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FINANCIAL SECTION





INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of School Trustees
Bloom Township Trustees of Schools
South Chicago Heights, Illinois

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools ("the School Treasurer"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the School Treasurer's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in modified cash basis financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the School Treasurer, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Emphasis of Matter—Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

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

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

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the School Treasurer's basic financial statements. The management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8, the supplementary information on pages 34-39 and the information on page 40, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison information on pages 34-35 have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Management's discussion and analysis on pages 3-8, the information on pages 36-39, and the other information on page 40 have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

MW & Associates, P.C.

Hillside, Illinois
May 20, 2025

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
June 30, 2024

Introduction

Our discussion and analysis of the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools' (School Treasurer) financial performance provides an overview of the School Treasurer's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. The purpose of this management discussion and analysis is to examine the School Treasurer's financial performance as a whole. Readers of this discussion and analysis should also review the financial statements and notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the School Treasurer's financial performance.

The School Treasurer prepares its annual financial statements using the reporting model in the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments* except that the modified cash basis, which is another comprehensive basis of accounting, is utilized. The reporting model is a combination of both government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. The financial statements have three components:

- 1) Government – wide financial statements including the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis, which provide an overview of the School Treasurer's finances.
- 2) Fund financial statements that provide a greater level of detail of revenue and expenditures and focus on how well the School Treasurer has performed in the most significant funds.
- 3) Notes to the financial statements.

Government – Wide Financial Statements

The government – wide financial statements are intended to provide readers with a broad overview of the finances of the School Treasurer in a manner similar to that of a private-sector business.

The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis presents information on all of the School Treasurer's assets and liabilities reported on the modified cash basis of accounting, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or (decreases) in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the School Treasurer is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis presents information demonstrating the manner in which the net position of the School Treasurer changed during the most recent fiscal year. Since these financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, except for assets and liabilities which arise from cash transactions and for the recognition of depreciation, revenue is recognized when received rather than when earned, and expenditures are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

The government – wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 and 10 of this report.

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Fund Financial Statements

The School Treasurer’s fund financial statements, which start on page 11, provide detailed information about the most significant funds – not the School Treasurer as a whole. The definition of a fund is a group of related accounts that are used to exercise control over resources that are segregated for specific activities or objectives. The School Treasurer, similar to other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

The School Treasurer is required to provide detailed information for its major funds. Major funds are defined as the General Fund and other funds, other than fiduciary funds, where the assets, liabilities, revenue or expenditures of that fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category type. In the 2024 fiscal year, only the General Fund was considered a major fund. The School Treasurer maintains no other governmental funds.

The School Treasurer’s fund financial statements can be separated into two categories: Governmental Funds and Fiduciary Funds. The School Treasurer possesses no proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds

The purpose of Governmental Funds is to account for the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed display of the School Treasurer’s operations and the services that it provides. Governmental fund information assists the reader in determining whether there are more or fewer financial resources that are available to be spent in the near future to finance the programs of the School Treasurer.

Since the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is beneficial to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government – wide financial statements. By doing such, readers may be able to have a better understanding of the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. The relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements.

Fiduciary Funds

The purpose of fiduciary funds is to account for resources that are held for the benefit of parties outside the governmental entity. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not intended to support the School Treasurer’s own programs.

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Fiduciary Funds (Continued)

The School Treasurer reports the School Districts/Other Local Educational Authorities fund as a custodial fund to account for monies received and disbursed on behalf of school districts and other local educational authorities (LEAs) serviced by the Bloom Township School Treasurer. The School Treasurer also reports a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position in addition to the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is crucial for a complete understanding of the data provided in the government – wide and fund financial statements. In this report, the notes to the financial statements start on page 17.

Government – Wide Financial Analysis

As explained earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the financial position of a government. For the School Treasurer, total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$723,046 at the fiscal year end date of June 30, 2024. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, total assets exceeded total liabilities by \$434,368.

Statement of Net Position
Modified Cash Basis

	<u>Government Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets:		
Current and other assets	\$ 635,943	\$ 324,462
Capital assets - net of depreciation	87,103	109,906
Total Assets	<u>723,046</u>	<u>434,368</u>
Liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net position:		
Invested in capital assets	87,103	109,906
Unrestricted	<u>635,943</u>	<u>324,462</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 723,046</u>	<u>\$ 434,368</u>

A portion of net position reflects the School Treasurer's investment in capital assets. These assets are not normally available for future spending. The decrease in capital assets is a result of current year depreciation expense exceeding the amount of current year additions, in which there were no capital asset additions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

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Government – Wide Financial Analysis (Continued)

The largest portion of the School Treasurer's net position at June 30, 2024 consists of unrestricted net position, which may be used to meet the School Treasurer's ongoing obligations to its employees and creditors.

