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**OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WOOD COUNTY**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Otsego Local School District  
Wood County  
18505 Tontogany Creek Road, P.O. Box 290  
Tontogany, Ohio 43565-0290

To the Board of Education:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Otsego Local School District, Wood County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the cash accounting basis Note 2 describes. This responsibility includes determining that the cash accounting basis is acceptable for the circumstances. Management is also responsible for designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

### ***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Otsego Local School District, Wood County, Ohio, as of June 30, 2015, and the respective changes in cash financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General Fund thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the accounting basis described in Note 2.

**Accounting Basis**

Ohio Administrative Code § 117-2-03(B) requires the District to prepare its annual financial report in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We draw attention to Note 2 of the financial statements, which describes the basis applied to these statements. The financial statements are prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis other than generally accepted accounting principles. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

**Other Matters**

Our audit was conducted to opine on the financial statements taken as a whole.

The Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures Schedule presents additional analysis as required by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations* and is also not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule is management's responsibility, and derives from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. We subjected this schedule to the auditing procedures we applied to the financial statements. We also applied certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling the schedule directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, this schedule is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

**Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 17, 2016, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 2016

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Net Position - Cash Basis  
June 30, 2015

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets:</u>	
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$5,512,957</u></u>
<u>Net Position:</u>	
Restricted for:	
Capital Projects	840,769
Debt Service	573,340
Other Purposes	188,158
Unrestricted	<u>3,910,690</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$5,512,957</u></u>

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Activities - Cash Basis  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursement) Receipt and Change in Net Position
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	\$7,097,982	\$666,229	\$736,492	(\$5,695,261)
Special	2,268,990	38,333	1,269,680	(960,977)
Vocational	3,606	0	2,397	(1,209)
Support Services:				
Pupils	841,752	0	0	(841,752)
Instructional Staff	441,327	0	15,000	(426,327)
Board of Education	68,695	0	0	(68,695)
Administration	1,155,073	0	0	(1,155,073)
Fiscal	404,058	0	0	(404,058)
Business	16,932	0	0	(16,932)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,390,878	0	0	(1,390,878)
Pupil Transportation	1,008,034	0	0	(1,008,034)
Central	51,812	0	0	(51,812)
Non-Instructional Services	582,245	347,013	239,949	4,717
Extracurricular Activities	499,368	196,376	14,988	(288,004)
Capital Outlay	86,891	0	0	(86,891)
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	865,166	0	0	(865,166)
Interest and Fiscal Charges	634,754	0	0	(634,754)
Interest on Capital Appreciation Bonds	89,834	0	0	(89,834)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$17,507,397</u>	<u>\$1,247,951</u>	<u>\$2,278,506</u>	<u>(13,980,940)</u>
<u>General Receipts:</u>				
Property Taxes Levied for General Purposes				4,388,874
Property Taxes Levied for Debt Service				1,280,376
Property Taxes Levied for Permanent Improvements				104,496
Income Taxes Levied for General Purposes				2,739,140
Grants and Entitlements not Restricted to Specific Programs				5,572,822
Interest				17,039
Gifts and Donations				2,573
Miscellaneous				228,149
Total General Receipts				<u>14,333,469</u>
Change in Net Position				352,529
Net Position Beginning of Year				<u>5,160,428</u>
Net Position End of Year				<u>\$5,512,957</u>

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements



Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2015

	General	Bond Retirement	Building	Other Governmental	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets:</u>					
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$3,761,272	\$573,340	\$802,230	\$376,115	\$5,512,957
<u>Fund Balances:</u>					
Restricted	\$99,357	\$573,340	\$802,230	\$127,340	\$1,602,267
Committed	0	0	0	249,720	249,720
Assigned	173,625	0	0	0	173,625
Unassigned (Deficit)	3,488,290	0	0	(945)	3,487,345
Total Fund Balances	\$3,761,272	\$573,340	\$802,230	\$376,115	\$5,512,957

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	General	Bond Retirement	Building	Other Governmental	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Receipts:</u>					
Property Taxes	\$4,388,874	\$1,280,376	\$0	\$104,496	\$5,773,746
Income Taxes	2,739,140	0	0	0	2,739,140
Intergovernmental	5,983,240	189,292	0	1,638,430	7,810,962
Interest	16,660	0	36	343	17,039
Tuition and Fees	747,392	0	0	0	747,392
Extracurricular Activities	23,050	0	0	173,326	196,376
Charges for Services	0	0	0	304,183	304,183
Gifts and Donations	2,575	0	0	40,364	42,939
Miscellaneous	171,728	0	0	56,421	228,149
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>14,072,659</b>	<b>1,469,668</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>2,317,563</b>	<b>17,859,926</b>
<u>Disbursements:</u>					
<u>Current:</u>					
<u>Instruction:</u>					
Regular	6,575,027	0	0	522,955	7,097,982
Special	1,634,617	0	0	634,373	2,268,990
Vocational	3,606	0	0	0	3,606
<u>Support Services:</u>					
Pupils	734,141	0	0	107,611	841,752
Instructional Staff	324,330	0	0	116,997	441,327
Board of Education	64,372	0	0	4,323	68,695
Administration	1,090,773	0	0	64,300	1,155,073
Fiscal	382,940	19,329	0	1,789	404,058
Business	16,932	0	0	0	16,932
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,217,287	0	0	173,591	1,390,878
Pupil Transportation	1,008,034	0	0	0	1,008,034
Central	46,412	0	0	5,400	51,812
Non-Instructional Services	0	0	0	582,245	582,245
Extracurricular Activities	264,993	0	0	234,375	499,368
Capital Outlay	400	0	49	86,442	86,891
<u>Debt Service:</u>					
Principal Retirement	250,000	615,166	0	0	865,166
Interest and Fiscal Charges	59,085	575,669	0	0	634,754
Interest on Capital Appreciation Bonds	0	89,834	0	0	89,834
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>13,672,949</b>	<b>1,299,998</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>2,534,401</b>	<b>17,507,397</b>
<b>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</b>	<b>399,710</b>	<b>169,670</b>	<b>(13)</b>	<b>(216,838)</b>	<b>352,529</b>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>					
Transfers In	0	0	802,243	163,489	965,732
Transfers Out	(50,000)	0	0	(915,732)	(965,732)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<b>(50,000)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>802,243</b>	<b>(752,243)</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Changes in Fund Balances</b>	<b>349,710</b>	<b>169,670</b>	<b>802,230</b>	<b>(969,081)</b>	<b>352,529</b>
<b>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</b>	<b>3,411,562</b>	<b>403,670</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1,345,196</b>	<b>5,160,428</b>
<b>Fund Balances End of Year</b>	<b>\$3,761,272</b>	<b>\$573,340</b>	<b>\$802,230</b>	<b>\$376,115</b>	<b>\$5,512,957</b>

