early Retirement Payable		GO Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 800,000	\$ 314,383	\$ 105,263	\$ --	\$ 293,403	\$ 844,375
2027	825,000	289,584	--	--	333,403	832,125
2028	850,000	265,365	--	--	383,403	817,625
2029	870,000	240,500	--	--	398,403	801,500
2030	900,000	213,328	--	--	408,403	784,750
2031-2035	3,555,000	691,004	--	--	2,882,017	3,595,750
2036-2040	2,185,000	177,684	--	--	4,112,017	2,800,750
2041-2045	--	--	--	--	5,557,017	1,684,875
2046-2050	--	--	--	--	4,205,211	308,000
Totals	<u>\$ 9,985,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,191,848</u>	<u>\$ 105,263</u>	<u>\$ --</u>	<u>\$ 18,573,277</u>	<u>\$ 12,469,750</u>

Year Ending, June 30,	Leases		Totals	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2026	\$ 58,803	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,257,469	\$ 1,161,458
2027	46,574	796	1,204,977	1,122,505
2028	--	--	1,233,403	1,082,990
2029	--	--	1,268,403	1,042,000
2030	--	--	1,308,403	998,078
2031-2035	--	--	6,437,017	4,286,754
2036-2040	--	--	6,297,017	2,978,434
2041-2045	--	--	5,557,017	1,684,875
2046-2050	--	--	4,205,211	308,000
Totals	<u>\$ 105,377</u>	<u>\$ 3,496</u>	<u>\$ 28,768,917</u>	<u>\$ 14,665,094</u>

8. Interfund Transfers:

Transfers to/from other funds at June 30, 2025, consist of the following:

Transfer interest income from Capital Outlay, Bond Redemption, Special Education, and Other Enterprise Funds to General Fund.	\$ 51,670
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8. Interfund Transfers: (Continued)

Transfer from the Capital Outlay Fund to the General Fund \$ 160,000
under the allowable percentage permitted by SDCL 13-16-6
to supplement the General Fund balance with unused Capital
Outlay funds.

9. Restricted Net Position:

Restricted Net Position for the year ended June 30, 2025 was as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Restricted By</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Major Purposes:		
Capital Outlay	Law	\$ 1,652,013
Special Education	Law	602,697
Debt Service	Debt Covenant	1,111,743
SDRS Pension Purposes	Law	739,776
Total		<u>\$ 4,106,229</u>

10. Pension Plan:

a. 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 administrated by SDRS to provide retirement benefits for employees of the State of South Dakota and its political subdivisions. The SDRS provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Authority for establishing, administering and amending plan provisions are found in SDCL 3-12. The SDRS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained at <http://sdrs.sd.gov/publications.aspx> or by writing to the SDRS, P.O. Box 1098, Pierre, SD 57501-1098 or by calling (605)773-3731.

b. Benefits Provided:

SDRS has four classes of members: 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.

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10. Pension Plan: (Continued)

Members That were hired before July 1, 2017, are Foundation members. Class A Foundation members and Class B Foundations 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 earning 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:
 - 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 percent to 0.0 percent.

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

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10. Pension Plan: (Continued)

c. Contributions:

Per SDCL 3-12, contribution requirements of the active employees and 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 years ended June 30, 2025, 2024, and 2023, equal to required contributions each year, were as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2025	\$ 483,074
2024	526,783
2023	443,210

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

At June 30, 2024, SDRS is 100.0% funded and accordingly has a net pension asset. The proportionate shares of the components of the net pension asset of South Dakota Retirement System, for the School District as of the measurement period ending June 30, 2024 and reported by the School District as of June 30, 2025 are as follows:

Proportionate share of pension liability	\$ 41,940,753
Less proportionate share of net pension restricted for pension benefits	<u>41,952,133</u>
Proportionate share of net pension (asset)	<u><u>\$ (11,380)</u></u>

At June 30, 2025, the School District reported an (asset) of (\$11,380) for its proportionate share of the net pension (asset). The net pension (asset) was measured as of June 30, 2024 and the total pension (asset) 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, 2023, the School District's proportion was 0.28113700%, which is a decrease of 0.0052450% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2023.