The total net position of the School Treasurer increased by \$288,678, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. In comparison, the total net position for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 decreased by \$177,300.

Governmental Activities

The key elements of the increase in the School Treasurer's net position for June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Statement of Activities
Modified Cash Basis

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenue:		
Program revenues:		
School and other LEA reimbursements	\$ 2,234,512	\$ 1,830,760
General revenues:		
Interest earnings	56	53
Other local revenue	7,140	-
Total revenue	<u>2,241,708</u>	<u>1,830,813</u>
Expenditures:		
Support services	1,930,227	1,985,310
Depreciation/amortization	<u>22,803</u>	<u>22,803</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,953,030</u>	<u>2,008,113</u>
Change in net position	288,678	(177,300)
Net position - July 1	<u>434,368</u>	<u>611,668</u>
Net position - June 30	<u>\$ 723,046</u>	<u>\$ 434,368</u>

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The School Treasurer's budget is prepared according to Illinois State Statute and is based on accounting for transactions on a modified cash basis. The only budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The revenue budgeted in the General Fund was \$1,960,100 compared to actual revenue of \$2,241,708. The variance was primarily the result of the timing of receipts from the entities in which the School Treasurer serves as some districts paid amounts due in Fiscal Year 2023 in early Fiscal Year 2024. The expenditures budgeted were \$1,956,200 compared to actual expenditures of \$1,930,227. The variance

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June 30, 2024

was primarily the result of expenditures related to spending under budget for in data processing and statistical service costs as well as legal publications, audit and financial services and IMRF employer contributions.

Capital Assets

Capital assets at June 30, 2024 and 2023 are as follows:

School Treasurer's Capital Assets
(Net of Depreciation/Amortization)

	Governmental Activities	
	2024	2023
Leasehold Improvements	\$ 85,162	\$ 104,086
Computer Equipment and Software	1,941	5,820
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 87,103</u>	<u>\$ 109,906</u>

The change from the prior year is primarily the result of current year depreciation expense exceeding the amount of current year additions. Additional information on the School Treasurer's capital assets can be found in Note 3 to the financial statements.

The Future of the School Treasurer

The Bloom Township School Treasurer's office is expected to continue to maintain a strong financial position through controlled expenditure growth and by means of a statutory billing system that allows for a complete reimbursement of expenditures incurred at the School Treasurer's office by the school districts and other entities serviced.

The School Treasurer provides services to three high school districts, eleven elementary school districts, two unit districts, one special education cooperative, one intermediate service center, one regional office of education, and a career preparatory center. The School Treasurer office believes that as it continues to grow through various intergovernmental agreements, it will continue to increase its efficiencies. This should result in increased benefits to the districts and other entities serviced by the School Treasurer.

Decisions on future growth are being made with the input of the school districts and other entities the School Treasurer services.

The School Treasurer's office completed its twelfth fiscal year with its major computer software and hardware conversion. The conversion has continued to be a success and the individual school districts serviced have been pleased by the increased efficiencies and safeguards the new software provides. The hardware is securely housed outside of the office with increased security and redundancies that have significantly improved operations.

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As the School Treasurer's office continues to move forward, it will still work closely with its partners and explore additional ways to expand its shared services model within the services that its districts currently provide on their own. The School Treasurer's office once again looks forward to assisting its school districts and other entities in the upcoming years.

Requests for Information

The purpose of this financial report is to provide a general overview of the School Treasurer's finances for all those with an interest in the entity's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools, 3311 Chicago Road, South Chicago Heights, Illinois 60411.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 635,943
Capital assets being depreciated	
Leasehold improvements	321,157
Computer equipment and software	656,822
Office furniture and equipment	79,253
Subtotal	1,057,232
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(970,129)
Net capital assets	87,103
Total assets	723,046
Liabilities	-
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	87,103
Unrestricted	635,943
Total net position	\$ 723,046