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance  
Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual  
General Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final		Final Budget Over (Under)
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Property Taxes	\$4,001,522	\$4,390,672	\$4,388,874	(\$1,798)
Income Taxes	2,713,536	2,738,536	2,739,140	604
Intergovernmental	5,497,300	5,941,820	5,983,240	41,420
Interest	10,464	17,710	16,660	(1,050)
Tuition and Fees	546,300	730,300	747,392	17,092
Extracurricular Activities	23,000	24,000	23,050	(950)
Gifts and Donations	1,500	2,500	2,575	75
Miscellaneous	106,550	84,128	103,974	19,846
Total Revenues	<u>12,900,172</u>	<u>13,929,666</u>	<u>14,004,905</u>	<u>75,239</u>
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
Instruction:				
Regular	6,481,994	6,835,847	6,614,563	221,284
Special	1,292,492	1,492,638	1,637,895	(145,257)
Vocational	0	0	3,606	(3,606)
Support Services:				
Pupils	518,292	618,041	734,141	(116,100)
Instructional Staff	464,200	305,950	326,802	(20,852)
Board of Education	19,160	88,807	64,372	24,435
Administration	990,812	1,002,312	1,092,738	(90,426)
Fiscal	404,566	414,565	385,720	28,845
Business	11,695	11,695	16,932	(5,237)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	1,296,927	1,390,926	1,259,629	131,297
Pupil Transportation	1,038,752	1,068,751	1,009,835	58,916
Central	29,710	29,710	46,412	(16,702)
Non-Instructional Services	350	0	0	0
Extracurricular Activities	201,869	232,061	265,443	(33,382)
Capital Outlay	20,000	20,000	400	19,600
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement	245,000	250,000	250,000	0
Interest and Fiscal Charges	63,900	59,085	59,085	0
Total Expenditures	<u>13,079,719</u>	<u>13,820,388</u>	<u>13,767,573</u>	<u>52,815</u>
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(179,547)</u>	<u>109,278</u>	<u>237,332</u>	<u>128,054</u>
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Sale of Capital Assets	12,000	12,000	0	(12,000)
Refund of Prior Year Expenditures	39,000	75,721	67,754	(7,967)
Transfers Out	0	(50,000)	(50,000)	0
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>51,000</u>	<u>37,721</u>	<u>17,754</u>	<u>(19,967)</u>
Changes in Fund Balance	(128,547)	146,999	255,086	108,087
Fund Balance Beginning of Year	3,301,604	3,301,604	3,301,604	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	109,958	109,958	109,958	0
Fund Balance End of Year	<u>\$3,283,015</u>	<u>\$3,558,561</u>	<u>\$3,666,648</u>	<u>\$108,087</u>

See Accompanying Notes to the Basic Financial Statements

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Cash Basis Fiduciary Net Position  
Fiduciary Funds  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

	Private Purpose Trust	Agency
<u>Assets:</u>		
Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$65,311	\$54,362
<u>Liabilities:</u>		
Due to Students	0	\$54,362
<u>Net Position:</u>		
Held in Trust for Scholarships	37,331	
Endowment	27,980	
Total Net Position	\$65,311	

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

Otsego Local School District  
Statement of Cash Basis Change in Fiduciary Net Position  
Private Purpose Trust Fund  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

Additions:

Interest	\$2
Donations	7,556
Total Additions	<u>7,558</u>

Deductions:

Non-Instructional Services	<u>4,396</u>
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Change in Net Position 3,162

Net Position Beginning of Year 62,149

Net Position End of Year \$65,311

See Accompanying Notes to Basic Financial Statements

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Otsego Local School District  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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**Note 1 - Description of the School District and Reporting Entity**

Otsego Local School District (the “School District”) is organized under Article VI, Sections 2 and 3 of the Constitution of the State of Ohio. The School District operates under a locally-elected Board form of government consisting of five members elected at-large for staggered four year terms. The School District provides educational services as authorized by state and federal guidelines.

The School District serves an area of approximately one hundred forty-four square miles. It is located in portions of Wood, Lucas, and Henry Counties, including the villages of Tontogany, Haskins, Grand Rapids, and Weston, and portions of surrounding townships. It is staffed by seventy-five classified employees, ninety-six certified teaching personnel, and nine administrative employees who provide services to 1,599 students and other community members. The School District currently operates one elementary school, one middle school, and one comprehensive high school.

**Reporting Entity**

A reporting entity is composed of the primary government, component units, and other organizations that are included to ensure the financial statements are not misleading. The primary government of the School District consists of all funds, departments, boards, and agencies that are not legally separate from the School District. For Otsego Local School District, this includes general operations, food service, and student related activities of the School District.

Component units are legally separate organizations for which the School District is financially accountable. The School District is financially accountable for an organization if the School District appoints a voting majority of the organization’s governing board and (1) the School District is able to significantly influence the programs or services performed or provided by the organization; or (2) the School District is legally entitled to or can otherwise access the organization’s resources; the School District is legally obligated or has otherwise assumed the responsibility to finance the deficits of, or provide financial support to, the organization; or the School District is obligated for the debt of the organization. Component units may also include organizations that are fiscally dependent on the School District in that the School District approves the budget, the issuance of debt, or the levying of taxes, and there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the School District. There are no component units of the Otsego Local School District.

The School District participates in four jointly governed organizations, a related organization, and two insurance pools. These organizations are the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, Northern Buckeye Education Council, Penta Career Center, Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., Weston Public Library, Wood County Schools Benefit Plan Association, and the Ohio School Boards Association Workers’ Compensation Group Rating Plan. These organizations are presented in Notes 21, 22, and 23 to the basic financial statements.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principals include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. Following are the more significant of the School District’s accounting policies.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The School District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net position and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the School District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds.

The statement of net position presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the School District at fiscal year end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each function or program of the School District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the School District is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the School District's general receipts.

**Fund Financial Statements**

During the fiscal year, the School District segregates transactions related to certain School District functions or activities in separate funds in order to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the School District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column. Fiduciary funds are reported by type.

**B. Fund Accounting**

The School District uses funds to maintain its financial records during the fiscal year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The funds of the School District are divided into two categories, governmental and fiduciary.

**Governmental Funds**

The School District classifies funds financed primarily from taxes, intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other nonexchange transactions as governmental funds. The School District's three major funds are the General Fund, the Bond Retirement debt service fund, and the Building capital projects fund.

**General Fund** - The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The General Fund balance is available to the School District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio.



**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

Bond Retirement Fund - The Bond Retirement Fund is used to account for property taxes restricted for the payment of principal, interest, and related costs on general obligation debt.

Building Fund - The Building Fund is used to account for the remaining balance of grant proceeds initially restricted for building construction to be used for continuing maintenance and improvement.

The other governmental funds of the School District account for grants and other resources whose use is restricted, committed, or assigned for a particular purpose.

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The fiduciary fund category is split into four classifications: pension trust funds, investment trust funds, private purpose trust funds, and agency funds. Trust funds are used to account for assets held by the School District under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments and are not available to support the School District's own programs. The School District's private purpose trust fund accounts for programs that provide college scholarships and loans to students after graduation. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. The School District's agency fund accounts for various student-managed activities.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The School District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Except for modifications having substantial support, receipts are recorded in the School District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in the financial statements.

**D. Budgetary Process**

All funds, except agency funds, are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and the appropriations resolution, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the Board of Education may appropriate. The appropriations resolution is the Board's authorization to spend resources and sets annual limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Board. The legal level of control selected by the Board is at the object level in the General Fund and the fund level for all other funds. Budgetary allocations at the function and object level for all funds are made by the School District Treasurer.

Otsego Local School District  
Notes to the Basic Financial Statements  
For the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2015

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**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the fiscal year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the Treasurer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificate of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Board.

The appropriations resolution is subject to amendment throughout the fiscal year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriations resolution for that fund that covered the entire fiscal year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior fiscal years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Board during the fiscal year.

**E. Cash and Investments**

To improve cash management, cash received by the School District is pooled. Monies for all funds are maintained in this pool. Individual fund integrity is maintained through School District records. Interest in the pool is presented as "Equity in Pooled Cash and Cash Equivalents".

During fiscal year 2015, investments consisted of negotiable certificates of deposit, mutual funds, repurchase agreements, and STAR Ohio. Investments are reported at fair value, which is based on quoted market price. Repurchase agreements are reported at cost. STAR Ohio is an investment pool, managed by the State Treasurer's Office, which allows governments within the State to pool their funds for investment purposes. STAR Ohio is not registered with the SEC as an investment company, but does operate in a manner consistent with Rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. Investments in STAR Ohio are valued at STAR Ohio's net asset value per share, which is the price the investment could be sold for on June 30, 2015.

The School District allocates interest according to State statutes. Interest revenue credited to the General Fund during fiscal year 2015 was \$16,660, which includes \$4,224 assigned from other School District funds.

Investments of the School District's cash management pool and investments with an original maturity of three months or less at the time they are purchased by the School District are presented on the financial statements as cash equivalents. Investments with an initial maturity of more than three months that were not purchased from the pool are reported as investments.

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or negative receipts (contra revenue), respectively.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

**F. Capital Assets**

Acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. The financial statements do not report these assets.

**G. Compensated Absences**

Employees are entitled to cash payments for unused vacation and sick leave in certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment. Unpaid vacation and sick leave are not reflected as liabilities under the cash basis of accounting used by the School District.