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10. Pension Plan: (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District recognized a pension expense of \$352,232. At June 30, 2025, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,053,828	\$ --
Changes in assumption	187,629	1,430,211
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	428,668	--
Changes in proportion and difference between district contributions and proportionate share of contributions	11,081	5,673
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	483,074	--
Total	<u>\$ 2,164,280</u>	<u>\$ 1,435,884</u>

\$483,074 reported as deferred outflow 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	\$ (395,749)
2027	550,046
2028	57,811
2029	34,918
Total	<u>\$ 247,026</u>

e. Actuarial Assumptions:

The total pension liability (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, 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%

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10. Pension Plan: (Continued)

Mortality Rates:

All mortality rates based on the 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

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 2% per year until 111% rates at age 83 and above

Public Safety Retirees: 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, 2023.

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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Public Equity	56.3%	3.6%
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	100.0%	

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10. Pension Plan: (Continued)

f. Discount Rate:

The discount rate used to measure the total pension (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).

g. Sensitivity of Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the School District's proportionate share of net pension (asset) calculated using the discount rate of 6.50%, as well as what the School's proportionate share of the net pension (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>
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	<u>\$ 5,782,881</u>	<u>\$ (11,380)</u>	<u>\$ (4,752,891)</u>

h. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

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

i. Payables to the Pension Plan:

No payables were reported to the defined benefit plan at end of year.

11. Risk Management:

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort; 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:

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11. Risk Management: (Continued)

Employee Health Insurance

The School District joined the Northern Plains Insurance Pool. This is a risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for local government entities. The school District pays a monthly premium to the pool to provide health insurance coverage for its employees. The pool purchases coverage from Wellmark with the premiums it receives from the members. The coverage includes the option of four different plans with a deductible from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

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

Unemployment Benefits

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

During the year ended June 30, 2025, two claims for unemployment were filed, resulting in \$1,585 of payments. At June 30, 2025, no claims had been filed for unemployment benefits and none are anticipated in the next fiscal year.

12. Postemployment Healthcare Plan:

Plan Description: Lennox School District has a pooled defined benefit medical plan administered by Wellmark. The Plan provides medical and prescription drug insurance benefits to eligible retirees and their spouses. After eligibility for retiree benefits is established, retirees must pay premiums until they are eligible for Medicare. SDCL 6-1-16 specifically allows any school district to provide health insurance for retiring employees and their immediate families. The liability exists because of an implicit subsidy of costs of the benefits to retirees of the district. The Plan issues a publicly available actuarial report that includes required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Lennox School District, P.O. Box 38, Lennox, SD 57039 or by calling 1 (605) 647-2202.

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12. Postemployment Healthcare Plan: (Continued)

Funding Policy: The district funds the postemployment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. Because the district does not use a trust fund to administer the financing of other postemployment benefits, no separate financial statements are required.

Employees covered by benefit terms: At June 30, 2025, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Retirees currently receiving benefit payments	3
Active Employees	<u>163</u>
	<u><u>166</u></u>

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions: Where consistent with the terms of the plan, actuarial assumptions have utilized the assumptions for the South Dakota Retirement System (SDRS as provided in the June 30, 2024 Actuarial Valuation Report. See Note 10 – Pension Note.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Beginning of Year Balance	\$ 350,160
Service cost	37,580
Interest on total OPEB liability	14,044
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	(11,532)
Benefit payments	<u>(6,037)</u>
End of Year Balance	<u><u>\$ 384,215</u></u>

Sensitivity of Liability (Asset) to Changes in the Discount Rate:

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the District calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate of 2.16%.

	<u>1% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1% Increase</u>
Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 427,695</u>	<u>\$ 384,215</u>	<u>\$ 346,646</u>

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12. Postemployment Healthcare Plan: (Continued)

For the year ended June 30, 2025, the School District recognized an OPEB revenue of \$8,705. At June 30, 2025, the School District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 51,695	\$ 39,792
Changes in assumption	<u>43,744</u>	<u>419,850</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 95,439</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 459,642</u></u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense (revenue) as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2026	\$ (54,292)
2027	(54,002)
2028	(50,068)
2029	(48,456)
2030	(43,965)
Thereafter	<u>(113,420)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ (364,203)</u></u>

13. Joint Ventures:

The School District participates in the East Dakota Educational Cooperative, a cooperative service unit (co-op) formed for the purpose of providing education services to the member school districts.