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues	Net (Expenses) Revenue and
		Charges for	Changes in Net Position
		Services	Governmental
			Activities
Primary Government			
Governmental Activities			
Support services	\$ 1,930,227	\$ 2,234,512	\$ 304,285
Depreciation/amortization - unallocated	22,803	-	(22,803)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 1,953,030</u>	<u>\$ 2,234,512</u>	<u>281,482</u>
General revenues			
Interest earnings			56
Other local revenue			7,140
Total general revenues			<u>7,196</u>
Change in net position			<u>288,678</u>
Net Position - July 1, 2023			<u>434,368</u>
Net Position - June 30, 2024			<u><u>\$ 723,046</u></u>

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND FUND BALANCE
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024**

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash and Investments	<u>\$ 635,943</u>
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	<u>\$ 635,943</u>

**BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
RECONCILIATION OF TOTAL FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
JUNE 30, 2024**

Total fund balance - governmental funds \$ 635,943

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

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds:

Capital assets	1,057,232	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(970,129)</u>	
Net capital assets		<u>87,103</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 723,046

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES RECEIVED, EXPENDITURES DISBURSED
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund
Revenues Received	
School and other LEA reimbursements	\$ 2,234,512
Interest earnings	56
Other	7,140
Total revenues received	<u>2,241,708</u>
Expenditures Disbursed	
Support services	
Salaries	871,769
Payroll taxes	57,728
IMRF	50,800
Other retirement contributions	10,000
Medical insurance	71,083
Treasurer's bond and other insurance	110,689
Data process and statistical services	388,665
Audit and financial services	19,346
Property services	58,552
Legal services	1,513
Maintenance and repairs	5,120
Transportation and travel	15,385
Communications	71,196
Professional services - other	119,944
Office expenses	34,902
Utilities	5,591
Legal publications	18,280
Dues and fees	2,923
Rentals	15,541
Miscellaneous - other	1,200
Total expenditures disbursed	<u>1,930,227</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Received Over Expenditures Disbursed	<u>311,481</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>324,462</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 635,943</u></u>

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
RECONCILIATION OF STATEMENT OF REVENUES RECEIVED, EXPENDITURES DISBURSED AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net change in fund balance - total governmental funds **\$ 311,481**

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

Capital outlays are reported as expenditures. In the Statement of Activities, the costs of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, these amounts consist of:

Depreciation/amortization expense	<u>(22,803)</u>
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Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 288,678</u></u>
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BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUND
JUNE 30, 2024

	School Districts/ Other Local Educational Authorities
Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 741,778,820
Total Assets	<u>741,778,820</u>
Net Position	
Restricted for:	
School districts and other LEAs	741,778,820
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 741,778,820</u>

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
MODIFIED CASH BASIS
FIDUCIARY FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	School Districts/ Other Local Educational Authorities
Additions	
School district cash receipts	\$ 1,190,680,915
Interest earnings	19,828,771
Total additions	<u>1,210,509,686</u>
Deductions	
Payments made on behalf of school districts	<u>1,170,086,766</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,170,086,766</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	<u>40,422,920</u>
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>701,355,900</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 741,778,820</u></u>

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS

Notes to financial statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Bloom Township Trustees of Schools (School Treasurer) was established by Illinois State Statute to provide services to school districts as well as joint agreements within its jurisdiction. The School Treasurer also provides services to other local educational authorities (LEAs) that are located outside of Bloom Township. The services provided by the School Treasurer include collecting revenue, processing expenditures, and investing funds as authorized by the individual school districts or local educational authorities.

The School Treasurer's accounting policies conform to accounting practices appropriate for local governmental units using the modified cash basis method of accounting. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies.

Criteria Used to Determine Scope of Entity

The criteria to determine whether outside agencies with activities that benefit the School Treasurer should be included within its financial reporting entity include, but are not limited to, whether the School Treasurer exercises oversight responsibility (which includes financial interdependency, selection of governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations and accountability for fiscal matters), scope of public service and special financing relationships.

The School Treasurer has determined that there are no other outside agencies that meet the stated criteria above and, therefore no other agencies have been included as a component unit in the School Treasurer's financial statements. In addition, the School Treasurer is not aware of any entity which would exercise such oversight which would result in the School Treasurer being considered a component unit of that entity.

Basis of Presentation

The School Treasurer's financial statements consist of two components. The first component is the government-wide financial statements, including a Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and a Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis. The second component is comprised of fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government – Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis and the Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis display information about the School Treasurer as a whole. These statements contain information that includes the financial activities of the primary government, except for fiduciary funds. The effect of any material interfund activity has been eliminated from these statements.

The Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the School Treasurer at year end. It includes all current assets and current liabilities arising from cash transactions and all capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, and long-term debt associated with the operation of the School Treasurer.

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Notes to financial statements

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenue for each program or function of the School Treasurer’s governmental activities.

Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenue includes charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program as well as grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. If revenue is not classified as program revenue, it is instead presented as general revenue of the School Treasurer. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenue identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenue of the School Treasurer.

Fund Financial Statements

During the course of the fiscal year, the School Treasurer segregates transactions related to certain School Treasurer functions or activities in separate funds in order to assist financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. The purpose of fund financial statements is to present financial information of the School Treasurer at a more detailed level. Major funds are the focus of governmental fund financial statements.

A major fund is defined as the School Treasurer’s General Fund as well as any other fund where either the assets, liabilities, revenues received or expenditures disbursed of that fund are at least ten percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds since the School Treasurer has no enterprise funds. The only governmental fund of the School Treasurer is the General Fund. The Fiduciary Fund is reported at the fund financial statement level as a separate fund type and is not included in the government – wide financial statements.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the School Treasurer are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts comprised of its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues received, and expenditures disbursed. The School Treasurer’s resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based on the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The classification of funds is either as governmental or fiduciary.

Governmental Fund

Governmental funds are those through which the majority of governmental functions of the School Treasurer are financed. The acquisition, use and balances of the School Treasurer’s expendable financial resources and the related liabilities arising from cash transactions are accounted for through governmental funds.

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Notes to financial statements

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The General Fund serves as the general operating fund of the School Treasurer. The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the School Treasurer in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, or other funds.

Custodial funds, which prior to the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84 – *Fiduciary Activities*, were reported as agency funds. The Custodial fund is used to account for the cash and investments held by the School Treasurer as an agent for the school districts and other LEAs it services. The nature of these funds is custodial and are only to the benefit and use of the School Districts that deposit their money with the School Treasurer.

Basis of Accounting

The School Treasurer's financial records are maintained on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than the accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Under the modified cash basis of accounting, only current assets and current liabilities arising from cash transactions are included on the Statement of Assets and Fund Balance – Modified Cash Basis. Revenue is recognized at the time it is received and not when it is earned. Expenditures are recognized at the time they are paid and not when the obligation is incurred. The government – wide financial statements contain information related to the purchase, depreciation and amortization, and year end balances of capital assets as well as year end balances and activity related to long term debt, if any. Any differences between the government – wide financial statements and the fund financial statements are briefly explained in reconciliations included in the fund financial statements.

Budgetary Data

The budget is prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting which is the same basis used in financial reporting. This results in comparability between budget and actual amounts.

The fund level is the control level at which actual expenditures may not legally exceed the budgeted expenditures. The budget expires at the end of each fiscal year on June 30. An encumbrance system is not implemented by the School Treasurer.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the School Treasurer did not disburse expenditures in excess of budget.

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Notes to financial statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Cash and Investments

Pooled Cash and Investments

The School Treasurer maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use for the following school districts and local educational authorities:

Aurora West School District 129	Aurora, Illinois
East Aurora School District 131	Aurora, Illinois
Homewood School District 153	Homewood, Illinois
Matteson School District 159	Matteson, Illinois
Flossmoor School District 161	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163	Park Forest, Illinois
Brookwood School District 167	Glenwood, Illinois
Community Consolidated Schools District 168	Sauk Village, Illinois
Ford Heights School District 169	Ford Heights, Illinois
Chicago Heights School District 170	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Sunnybrook School District 171	Lansing, Illinois
Sandridge School District 172	Lynwood, Illinois
Steger Public School District 194	Steger, Illinois
Bloom Township High Schools District 206	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Homewood-Flossmoor Community High School District 233	Flossmoor, Illinois
SPEED S.E.J.A. #802	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Rich Township High School District 227	Olympia Fields, Illinois
South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4	Chicago Heights, Illinois
Career Preparation Network	Crete, Illinois
Regional Office of Education #47	Dixon, Illinois

It is not permitted for any entity to borrow from another entity through deficit spending within the School Treasurer's cash and investment pool. Inside of each entity, interfund loans and repayments are made periodically from time to time among the various funds. It is permitted by state law to have these temporary interfund loans caused by deficit spending on special tax levies. There is no recognition of interest income or expense on interfund loans.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Allocation of Pooled Cash and Investment Income

Interest income, which also includes gains and losses on sales of investments, is allocated to each entity that is serviced by the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools in the following manner:

First, the School Treasurer calculates the total pool earnings for the quarter.