**H. Long-Term Obligations**

Cash basis financial statements do not report liabilities for bonds and other long-term obligations. Proceeds of debt are reported when cash is received and principal and interest payments are reported when disbursements are made.

**I. Net Position**

Net position is reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on its use either through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net position restricted for other purposes includes resources restricted for food service operations and federal and state grants. The School District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

**J. Fund Balance**

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable - The nonspendable classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash.

Restricted - Fund balance is reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or are imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed - The committed classification includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes imposed by a formal action (resolution) of the Board of Education. The committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Education removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action (resolution) it employed to previously commit those amounts. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

Assigned - Amounts in the assigned classification are intended to be used by the School District for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. In governmental funds, other than the General Fund, assigned fund balance represents the remaining amount that is not restricted or committed. Assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board of Education. The Board of Education has authorized the Treasurer to assign fund balance for purchases on order provided such amounts have been lawfully appropriated.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes all spendable amounts not contained in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The School District first applies restricted resources when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications can be used.

**K. Interfund Activity**

Transfers within governmental activities are eliminated on the government-wide financial statements.

Internal allocations of overhead expenses from one function to another or within the same function are eliminated on the statement of activities. Payments for interfund services provided and used are not eliminated.

Exchange transactions between funds are reported as receipts in the seller funds and as disbursements in the purchaser funds. Flows of cash or goods from one fund to another without a requirement for repayment are reported as interfund transfers. Interfund transfers are reported as other financing sources/uses in governmental funds. Repayments from funds responsible for particular disbursements to the funds that initially paid for them are not presented on the financial statements.

**L. Pensions**

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension plans and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. The pension systems report investments at fair value.

**Note 3 - Change in Accounting Principles**

For fiscal year 2015, the School District has implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an amendment to GASB Statement No. 68". The implementation of these statements did not result in any changes to net position reported as of June 30, 2014, as the net pension liability is not reported in financial statements prepared following an other comprehensive basis of accounting. See Note 12 to the basic financial statements.

**Note 4 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting**

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash, receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (Non-GAAP Basis) and Actual presented for the General Fund is prepared on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year end encumbrances which are treated as cash disbursements (budgetary basis) rather than as committed or assigned fund balance (cash basis). The General Fund encumbrances outstanding at year end (budgetary basis) were \$94,624.

**Note 5 - Accountability**

At June 30, 2015, the Title I special revenue fund had a deficit fund balance, in the amount of \$945. The General Fund provides transfers to cover deficit balances; however, this is done when cash is needed.

**Note 6 - Deposits and Investments**

Monies held by the School District are classified by State statute into three categories.

Active monies are public monies determined to be necessary to meet current demands upon the School District treasury. Active monies must be maintained either as cash in the School District treasury, in commercial accounts payable or withdrawable on demand, including negotiable order of withdrawal (NOW) accounts, or in money market deposit accounts.

Inactive deposits are public deposits the Board of Education has identified as not required for use within the current five year period of designation of depositories. Inactive deposits must either be evidenced by certificates of deposit maturing not later than the end of the current period of designation of depositories, or by savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts.

Interim deposits are deposits of interim monies. Interim monies are those monies which are not needed for immediate use but which will be needed before the end of the current period of designation of depositories. Interim deposits must be evidenced by time certificates of deposit maturing not more than one year from the date of deposit or by savings or deposit accounts, including passbook accounts.

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**Note 6 - Deposits and Investments** (continued)

Interim monies held by the School District may be deposited or invested in the following securities:

1. United States Treasury bills, bonds, notes, or any other obligation or security issued by the United States Treasury, or any other obligation guaranteed as to principal and interest by the United States;
2. Bonds, notes, debentures, or any other obligation or security issued by any federal government agency or instrumentality including, but not limited to, the Federal National Mortgage Association, Federal Home Loan Bank, Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Government National Mortgage Association, and Student Loan Marketing Association. All federal agency securities shall be direct issuances of federal government agencies or instrumentalities;
3. Written repurchase agreements in the securities listed above;
4. Bonds and other obligations of the State of Ohio or Ohio local governments;
5. Time certificates of deposit or savings or deposit accounts including, but not limited to, passbook accounts;
6. No-load money market mutual funds consisting exclusively of obligations described in division (1) or (2);
7. The State Treasurer's investment pool (STAR Ohio); and
8. Commercial paper and bankers' acceptances if training requirements have been met.

Investments in stripped principal or interest obligations, reverse repurchase agreements, and derivatives are prohibited. The issuance of taxable notes for the purpose of arbitrage, the use of leverage, and short selling are also prohibited. An investment must mature within five years from the date of purchase, unless matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District, and must be purchased with the expectation that it will be held to maturity. Investments may only be made through specified dealers and institutions.

**Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of bank failure, the School District will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. At fiscal year end, \$886,616 of the School District's bank balance of \$2,129,932 was exposed to custodial credit risk because it was uninsured and uncollateralized. Although all State statutory requirements for the deposit of money had been followed, noncompliance with federal requirements could potentially subject the School District to a successful claim by the FDIC.

The School District has no deposit policy for custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that deposits be either insured or be protected by eligible securities pledged to and deposited either with the School District or a qualified trustee by the financial institution as security for repayment, or by a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution whose market value at all times shall be at least 105 percent of the deposits being secured.

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**Note 6 - Deposits and Investments** (continued)

Investments

As of June 30, 2015, the School District had the following investments:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Maturity</u>
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	\$200,000	9/14/15
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	10/13/15
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	1/28/16
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	3/21/16
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	4/22/16
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	5/9/16
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	10/17/16
Negotiable Certificate of Deposit	200,000	10/17/17
Mutual Fund	53,895	41 days
Mutual Fund	616,300	45 days
Repurchase Agreement	1,316,344	7/1/15
STAR Ohio	341,166	53.4 Days
	<u>\$3,927,705</u>	

Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The investment policy restricts the Treasurer from investing in any securities other than those identified in the Ohio Revised Code and that all investments must mature within five years from the date of investment unless they are matched to a specific obligation or debt of the School District.

The negotiable certificates of deposit are covered by FDIC insurance. The mutual funds carry a rating of Aaa by Moodys. The securities underlying the repurchase agreement (Federal National Mortgage Association Notes and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation Notes) carry a rating of Aaa by Moodys. STAR Ohio carries a rating of AAA by Standard and Poor's. The School District has no investment policy dealing with credit risk beyond the requirements of State statute. Ohio law requires that mutual funds must be rated in the highest category at the time of purchase by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service and that repurchase agreements be limited to investments in United States treasury securities and federal government agency securities. STAR Ohio must maintain the highest rating provided by at least one nationally recognized standard rating service.

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of failure of the counterparty, the School District will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The repurchase agreement is exposed to custodial credit risk as it is uninsured, unregistered, and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the School District's name. The School District has no investment policy dealing with custodial credit risk beyond the requirements of the State statute.

The School District places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. The following table indicates the percentage of investments to the School District's total portfolio:

	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Percentage of Portfolio</u>
Negotiable Certificates of Deposit	\$1,600,000	40.74%
Repurchase Agreement	1,316,344	33.51

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**Note 7 - Property Taxes**

Property taxes are levied and assessed on a calendar year basis, while the School District's fiscal year runs from July through June. First-half tax distributions are received by the School District in the second half of the fiscal year. Second-half tax distributions are received in the first half of the following fiscal year.

Property taxes include amounts levied against all real and public utility property located in the School District. Real property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Real property taxes received in calendar year 2015 were levied after April 1, 2014, on the assessed values as of January 1, 2014, the lien date. Assessed values for real property taxes are established by State statute at 35 percent of appraised market value. Real property taxes are payable annually or semiannually. If paid annually, payment is due December 31; if paid semiannually, the first payment is due December 31, with the remainder payable by June 20. Under certain circumstances, State statute permits alternate payment dates to be established.

Public utility property tax revenues received in calendar year 2015 represent the collection of calendar year 2014 taxes. Public utility real and tangible personal property taxes received in calendar year 2015 became a lien on December 31, 2013, were levied after April 1, 2014, and are collected with real property taxes. Public utility real property is assessed at 35 percent of true value; public utility tangible personal property is currently assessed at varying percentages of true value.