The members of the co-op and their relative percentage participation in the co-op are as follows:

Lennox School District	15%
Brandon Valley School District	66%
West Central School District	19%

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

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13. Joint Ventures: (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2025, this joint venture had total assets of \$2,359,431, total liabilities of \$304,172 and net position of \$2,055,259 in the General and Special Education Funds.

14. Early Retirement Plan:

The District maintains an early retirement plan for certified teachers and administrators. The plan is available to employees who choose early retirement starting at the ages of 54 for teachers or 55 for administrators and have at least fifteen years of continuous service with the District. Under the plan, the District will pay 80% of the current salary contract. Such amounts are payable in six equal installments, spread over the next three years following retirement. The District uses the expected future benefit payment amounts as the method for disclosure. During fiscal year 2025, 1 employee participated in the early retirement plan. The amount paid for such benefits during the year was \$16,501.

15. Subsequent Events:

Subsequent events have been evaluated through the date of the independent auditor's report which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

Required Supplementary Information

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund – Budgetary Basis
 June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final	Amounts	
Revenues				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 3,282,920	\$ 3,282,920	\$ 3,192,987	\$ (89,933)
Prior years' ad valorem taxes	20,000	20,000	30,576	10,576
Utility taxes	330,000	330,000	319,085	(10,915)
Penalties and interest on taxes	10,000	10,000	8,141	(1,859)
Earnings on Investments and Deposits	75,000	75,000	38,803	(36,197)
Cocurricular Activities:				
Admissions	41,500	41,500	46,372	4,872
Rentals	500	500	480	(20)
Other student activity income	4,050	4,050	10,691	6,641
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Rentals	500	500	1,065	565
Contributions and donations	29,500	29,500	47,318	17,818
Charges for services	26,000	26,000	26,542	542
Other	33,900	33,900	37,924	4,024
Revenue from Intermediate Sources:				
County Sources:				
County apportionment	38,000	38,000	38,340	340
Revenue from State Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Unrestricted grants-in-aid	5,008,402	5,008,402	4,848,238	(160,164)
Restricted grants-in-aid	10,024	10,024	10,024	--
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted grants-in-aid received from federal government through the state	92,691	92,691	85,279	(7,412)
Total Revenues	\$ 9,002,987	\$ 9,002,987	\$ 8,741,865	\$ (261,122)

The accompanying Notes to Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of these financial statements.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund – Budgetary Basis
 June 30, 2025 (Continued)

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
Expenditures				Positive
				(Negative)
Instructional Services:				
Regular Programs:				
Elementary	\$ 2,385,269	\$ 2,385,269	\$ 2,371,496	\$ 13,773
Middle/junior high	748,126	748,126	748,126	--
High school	1,317,435	1,317,435	1,310,825	6,610
Special programs				
Culturally different	27,257	27,257	27,253	4
Educationally deprived	40,816	40,816	40,816	--
Support Services:				
Students:				
Attendance and social work	17,000	17,000	17,000	--
Guidance	246,870	246,870	238,747	8,123
Health	115,470	115,470	112,283	3,187
Instructional Staff:				
Improvement of instruction	157,340	157,340	144,262	13,078
Educational media	318,621	318,621	312,678	5,943
General Administration:				
Board of education	122,441	122,441	121,661	780
Executive administration	235,440	235,440	181,038	54,402
School Administration:				
Office of the principal	706,546	706,546	693,705	12,841
Other	2,400	2,400	2,124	276
Business:				
Fiscal services	291,538	291,538	289,122	2,416
Operation and maintenance of plant	1,467,228	1,467,228	1,451,136	16,092
Student transportation	468,944	468,944	468,946	(2)
Internal service	8,420	8,420	8,419	1
Other	6,500	6,500	5,130	1,370
Nonprogrammed Charges:				
Payments to state - unemployment	1,585	1,585	1,585	--
Early retirement payments	16,502	16,502	16,501	1
Cocurricular Activities:				
Male activities	114,120	114,120	114,120	--
Female activities	81,318	81,318	73,020	8,298
Transportation	38,779	38,779	38,778	1
Combined activities	315,910	315,910	309,906	6,004
Total Expenditures	<u>9,251,875</u>	<u>9,251,875</u>	<u>9,098,677</u>	<u>153,198</u>
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>(248,888)</u>	<u>(248,888)</u>	<u>(356,812)</u>	<u>(107,924)</u>
Other Financing Sources:				
Operating transfers in	160,000	160,000	211,670	51,670
Sale of surplus property	--	--	6,666	6,666
Total Other Financing Sources:	<u>160,000</u>	<u>160,000</u>	<u>218,336</u>	<u>58,336</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(88,888)	(88,888)	(138,476)	(49,588)
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	1,463,773	1,463,773	1,463,773	--
Fund Balance, End of year	<u>\$ 1,374,885</u>	<u>\$ 1,374,885</u>	<u>\$ 1,325,297</u>	<u>\$ (49,588)</u>