Second, the School Treasurer summarizes the interest received by the month in which the interest was earned.

Third, for each month, the School Treasurer calculates the percentage of ownership each entity has in the total cash and investment pool based on end-of-month balances.

Fourth, based on the monthly percentages of ownership in the cash and investment pool, earnings are extended to each entity.

The School Treasurer's deposit and investment policies are governed by State Statute. The following are what the School Treasurer may be allowed to invest public funds in:

- Securities guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States of America;
- Bonds, notes, debentures, or other similar obligations of the United States of America or its agencies;
- Interest bearing savings accounts, certificates of deposit, or time deposits in a federally insured bank or savings and loan association;
- In limited circumstances, in short-term corporate obligations of corporations having assets exceeding 500 million dollars;
- Money market mutual funds that are both registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and whose holdings are limited to securities guaranteed both as to principal and interest by the full faith and credit of the United States of America;
- Public Treasurers' Investment Pools created under Section 17 of the Illinois State Treasurer Act.

Accounting Policies

Investments are carried at cost determined on a first-in, first-out basis. With regards to discounted federal securities, there is no amortization of the discount to interest income. Gains and losses on the sale of investments are recorded as investment income at the date of sale or maturity.

Inventories

The modified cash basis of accounting is not normally used to record inventories. In addition, the School Treasurer does not maintain inventories in amounts material to the financial statements.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Capital Assets

The School Treasurer has a policy that allows it to capitalize items with an acquisition cost greater than \$5,000. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost and depreciated over their estimated useful lives (excluding salvage value). Donated capital assets are recorded at their acquisition value at the date of donation. Estimated useful life is the School Treasurer's estimate of how long the asset is expected to meet service demands. In the government-wide financial statements, straight-line depreciation/amortization is used based on the following estimated useful lives:

Leasehold improvements	4.5 – 10 years
Computer equipment and software	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	7 years

Restricted Net Position

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either:

Imposed externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments;

Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislations.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, the School Treasurer has a policy to use restricted resources first, followed by unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Fund Balance

In the Fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balance based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

Non-spendable fund balance – This balance includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance – This refers to amounts that are subject to outside restrictions that are not controlled by the entity. These restrictions are imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments, or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Committed fund balance – These are amounts that can only be used for specific purposes on account of a formal action (resolution or ordinance) by the School Treasurer’s highest level of decision – making authority, the Board of School Trustees.

Assigned fund balance – These are amounts that are constrained by the Treasurer’s intent to be used for specific purposes, but do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed. Intent can only be stipulated by the Board of School Trustees or by an official to whom that authority has been given.

Unassigned fund balance – This is the residual classification for amounts in the General Fund. Unless otherwise specifically identified, expenditures serve to reduce restricted balances first, and then followed by committed balances, and then next assigned balances, and finally unassigned balances. Expenditures for a specifically identified purpose will serve to reduce the specific classification of fund balance that is identified.

Use of Estimates

In order to prepare the financial statements in conformity with the modified cash basis of accounting, it is required for the School Treasurer to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. It is possible that actual results may differ from those estimates.

Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through May 20, 2025, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The components of cash and investments at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

	Fiduciary Fund	General Fund
Cash and investments - net	\$ 741,778,820	\$ 635,943
Deposits-in-transit	(401,193)	-
Outstanding items	<u>91,450,629</u>	<u>38,319</u>
Balance per bank	<u>\$ 832,828,256</u>	<u>\$ 674,262</u>

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NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Cash

Custodial credit risk for deposits is defined as the risk that if a bank failure were to occur, the School Treasurer's deposits may not be returned or the School Treasurer will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. There is no deposit policy for custodial credit risk for either the State or the School Treasurer.

As of June 30, 2024, the School Treasurer's General Fund bank balances were insured and collateralized.

Cash Investment Pool

Credit risk is defined as the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. When investing takes place, it is performed in accordance with investment policies adopted by the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools complying with State Statutes. State law limits investments in commercial paper, corporate bonds and mutual funds to the top two ratings issued by recognized statistical rating organizations. At June 30, 2024, the School Treasurer's investments subject to credit risk were rated as follows:

Investment	Moody's Investor Service	Standard & Poor's
U.S Agencies		
Federal Home Loan Bank (FHLB)	Aaa	AA+
U.S. Treasuries	Aaa	AA+
Federal Farm Credit Notes	Aaa	AA+
Municipal Bonds*	Aaa - A1	AAA - A
Corporate and Bank Bonds and Notes	Aa3 - Baa1	AA+ - BBB
Mortgage Securities		
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)	Aaa	AA+
Government National Mortgage Association	N/A	N/A
Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)	N/A	N/A

*Credit risk ratings were not available for certain municipal bonds

For investments, custodial risk is considered to be the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the School Treasurer will not have the ability to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. There is no state law that requires the collateralization of investments.