The School District receives property taxes from Wood, Lucas, and Henry Counties. The County Auditors periodically advance to the School District its portion of the taxes collected. Second-half real property tax payments collected by the counties by June 30, 2015, are available to finance fiscal year 2015 operations. The amount available to be advanced can vary based on the date the tax bills are sent.

The assessed values upon which fiscal year 2015 taxes were collected are:

	2014 Second- Half Collections		2015 First- Half Collections	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Agricultural/Residential	\$194,433,600	89.73%	\$227,580,060	90.91%
Industrial/Commercial	13,918,640	6.42	14,231,550	5.69
Public Utility Real	159,080	.07	161,710	.06
Public Utility Personal	8,184,710	3.78	8,360,990	3.34
Total Assessed Value	\$216,696,030	100.00%	\$250,334,310	100.00%
Tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed valuation	\$48.70		\$46.35	

**Note 8 - Income Taxes**

The School District levies a voted tax of 1 percent for general operations on the income of residents and of estates. The tax was effective on January 1, 2003, and is for a continuing period. Employers of residents are required to withhold income tax on compensation and remit the tax to the State. Taxpayers are required to file an annual return. The State makes quarterly distributions to the School District after withholding amounts for administrative fees and estimated refunds. Income tax revenue is credited to the General Fund.



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**Note 9 - Capital Assets**

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, was as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/14	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/15
Governmental Activities				
Nondepreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$143,659	\$0	(\$24,364)	\$119,295
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Land Improvements	724,404	5,460	(205,701)	524,163
Building and Building Improvements	43,557,247	0	(217,825)	43,339,422
Furniture, Fixtures, and Equipment	981,392	25,287	(248,893)	757,786
Vehicles	1,424,768	41,843	(247,464)	1,219,147
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	46,687,811	72,590	(919,883)	45,840,518
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	<u>\$46,831,470</u>	<u>\$72,590</u>	<u>(\$944,247)</u>	<u>\$45,959,813</u>

**Note 10 - Risk Management**

The School District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. During fiscal year 2015, the School District contracted for the following insurance coverage:

Coverage provided by the EMC Insurance Companies is as follows:

General School District Liability

Per Occurrence	\$1,000,000
Aggregate	3,000,000
Building and Contents	60,470,914
Umbrella Liability	5,000,000
Automobile Liability	1,000,000

Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three years. There was a significant change in all of the liability insurance coverage from the prior fiscal year based on the recommendation of the EMC Insurance Companies.

The School District participates in the Wood County Schools Benefit Plan Association (Association), a public entity shared risk pool consisting of six local school districts, two exempted village school districts, a city school district, a joint vocational school, and the Educational Service Center. The School District pays monthly premiums to the Association for employee medical and dental benefits. The Association is responsible for the management and operations of the program and the payment of all claims. Upon withdrawal from the Association, a participant is responsible for the payment of all liabilities to its employees, dependents, and designated beneficiaries accruing as a result of withdrawal.

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**Note 10 - Risk Management** (continued)

For fiscal year 2014, the School District participated in the Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP), an insurance purchasing pool. The intent of the GRP is to achieve the benefit of a reduced premium for the School District by virtue of its grouping and representation with other participants in the GRP. The workers' compensation experience of the participants is calculated as one experience and a common premium rate is applied to all participants in the GRP. Each participant pays its workers' compensation premium to the State based on the rate for the GRP rather than its individual rate. Participation in the GRP is limited to participants that can meet the GRP's selection criteria. The firm of Gates McDonald & Co. provides administrative, cost control, and actuarial services to the GRP.

**Note 11 - Contractual Commitments**

At fiscal year end, the amount of significant encumbrances expected to be honored upon performance by the vendor in fiscal year 2016 are as follows:

General Fund	<u><u>\$94,624</u></u>
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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

**Net Pension Liability**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions" and GASB Statement No. 71, "Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68" were effective for fiscal year 2015. These GASB pronouncements had no effect on beginning net position as reported June 30, 2014, as the net pension liability is not reported in the accompanying financial statements. The net pension liability is disclosed below.

Pensions are a component of exchange transactions, between an employer and its employees, of salaries and benefits for employee services. Pensions are provided to an employee on a deferred payment basis as part of the total compensation package offered by an employer for employee services each financial period.

The net pension liability represents the School District's proportionate share of each pension plan's collective actuarial present value of projected benefit payments attributable to past periods of service, net of each pension plan's fiduciary net position. The net pension liability calculation is dependent on critical long-term variables including estimated average life expectancies, earnings on investments, cost of living adjustments, and others. While these estimates use the best information available, unknowable future events require adjusting this estimate annually.

The Ohio Revised Code limits the School District's obligation for this liability to annually required payments. The School District cannot control benefit terms or the manner in which pensions are financed; however, the School District does receive the benefit of employees' services in exchange for compensation, including pension.

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

GASB Statement No. 68 assumes the liability is solely the obligation of the employer because (1) they benefit from employee services, and (2) State statute requires all funding to come from the employers. All contributions to date have come solely from the employer (which also includes costs paid in the form of withholdings from employees). State statute requires the pension plans to amortize unfunded liabilities within thirty years. If the amortization period exceeds thirty years, each pension plan's board must propose corrective action to the State legislature. Any resulting legislative change to benefits or funding could significantly affect the net pension liability. Resulting adjustments to the net pension liability would be effective when the changes are legally enforceable.

**Plan Description - School Employees Retirement System (SERS)**

Plan Description - School District classified employees participate in SERS, a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by SERS. SERS provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3309. SERS issues a publicly available stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information, and detailed information about SERS' fiduciary net position. The report can be obtained by visiting the SERS website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under employers/audit resources.

Age and service requirements for retirement are as follows.

	Eligible to retire on or before August 1, 2017 *	Eligible to retire on or after August 1, 2017
Full Benefits	Any age with 30 years of service credit	Age 67 with 10 years of service credit; Age 57 with 30 years of service credit
Actuarially Reduced Benefits	Age 60 with 5 years of service credit; Age 55 with 25 years of service credit	Age 62 with 10 years of service credit; Age 60 with 25 years of service credit

\* Members with 25 years of service credit as of August 1, 2017, will be included in this plan.

Annual retirement benefits are calculated based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service; 2.2 percent for the first thirty years of service and 2.5 percent for years of service over thirty years. Final average salary is the average of the highest three years of salary.

One year after an effective benefit date, a benefit recipient is entitled to a 3 percent cost-of-living adjustment (COLA). This same COLA is added each year to the base benefit amount on the anniversary date of the benefit.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the School District is required to contribute 14 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and employers are established and may be amended by the SERS' Retirement Board up to statutory maximum amounts of 10 percent for plan members and 14 percent for employers. The Retirement Board, acting with the advice of the actuary, allocates the employer contribution rate among four of the System's funds (Pension Trust Fund, Death Benefit Fund, Medicare B Fund, and Health Care Fund). For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, the allocation to pension, death benefits, and Medicare B was 13.18 percent. The remaining .82 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate was allocated to the Health Care Fund.

The School District's contractually required contribution to SERS was \$260,623 for fiscal year 2015.

**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

**Plan Description - State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)**

Plan Description - School District licensed teachers and other certified faculty members participate in STRS Ohio, a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system administered by STRS. STRS provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS issues a publicly available stand-alone financial report that includes financial statements, required supplementary information, and detailed information about STRS' fiduciary net position. The report can be obtained by writing to STRS, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3771, by calling (888) 227-7877, or by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org).

New members have a choice of three retirement plans; a Defined Benefit Plan (DBP), a Defined Contribution Plan (DCP), and a Combined Plan (CP). Benefits are established by Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307. The DBP offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary multiplied by a percentage that varies based on years of service. Effective August 1, 2015, the calculation is 2.2 percent of final average salary for the five highest years of earnings multiplied by all years of service. With certain exceptions, the basic benefit is increased each year by 2 percent of the original base benefit. For members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, the first 2 percent is paid on the fifth anniversary of the retirement benefit. Members are eligible to retire at age sixty with five years of qualifying service credit, at age fifty-five with twenty-five years of service credit, or thirty years of service credit regardless of age. Age and service requirements for retirement increased effective August 1, 2015, and will continue to increase periodically until they reach age sixty with thirty-five years of service or age sixty-five with five years of service on August 1, 2026.