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Lennox School District No. 41-4
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Capital Outlay Fund – Budgetary Basis
 June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,503,835	\$ 2,503,835	\$ 2,484,186	\$ (19,649)
Prior years' ad valorem taxes	3,000	3,000	19,232	16,232
Penalties and interest on taxes	2,000	2,000	5,347	3,347
Earnings on Investments & Deposits	--	--	17,905	17,905
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Contributions and donations	44,436	44,436	40,307	(4,129)
Other	247,225	247,225	252,221	4,996
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted grants-in-aid received from federal government through the state	17,667	17,667	17,666	(1)
Total Revenues	<u>2,818,163</u>	<u>2,818,163</u>	<u>2,836,864</u>	<u>18,701</u>
Expenditures				
Instructional Services:				
Regular Programs:				
Elementary	246,505	246,505	249,206	(2,701)
Middle/junior high	28,359	28,359	20,450	7,909
High school	373,133	373,133	371,644	1,489
Support Services:				
Students:				
Health	500	500	--	500
Instructional Staff:				
Educational media	42,569	42,569	39,399	3,170
General Administration:				
Executive administration	1,000	1,000	529	471
Business:				
Fiscal services	3,278	3,278	3,277	1
Operation and maintenance of plant	738,823	738,823	747,720	(8,897)
Student transportation	160,278	160,278	160,278	--
Debt Services	1,176,963	1,176,963	1,176,661	302
Cocurricular Activities:				
Male activities	20,575	20,575	20,332	243
Female activities	17,658	17,658	16,918	740
Combined activities	121,642	121,642	121,642	--
Total Expenditures	<u>2,931,283</u>	<u>2,931,283</u>	<u>2,928,056</u>	<u>3,227</u>
Excess of Revenue Over (Under)				
Expenditures	<u>(113,120)</u>	<u>(113,120)</u>	<u>(91,192)</u>	<u>21,928</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers out	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(177,905)</u>	<u>(17,905)</u>
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(160,000)</u>	<u>(177,905)</u>	<u>(17,905)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>(273,120)</u>	<u>(273,120)</u>	<u>(269,097)</u>	<u>4,023</u>
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>1,892,526</u>	<u>1,892,526</u>	<u>1,892,526</u>	<u>--</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 1,619,406</u>	<u>\$ 1,619,406</u>	<u>\$ 1,623,429</u>	<u>\$ 4,023</u>

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Lennox School District No. 41-4
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Special Education Fund – Budgetary Basis
 June 30, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
Revenues				
Revenue from Local Sources:				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,646,700	\$ 1,646,700	\$ 1,617,676	\$ (29,024)
Prior years' ad valorem taxes	4,000	4,000	12,631	8,631
Penalties and interest on taxes	1,500	1,500	3,471	1,971
Earnings on Investments & Deposits	--	--	12,549	12,549
Other Revenue from Local Sources:				
Charges for services	12,000	12,000	21,367	9,367
Revenue from State Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted grants-in-aid	611,536	611,536	610,994	(542)
Revenue from Federal Sources:				
Grants-in-Aid:				
Restricted grants-in-aid received from federal government through the state	272,085	272,085	273,784	1,699
Total Revenues	<u>2,547,821</u>	<u>2,547,821</u>	<u>2,552,472</u>	<u>4,651</u>
Expenditures				
Instructional Services:				
Special Programs:				
Programs for special education	1,653,192	1,653,192	1,626,027	27,165
Support Services:				
Students:				
Guidance services	82,300	82,300	81,605	695
Psychological	192,920	192,920	189,257	3,663
Speech pathology	278,661	278,661	278,661	--
Student therapy services	93,364	93,364	86,892	6,472
Instructional Staff:				
Improvement of Instruction	11,012	11,012	2,293	8,719
Special Education:				
Administrative costs	197,835	197,835	200,727	(2,892)
Transportation costs	68,089	68,089	25,219	42,870
Total Expenditures	<u>2,577,373</u>	<u>2,577,373</u>	<u>2,490,681</u>	<u>86,692</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(29,552)</u>	<u>(29,552)</u>	<u>61,791</u>	<u>91,343</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfer out	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>(12,549)</u>	<u>(12,549)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(29,552)	(29,552)	49,242	78,794
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	<u>534,116</u>	<u>534,116</u>	<u>534,116</u>	<u>--</u>
Fund Balance, End of Year	<u>\$ 504,564</u>	<u>\$ 504,564</u>	<u>\$ 583,358</u>	<u>\$ 78,794</u>