The DCP allows members to place all their member contributions and 9.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution into an investment account. Investment allocation decisions are determined by the member. The remaining 4.5 percent of the 14 percent employer contribution rate is allocated to the defined benefit unfunded liability. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age fifty and termination of employment. The member may elect to receive a lifetime monthly annuity or a lump sum withdrawal.

The CP offers features of both the DBP and the DCP. In the CP, member contributions are allocated among investment choices by the member and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DBP. The defined benefit portion of the CP payment is payable to a member on or after age sixty with five years of service. The defined contribution portion of the account may be taken as a lump sum payment or converted to a lifetime monthly annuity at age fifty.

New members who choose the DCP or CP will have another opportunity to reselect a permanent plan during their fifth year of membership. Members may remain in the same plan or transfer to another STRS plan. The optional annuitization of a member's defined contribution account or the defined contribution portion of a member's CP account to a lifetime benefit results in STRS bearing the risk of investment gain or loss on the account. STRS has therefore included all three plan options as one defined benefit plan for GASB Statement No. 68 reporting purposes.

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

A DBP or CP member with five or more years of credited service who is determined to be disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible survivors of members who die before service retirement may qualify for monthly benefits. New members on or after July 1, 2013, must have at least ten years of qualifying service credit that apply for disability benefits. Members in the DCP who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member of the DCP dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

Funding Policy - Employer and member contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board and limited by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code. The statutory maximum employee contribution rate was increased 1 percent on July 1, 2014, and will be increased 1 percent each year until it reaches 14 percent on July 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 12 percent of their annual covered salary. The School District was required to contribute 14 percent; the entire 14 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. The fiscal year 2015 contribution rates were equal to the statutory maximum rates.

The School District's contractually required contribution to STRS was \$830,798 for fiscal year 2015.

**Net Pension Liability**

The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The School District's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the School District's share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the contributions of all participating entities. Following is information related to the proportionate share and pension expense.

	<u>SERS</u>	<u>STRS</u>	<u>Total</u>
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$3,337,895	\$13,530,443	\$16,868,338
Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	.06595400%	.05562713%	

**Actuarial Assumptions - SERS**

SERS' total pension liability was determined by their actuaries in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67 as part of the annual actuarial valuation for each defined benefit retirement plan. Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts (e.g., salaries, credited service) and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future (e.g., mortality, disabilities, retirements, employment termination). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual review and potential modifications as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employers and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing benefit costs between the employers and plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations.

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

Actuarial calculations reflect a long-term perspective. For a newly hired employee, actuarial calculations will take into account the employee's entire career with the employer and also take into consideration the benefits, if any, paid to the employee after termination of employment until the death of the employee and any applicable contingent annuitant. In many cases, actuarial calculations reflect several decades of service with the employer and the payment of benefits after termination.

Key methods and assumptions used in calculating the total pension liability in the latest actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2014, are presented below.

Wage Inflation	3.25 percent
Future Salary Increases, including inflation	4 percent to 22 percent
COLA or Ad Hoc COLA	3 percent
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent net of investment expenses, including inflation
Actuarial Cost Method	entry age normal

For postretirement mortality, the table used in evaluating allowances to be paid is the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table set back one year for both men and women. Special mortality tables are used for the period after disability retirement.

The most recent experience study was completed June 30, 2010.

The long-term return expectation for the pension plan investments has been determined using a building-block approach and assumes a time horizon, as defined in SERS' Statement of Investment Policy. A forecasted rate of inflation serves as the baseline for the return expectation. Various real return premiums over the baseline inflation rate have been established for each asset class. The long-term expected nominal rate of return has been determined by calculating a weighted average of the expected real return premiums for each asset class, adding the projected inflation rate, and adding the expected return from rebalancing uncorrelated asset classes. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	1.00%	0.00%
U.S. Stocks	22.50	5.00
Non-U.S. Stocks	22.50	5.50
Fixed Income	19.00	1.50
Private Equity	10.00	10.00
Real Assets	10.00	5.00
Multi-Asset Strategies	15.00	7.50
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

Discount Rate - The total pension liability was calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed the contributions from employers and from the members would be computed based on contribution requirements as stipulated by State statute. Projected inflows from investment earnings were calculated using the long-term assumed investment rate of return (7.75 percent). Based on those assumptions, the 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 benefits to determine the total pension liability.

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - Net pension liability is sensitive to changes in the discount rate and to illustrate the potential impact, the following table presents the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent as well as what each plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$4,762,183	\$3,337,895	\$2,139,944

**Actuarial Assumptions - STRS**

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Inflation	2.75 percent
Projected Salary Increases	2.75 percent at age 70 to 12.25 percent at age 20
Investment Rate of Return	7.75 percent, net of investment expenses
Cost of Living Adjustments (COLA)	2 percent simple applied as follows: for members retiring before August 1, 2013, 2 percent per year; for members retiring August 1, 2013, or later, 2 percent COLA paid on fifth anniversary of retirement date

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table (Projection 2022-Scale AA) for males and females. Males' ages are set back two years through age eighty-nine and no set back for age ninety and above. Females younger than age eighty are set back four years, one year set back from age eighty through eighty-nine, and no set back for age ninety and above.

Actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014, valuation are based on the results of an actuarial experience study effective July 1, 2012.

The ten year expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined by the STRS investment consultant by developing best estimates of expected future real rates of return for each major asset class. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized as follows.

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	31.00%	8.00%
International Equity	26.00	7.85
Alternatives	14.00	8.00
Fixed Income	18.00	3.75
Real Estate	10.00	6.75
Liquidity Reserves	1.00	3.00
	100.00%	

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**Note 12 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans** (continued)

Discount Rate - The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent as of June 30, 2014. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes member and employer contributions will be made at the statutory contribution rates in accordance with rate increases described above. For this purpose, only employer contributions that are intended to fund benefits of current plan members and their beneficiaries are included. Projected employer contributions that are intended to fund the service costs of future plan members and their beneficiaries, as well as projected contributions from future plan members, are not included. Based on those assumptions, STRS' fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments to current plan members as of June 30, 2014. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.75 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability as of June 30, 2014.

Sensitivity of the School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate - The following table presents the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the current period discount rate assumption of 7.75 percent as well as what the School District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.75 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
School District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	\$19,370,305	\$13,530,443	\$8,591,886

**Social Security System**

Effective July 1, 1991, all employees not otherwise covered by the State Teachers Retirement System or the School Employees Retirement System have an option to choose Social Security or the State Teachers Retirement System/School Employees Retirement System. As of June 30, 2015, two of the Board of Education members have elected Social Security. The Board's liability is 6.2 percent of wages paid.

**Note 13 - Postemployment Benefits**

**School Employees Retirement System (SERS)**

Health Care Plan Description - The School District contributes to the SERS Health Care Fund administered by SERS for classified retirees and their beneficiaries. For GASB Statement No. 45 purposes, this plan is considered a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit other postemployment benefit (OPEB) plan. The Health Care Plan includes hospitalization and physicians' fees through several types of plans including HMO's, PPO's, Medicare Advantage, and traditional indemnity plans as well as a prescription drug program. The financial report of the Plan is included in the SERS Comprehensive Annual Financial Report which can be obtained by visiting the SERS' website at [www.ohsers.org](http://www.ohsers.org) under employers/audit resources.



**Note 13 - Postemployment Benefits** (continued)

Access to health care for retirees and beneficiaries is permitted in accordance with Section 3309 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Health Care Fund was established and is administered in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 105(e). SERS' Retirement Board reserves the right to change or discontinue any health plan or program. Health care is financed through a combination of employer contributions and retiree premiums, copays and deductibles on covered health care expenses, investment returns, and any funds received as a result of SERS' participation in Medicare programs. Active employee members do not contribute to the Health Care Plan. Retirees and their beneficiaries are required to pay a health care premium that varies depending on the plan selected, the number of qualified years of service, Medicare eligibility, and retirement status.

Funding Policy - State statute permits SERS to fund the health care benefits through employer contributions. Each year, after the allocation for statutorily required basic benefits, the Retirement Board allocates the remainder of the employer contribution of 14 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Fund. For fiscal year 2015, .82 percent of covered payroll was allocated to health care. In addition, employers pay a surcharge for employees earning less than an actuarially determined minimum compensation amount, pro-rated according to service credit earned. For fiscal year 2015, this amount was \$20,450. State statute provides that no employer shall pay a health care surcharge greater than 2 percent of that employer's SERS covered payroll; nor may SERS collect in aggregate more than 1.5 percent of the total statewide SERS covered payroll for the health care surcharge. For fiscal year 2015, the School District's surcharge obligation was \$32,586.

The School District's contribution for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$14,610, \$2,500, and \$2,587, respectively. For fiscal year 2015, 82 percent has been contributed. The full amount has been contributed for fiscal years 2014 and 2013.

**State Teachers Retirement System (STRS)**

Plan Description - The School District participates in the cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit health care plan administered by the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS) for eligible retirees who participated in the defined benefit or combined pension plans offered by STRS. Ohio law authorizes STRS to offer the plan. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs, and reimbursement of monthly Medicare Part B premiums. The Plan is included in the STRS financial report which can be obtained by visiting the STRS website at [www.strsoh.org](http://www.strsoh.org) or by calling (888) 227-7877.

Funding Policy - Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3307 authorizes STRS to offer the health care plan and gives the Retirement Board authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS. Active employee members do not contribute to the health care plan. All benefit recipients for the most recent year pay a monthly premium. Under Ohio law, funding for postemployment health care may be deducted from employer contributions. For fiscal year 2015, STRS did not allocate any employer contributions to postemployment health care. The School District's contribution for health care for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 were \$0, \$57,744, and \$55,506 respectively. The full amount has been contributed for all three fiscal years.

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**Note 14 - Other Employee Benefits**

**A. Compensated Absences**

The criteria for determining vacation and sick leave benefits are derived from negotiated agreements and State laws. Classified employees earn ten to twenty-one days of vacation per year, depending upon length of service. Accumulated unused vacation time is paid to classified employees and administrators upon termination of employment. Teachers do not earn vacation time.

Teachers, administrators, and classified employees earn sick leave at a rate of one and one-fourth days per month. Sick leave may be accumulated to an unlimited amount for certified employees and administrators and up to a maximum of two hundred ninety-five days for classified employees. Upon retirement, payment is made for one-fourth of accrued but unused sick leave credit to a maximum of seventy days for both certified and classified employees.

**B. Health Care Benefits**

The School District offers medical and dental benefits to full-time employees through the Wood County Schools Benefit Plan Association. Vision benefits are available through Vision Service Plan. The School District also offers life insurance to all employees through the Northern Buckeye Educational Council (NBEC) Life Insurance Program.

**Note 15 - Long-Term Obligations**

Changes in the School District's long-term obligations during fiscal year 2015 were as follows:

	Balance at 6/30/14	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/15	Amounts Due Within One Year
General Obligation Debt					
FY 2010 Certificates of					
Participation 1.95%	\$3,030,000	\$0	\$250,000	\$2,780,000	\$255,000
FY 2007 School Facilities Construction and					
Improvement Refunding					
Serial Bonds 4 - 4.125%	6,205,000	0	0	6,205,000	0
Term Bonds 4%	2,135,000	0	0	2,135,000	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds	45,000	0	5,166	39,834	23,368
Accretion on Capital					
Appreciation Bonds	666,985	292,251	89,834	869,402	0
Premium	842,589	0	519	842,070	0
Discount	(30,735)	0	(19)	(30,716)	0
General Obligation Debt					
Serial Bonds 4 - 4.125%	4,650,000	0	85,000	4,565,000	90,000
Term Bonds 4%	985,000	0	0	985,000	0
Capital Appreciation Bonds	220,000	0	0	220,000	0
Accretion on Capital					
Appreciation Bonds	512,023	128,719	0	640,742	0
Premium	594,648	0	8,633	586,015	0
Discount	(39,220)	0	(569)	(38,651)	0

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**Note 15 - Long-Term Obligations** (continued)

	Balance at 6/30/14	Additions	Reductions	Balance at 6/30/15	Amounts Due Within One Year
General Obligation Debt (continued)					
FY 2004 School Facilities					
Construction and Improvement					
Serial Bonds 5.0233%	\$495,000	\$0	\$495,000	\$0	\$0
FY 1994 School Facilities					
Improvement 5.0983%	95,000	0	30,000	65,000	30,000
<b>Total General Obligation Debt</b>	<u>\$20,406,290</u>	<u>\$420,970</u>	<u>\$963,564</u>	<u>\$19,863,696</u>	<u>\$398,368</u>

FY 2010 Certificates of Participation - On December 18, 2009, the School District issued certificates of participation, in the amount of \$4,000,000, to construct and renovate buildings. The debt was issued in accordance with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, which provides for federal tax credits for the holders of debt in lieu of interest payments. This reduces the issuers costs of borrowing. This debt was issued for a fifteen year period, with final maturity during fiscal year 2025. The debt will be retired through the General Fund.

The debt maturing on September 16, 2024, is subject to mandatory sinking fund redemption, at a redemption price equal to 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed, plus accrued interest to the date of redemption, on December 1 in each year and principal amount as follows:

Year	Amount
2010	\$250,000
2011	235,000
2012	240,000
2013	245,000
2014	250,000
2015	255,000
2016	260,000
2017	265,000
2018	270,000
2019	275,000
2020	280,000
2021	285,000
2022	290,000
2023	295,000

The remaining principal, in the amount of \$305,000, will be paid at stated maturity on September 16, 2024.

FY 2007 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds - On December 21, 2006, the School District issued bonds, in the amount of \$8,965,000, to partially refund bonds previously issued in fiscal year 2004 for buildings and other improvements. The refunding bond issue included serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds, in the original amount of \$6,785,000, \$2,135,000 and \$45,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a twenty-six year period, with final maturity during fiscal year 2033. The bonds will be retired through the Bond Retirement debt service fund.

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**Note 15 - Long-Term Obligations** (continued)

The serial bonds are subject to optional redemption, by and at the sole option of the School District, either in whole or in part and in integral multiples of \$5,000, on any date on or after December 1, 2017, at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The capital appreciation bonds are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds (principal and interest) mature on December 1, 2014, December 1, 2015, and December 1, 2016, in the amount of \$95,000, \$620,000, and \$630,000, respectively. For fiscal year 2015, \$292,251 was accreted and \$89,834 was paid on the capital appreciation bonds for a total bond value of \$909,236 at fiscal year end.

At June 30, 2015, none of the refunded bonds was still outstanding.

FY 2007 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Refunding Bonds - On January 30, 2007, the School District issued bonds, in the amount of \$6,420,000, to partially refund bonds previously issued in fiscal year 2004 for buildings and other improvements. The refunding bond issue included serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds, in the original amount of \$5,215,000, \$985,000 and \$220,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a twenty-two year period, with final maturity during fiscal year 2029. The bonds will be retired through the Bond Retirement debt service fund.

The serial bonds are subject to optional redemption, by and at the sole option of the School District, either in whole or in part and in integral multiples of \$5,000, on any date on or after December 1, 2028, at a redemption price of 100 percent of the principal amount redeemed plus accrued interest to the redemption date.

The capital appreciation bonds are not subject to prior redemption. The capital appreciation bonds (principal and interest) will mature on December 1, 2017, and December 1, 2018, in the amount of \$690,000, and \$685,000, respectively. For fiscal year 2015, \$128,719 was accreted on the capital appreciation bonds for a total bond value of \$860,742 at fiscal year end.

At June 30, 2015, none of the refunded bonds was still outstanding.