The accompanying Notes to Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of these financial statements.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Comparison Schedules June 30, 2025

1. Basis of Presentation:

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

2. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting:

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

- a. 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.
- b. The proposed budget is considered by the school board at the first regular meeting held in the month of May of each year.
- c. The proposed budget is published for public review no later than July 15 each year.
- d. Public hearings are held to solicit taxpayer input prior to the approval of the budget.
- e. Before October 1 of each year, the school board must approve the budget for the ensuing fiscal year for each fund, except fiduciary funds.
- f. 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 h.
- g. 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.
- h. If it is determined, during the year, that sufficient amounts have not been budgeted, state statute allows the adoption of supplemental budgets when moneys are available to increase legal spending authority.
- i. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end unless encumbered by resolution of the school board.
- j. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for the General Fund and special revenue funds.
- k. Budgets for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability
June 30, 2025

Total OPEB Liability

Service cost	\$ 37,580
Interest on total OPEB liability	14,044
Effect of assumption changes or inputs	(11,532)
Benefit payments	<u>(6,037)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	34,055
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>350,160</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u><u>\$ 384,215</u></u>

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)
South Dakota Retirement System

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>District's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability/Asset</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability/(Asset)</u>	<u>District's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)</u>
2025	0.2811370%	\$ (11,380)	\$ 8,780,208	0.13%	100.00%
2024	0.2863820%	\$ (27,952)	\$ 7,386,816	0.38%	100.10%
2023	0.2833130%	\$ (26,775)	\$ 6,970,286	0.38%	100.10%
2022	0.2883690%	\$ (2,208,413)	\$ 6,523,077	33.86%	105.52%
2021	0.2684813%	\$ (11,660)	\$ 5,892,215	0.20%	100.04%
2020	0.2703343%	\$ (28,648)	\$ 5,747,856	0.50%	100.09%
2019	0.2611143%	\$ (6,090)	\$ 5,428,586	0.11%	100.02%
2018	0.2672876%	\$ (24,257)	\$ 5,436,565	0.45%	100.10%
2017	0.2556809%	\$ 863,665	\$ 4,861,766	-17.76%	96.89%
2016	0.2545211%	\$ (1,079,497)	\$ 4,646,787	23.23%	104.10%

Note: The information disclosed for each fiscal year is reported as the measurement date of the collective net pension liability (asset) which is June 30 of the preceding year.

Lennox School District No. 41-4
Schedule of the School District Contributions
South Dakota Retirement System

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
2025	\$ 483,074	\$ 483,074	\$ --	\$ 8,051,225	6.00%
2024	\$ 526,783	\$ 526,783	\$ --	\$ 8,780,208	6.00%
2023	\$ 443,210	\$ 443,210	\$ --	\$ 7,386,816	6.00%
2022	\$ 418,218	\$ 418,218	\$ --	\$ 6,970,286	6.00%
2021	\$ 391,386	\$ 391,386	\$ --	\$ 6,523,077	6.00%
2020	\$ 353,533	\$ 353,533	\$ --	\$ 5,892,215	6.00%
2019	\$ 344,872	\$ 344,872	\$ --	\$ 5,747,856	6.00%
2018	\$ 325,348	\$ 325,348	\$ --	\$ 5,428,586	6.00%
2017	\$ 326,194	\$ 326,194	\$ --	\$ 5,436,565	6.00%
2016	\$ 291,706	\$ 291,706	\$ --	\$ 4,861,766	6.00%

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information - Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) and Schedule of Pension Contributions For the Year Ended 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 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.

Actuarial Method Changes

No changes in actuarial methods were made since the prior valuation.