FY 2004 School Facilities Construction and Improvement Bonds - On June 17, 2004, the School District issued \$18,400,000 in voted general obligation bonds for constructing a new high school building. The bond issue included serial, term, and capital appreciation bonds, in the original amount of \$3,865,000, \$14,300,000, and \$235,000, respectively. The bonds were issued for a twenty-eight year period, with final maturity in fiscal year 2032. During fiscal year 2007, a portion of the serial bonds, in the amount of \$1,085,000, and the term bonds, in the amount of \$14,300,000, were advance refunded. During fiscal year 2015, the remaining bonds were fully retired through the Bond Retirement debt service fund.

FY 1994 School Facilities Improvement Bonds - On February 1, 1994, the School District issued \$425,000 in voted general obligation bonds for improvements to an existing building. The bonds were issued for a twenty-three year period, with final maturity in fiscal year 2017. The bonds are being retired through the Bond Retirement debt service fund.

The School District's overall debt margin was \$5,356,105 with an unvoted debt margin of \$241,973 at June 30, 2015.

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**Note 15 - Long-Term Obligations** (continued)

Principal and interest requirements to retire the general obligation debt outstanding at June 30, 2015, were as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	General Obligation Debt				
	Serial	Term	Capital	Interest	Total
2016	\$375,000	\$0	\$23,368	\$1,211,611	\$1,609,979
2017	390,000	0	16,466	1,218,258	1,624,724
2018	310,000	0	119,273	1,166,628	1,595,901
2019	270,000	50,000	100,727	1,173,167	1,593,894
2020	965,000	50,000	0	567,804	1,582,804
2021-2025	4,710,000	905,000	0	2,275,566	7,890,566
2026-2030	2,975,000	2,115,000	0	1,255,529	6,345,529
2031-2033	3,620,000	0	0	221,000	3,841,000
	<u>\$13,615,000</u>	<u>\$3,120,000</u>	<u>\$259,834</u>	<u>\$9,089,563</u>	<u>\$26,084,397</u>

**Note 16 - Capital Leases - Lessee Disclosure**

The School District has entered into capitalized leases for vehicles.

	Governmental Activities
Vehicles	\$468,928
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(44,290)
Carrying Value at June 30, 2015	<u>\$424,638</u>

The following is a schedule of the future minimum lease payments required under the capital leases and the present value of the minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2015.

Year	Governmental Activities	
	Principal	Interest
2016	\$93,778	\$487
2017	94,018	248
2018	94,265	0
Total	<u>\$282,061</u>	<u>\$735</u>

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**Note 17 - Fund Balance**

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the School District is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented below:

Fund Balance	General	Bond Retirement	Building	Other Governmental	Total Governmental Funds
Restricted for:					
Athletics and Music	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$69,544	\$69,544
Building Construction	0	0	802,230	0	802,230
Debt Retirement	0	573,340	0	0	573,340
Food Service Operations	0	0	0	4,594	4,594
Permanent Improvements	0	0	0	38,539	38,539
Regular Instruction	0	0	0	10,650	10,650
Special Instruction	99,357	0	0	4,013	103,370
Total Restricted	<u>99,357</u>	<u>573,340</u>	<u>802,230</u>	<u>127,340</u>	<u>1,602,267</u>
Committed for:					
Facilities Maintenance	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>249,720</u>	<u>249,720</u>
Assigned for:					
Community Activities	4	0	0	0	4
Educational Activities	2,960	0	0	0	2,960
Extracurricular Activities	62,807	0	0	0	62,807
Regular Instruction	15,702	0	0	0	15,702
Unpaid Obligations	92,152	0	0	0	92,152
Total Assigned	<u>173,625</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>173,625</u>
Unassigned (Deficit)	<u>3,488,290</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(945)</u>	<u>3,487,345</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$3,761,272</u>	<u>\$573,340</u>	<u>\$802,230</u>	<u>\$376,115</u>	<u>\$5,512,957</u>

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**Note 18 - Set Asides**

The School District is required by State statute to annually set aside, in the General Fund, an amount based on a statutory formula for the acquisition and construction of capital improvements. Amounts not spent by the end of the fiscal year or offset by similarly restricted resources received during the fiscal year must be held in cash at fiscal year end. This amount must be carried forward and used for the same purpose in future years. The following cash basis information identifies the change in the fund balance for capital improvements during fiscal year 2015.

Balance June 30, 2014	\$515,870
Current Year Set Aside Requirement	253,184
Current Year Offsets	(714,435)
Qualifying Expenditures	(54,619)
Balance June 30, 2015	<u>\$0</u>

**Note 19 - Interfund Transfers**

During fiscal year 2015, the General Fund made transfers to other governmental funds, in the amount of \$50,000 to subsidize various programs in other funds. Other governmental funds made transfers to the Building capital projects fund and other governmental funds, in the amount of \$802,243 and \$113,489, respectively, to be used for building maintenance and improvements.

**Note 20 - Donor Restricted Endowments**

The School District's private purpose trust fund includes donor restricted endowments. Endowment, in the amount of \$27,980, represents the principal portion. The amount of net appreciation in donor restricted investments that is available for expenditures by the School District is \$37,331 and is included as held in trust for scholarships. State law permits the School District to appropriate, for purposes consistent with the endowment's intent, net appreciation, realized and unrealized, unless the endowment terms specify otherwise. The endowment indicates that the interest should be used to provide a scholarship each year.

**Note 21 - Jointly Governed Organizations**

**A. Northwest Ohio Computer Association**

The School District is a participant in the Northwest Ohio Computer Association (NWOCA), which is a computer consortium. NWOCA is an association of educational entities with the boundaries of Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood counties. The organization was formed for the purpose of applying modern technology with the aid of computers and other electronic equipment to administrative and instructional functions among member educational entities.

**Note 21 - Jointly Governed Organizations** (continued)

The NWOCA Assembly consists of the superintendent from each participating educational entity and a representative from the fiscal agent. The assembly elects the governing Council of two representatives from each of the six counties in which member educational entities are located and the representative from the member educational entity serving as fiscal agent for NWOCA. The degree of control exercised by any participating educational entity is limited to its representation on the Board. During fiscal year 2014, the School District paid \$76,982 to NWOCA for various services. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwest Ohio Computer Association, 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**B. Northern Buckeye Education Council**

The Northern Buckeye Education Council (NBEC) was established in 1979 to foster cooperation among educational entities located in Defiance, Fulton, Henry, Lucas, Williams, and Wood counties. NBEC is organized under Ohio laws as a regional council of governments pursuant to a written agreement entered into by its member educational entities and bylaws adopted by the representatives of the member educational entities. NBEC is governed by an elected Board consisting of two representatives from each of the six counties in which the member educational entities are located. The board is elected from an Assembly consisting of a representative from each participating educational entity. Financial information can be obtained from the Northern Buckeye Educational Council, 209 Nolan Parkway, Archbold, Ohio 43502.

**C. Penta Career Center**

The Penta Career Center (Career Center) is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio which provides vocational education to students. The Career Center is operated under the direction of a Board consisting of nine board members appointed from participating School Districts' or Educational Service Centers' elected Board of Education. The Board consists of one representative from each exempted village and/or city school district: Bowling Green, Maumee, Perrysburg, and Rossford; one representative from each of the three least populous counties: Fulton, Ottawa, and Sandusky; and one representative from each of the most populous counties: Lucas and Wood. The Board possesses its own budgeting and taxing authority. Financial information can be obtained from the Penta Career Center, 9301 Buck Road, Perrysburg, Ohio 43551.

**D. Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc.**

The Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc. (NOERC) is a jointly governed organization formed to bring educational entities into a better understanding of their common educational problems, facilitate and conduct practical educational research, coordinate educational research among members, provide a means for evaluating and disseminating the results of research, serve as a repository for research and legislative materials, and provide opportunities for training. The NOERC serves a twenty-five county area in Northwest Ohio. The Board of Directors consists of superintendents from two educational service centers, two exempted village school districts, five local school districts, and five city school districts, as well as representatives from two private or parochial schools, and three institutions of higher education. Each active member is entitled to one vote on all issues addressed by the Board of Directors. Financial information can be obtained from the Northwestern Ohio Educational Research Council, Inc., 441 East Market Street, Celina, Ohio, 45822.



**Note 22 - Related Organization**

The Weston Public Library is a distinct political subdivision of the State of Ohio created under Chapter 3375 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Library is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Otsego Local School District Board of Education. The Board of Trustees possesses its own contracting and budgeting authority, hires and fires personnel, and does not depend on the School District for operational subsidies. Although the School District does serve as the taxing authority and may issue tax related debt on behalf of the Library, its role is limited to a ministerial function. The determination to request approval of a tax, the rate, and the purpose are discretionary decisions made solely by the Board of Trustees. Financial information can be obtained from the Weston Public Library, P.O. Box 345, Weston, Ohio 43569.

**Note 23 - Insurance Pools**

**A. Wood County Schools Benefit Plan Association**

The Wood County Schools Benefit Plan Association (Association) is a public entity shared risk pool consisting of six local school districts, two exempted village school districts, a city school district, a joint vocational school, and an educational service center. The Association is organized as a Voluntary Employee Benefit Association under Section 501(c)(9) of the Internal Revenue Code and provides medical, dental, and other benefits to the employees of the participating entities. Each participating entity's superintendent is appointed to an Administrative Committee which advises the Trustee, Huntington Bank, concerning aspects of the administration of the Association.

Each entity decides which plans offered by the Administrative Committee will be extended to its employees. Participation in the Association is by written application subject to acceptance by the Administrative Committee and payment of the monthly premiums. Financial information may be obtained from Huntington Retirement Plan Services, 519 Madison Avenue - 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Toledo, Ohio 43604.

**B. Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan**

The School District participates in a group rating plan for worker's compensation as established under Section 4123.29 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio School Boards Association Workers' Compensation Group Rating Plan (GRP) was established through the Ohio School Boards Association (OSBA) as an insurance purchasing pool.

The GRP's business and affairs are conducted by a three member Board of Directors consisting of the President, the President-Elect, and the Immediate Past President of the OSBA. The Executive Director of the OSBA, or his designee, serves as coordinator of the GRP. Each year, the participants pay an enrollment fee to the GRP to cover the costs of administering the program.

**Note 24 - Contingencies**

**A. Grants**

The School District received financial assistance from federal and state agencies in the form of grants. The expenditure of funds received under these programs generally requires compliance with terms and conditions specified in the grant agreements and is subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Any disallowed claims resulting from such audits could become a liability of the General Fund or other applicable funds. However, in the opinion of management, any such disallowed claims will not have a material adverse effect on the overall financial position of the School District at June 30, 2015.

**B. School Foundation**

School District foundation funding is based on the annualized full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment of each student. Effective for the 2014-2015 school year, traditional school districts must comply with minimum hours of instruction instead of a minimum number of school days each year. The funding formula the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) is legislatively required to follow will continue to adjust as enrollment information is updated by the School District, which can extend past the fiscal year end. As of the date of this report, ODE has not finalized the impact of enrollment adjustments to the June 30, 2015, foundation funding for the School District, therefore, any financial statement impact is not determinable at this time. ODE and management believe this will result in either a receivable to or a liability of the School District.

**C. Litigation**

There are currently no matters in litigation with the School District as defendant.

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FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
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FEDERAL GRANTOR <i>Pass Through Grantor</i> Program / Cluster Title	Federal CFDA Number	Receipts	Expenditures
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
<u>Child Nutrition Cluster:</u>			
School Breakfast Program	10.553	\$29,775	\$29,775
National School Lunch Program	10.555		
Cash Assistance		195,280	195,280
Non-Cash Assistance (Commodities)		45,303	45,303
Total National School Lunch Program		<u>240,583</u>	<u>240,583</u>
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>		<b><u>270,358</u></b>	<b><u>270,358</u></b>
<b>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION</b>			
<i>Passed Through Ohio Department of Education</i>			
Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies	84.010	199,325	213,963
<u>Special Education Cluster:</u>			
Special Education Grants to States	84.027	386,558	385,146
Special Education Preschool Grants	84.173	13,823	13,000
Total Special Education Cluster		<u>400,381</u>	<u>398,146</u>
Improving Teacher Quality State Grants	84.367	69,431	77,322
ARRA - State Fiscal Stabilization Fund - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	84.395	8,800	
<b>Total U.S. Department of Education</b>		<b><u>677,937</u></b>	<b><u>689,431</u></b>
<b>Total Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures</b>		<b><u>\$948,295</u></b>	<b><u>\$959,789</u></b>

*The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.*

**OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
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**NOTES TO THE FEDERAL AWARDS RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES SCHEDULE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

**NOTE A - SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accompanying Schedule of Federal Awards Receipts and Expenditures (the Schedule) reports the Otsego Local School District (the District's) federal award programs' receipts and disbursements. The Schedule has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting.

**NOTE B - CHILD NUTRITION CLUSTER**

The District commingles cash receipts from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with similar State grants. When reporting expenditures on this Schedule, the District assumes it expends federal monies first.

**NOTE C – FOOD DONATION PROGRAM**

The District reports commodities consumed on the Schedule at the entitlement value. The District allocated donated food commodities to the program that benefitted from the use of those donated food commodities.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Otsego Local School District  
Wood County  
18505 Tontogany Creek Road, P.O. Box 290  
Tontogany, Ohio 43565-0290

To the Board of Education:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Otsego Local School District, Wood County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2016, wherein we noted the District uses a special purpose framework other than general accepted accounting principles.

### ***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District's financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

### ***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our

audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 2016



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Otsego Local School District  
Wood County  
18505 Tontogany Creek Road, P.O. Box 290  
Tontogany, Ohio 43565-0290

To the Board of Education:

### ***Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program***

We have audited Otsego Local School District, Wood County, Ohio's (the District) compliance with the applicable requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133, Compliance Supplement* that could directly and materially affect the District's major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015. The *Summary of Audit Results* in the accompanying schedule of findings identifies the District's major federal program.

### ***Management's Responsibility***

The District's management is responsible for complying with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on the District's compliance for the District's major federal program based on our audit of the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. Our compliance audit followed auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards for financial audits included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. These standards and OMB Circular A-133 require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether noncompliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our compliance opinion on the District's major program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the District's compliance.

### ***Opinion on the Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Otsego Local School District complied, in all material respects with the compliance requirements referred to above that could directly and materially affect its major federal program for the year ended June 30, 2015.

***Report on Internal Control Over Compliance***

The District's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the applicable compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our compliance audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with the applicable requirements that could directly and materially affect a major federal program, to determine our auditing procedures appropriate for opining on each major federal program's compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or to timely detect and correct, noncompliance with a federal program's applicable compliance requirement. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a federal program compliance requirement will not be prevented, or timely detected and corrected. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with federal program's applicable compliance requirement that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

This report only describes the scope of our internal control compliance tests and the results of this testing based on OMB Circular A-133 requirements. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

February 17, 2016



**OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
WOOD COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
OMB CIRCULAR A -133 § .505  
JUNE 30, 2015**

**1. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

<i>(d)(1)(i)</i>	Type of Financial Statement Opinion	Unmodified
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any material control weaknesses reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(ii)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iii)</i>	Was there any reported material noncompliance at the financial statement level (GAGAS)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any material internal control weaknesses reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(iv)</i>	Were there any significant deficiencies in internal control reported for major federal programs?	No
<i>(d)(1)(v)</i>	Type of Major Programs' Compliance Opinion	Unqualified
<i>(d)(1)(vi)</i>	Are there any reportable findings under § .510(a)?	No
<i>(d)(1)(vii)</i>	Major Programs (list):	Special Education Cluster: Special Education – Grants to States CFDA #84.027 Special Education – Preschool Grants CFDA #84.173
<i>(d)(1)(viii)</i>	Dollar Threshold: Type A/B Programs	Type A: > \$ 300,000 Type B: all others
<i>(d)(1)(ix)</i>	Low Risk Auditee?	Yes

**2. FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

None

**3. FINDINGS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS**

None

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**OTSEGO LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**WOOD COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
MARCH 17, 2016**