The School Treasurer's investments are held in the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools cash and investment pool. At June 30, 2024, the cash bank balances (which include certificates of deposit and money market/cash accounts) of \$231,295,424 in the Bloom Township Treasurer cash and investment pool were covered by FDIC insurance or collateralized.

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Notes to financial statements

June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 - CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Interest rate risk is considered to be the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Investments that are held for longer periods of time are subject to increased risk of adverse interest rate changes. Investments are intentionally diversified to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over-concentration of assets in a specific period, a single issuer, or an individual class of securities. At June 30, 2024, the cash and investment pool of the School Treasurer included the following investments:

Investment by Fair Value Level	Balance as of June 30, 2024	Investment Maturity			
		Less Than One Year	One to Five Years	Six to Ten Years	Greater Than Ten Years
U.S. Agencies	\$ 211,627,330	\$ 135,138,469	\$ 74,838,856	\$ 500,005	\$ 1,150,000
Municipal Bonds	69,928,228	26,743,512	28,357,313	1,161,640	13,665,763
Corporate and Bank Bonds and Notes	172,116,842	97,011,280	72,106,092	711,360	2,288,110
Mortgage Securities	56,810,996	6,032,060	34,339,616	3,479,297	12,960,023
Certificates of Deposit	167,190,284	91,001,005	76,189,279	-	-
Total Investments	<u>\$ 677,673,680</u>	<u>\$ 355,926,326</u>	<u>\$ 285,831,156</u>	<u>\$ 5,852,302</u>	<u>\$ 30,063,896</u>

The School Treasurer's cash and investment pool has the following recurring fair value measurements as of June 30, 2024:

Investment by Fair Value Level	June 30, 2024	Fair Value Measurements Using		
		Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
U.S. Agencies	\$ 211,627,330	\$ -	\$ 211,627,330	\$ -
Municipal Bonds	69,928,228	-	69,928,228	-
Corporate and Bank Bonds and Notes	172,116,842	-	172,116,842	-
Mortgage Securities	56,810,996	-	56,810,996	-
Total Investments	<u>\$ 510,483,396</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 510,483,396</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The School Treasurer's cash and investment pool includes holdings in the Illinois School District Liquid Asset Fund Plus (ISDLAF), which is a not-for-profit investment trust formed pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code and overseen by a Board of Trustees elected from participating members. ISDLAF is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) as an investment company. Investments are valued at share price, which is defined as the price for which the investment could be sold. ISDLAF is rated AAA by S&P.

The School Treasurer invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to a variety of risks. These risks include interest rate, market, and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, there is at least a reasonable possibility that changes in the values of the investment securities will occur in the near future and that these changes could materially affect the amounts reported in the financial statements.

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NOTE 3 - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Balance July 1, 2023	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2024
Capital Assets				
Leasehold improvements	\$ 321,157	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 321,157
Computer equipment and software	656,822	-	-	656,822
Office furniture and equipment	79,253	-	-	79,253
Total capital assets	1,057,232	-	-	1,057,232
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Leasehold improvements	217,071	18,924	-	235,995
Computer equipment and software	651,002	3,879	-	654,881
Office furniture and equipment	79,253	-	-	79,253
Total accumulated depreciation	947,326	22,803	-	970,129
Capital Assets - net	\$ 109,906	\$ (22,803)	\$ -	\$ 87,103

NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS

During 2015, the School Treasurer adopted the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statements No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*. Because the School Treasurer follows the modified cash basis of accounting, the net pension liability and related deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources which this standard requires are not reported in the School Treasurer's financial statements. However, the disclosures required by the standard are provided.

Illinois Municipal Retirement System

Plan Description

The School Treasurer's defined benefit pension plan for regular employees provides retirement and disability benefits, post-retirement increases, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The School Treasurer's plan is managed by the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the administrator of a multi-employer public pension fund. A summary of IMRF's pension benefits is provided in the "Benefits Provided" section of this document.

Details of all benefits are available from IMRF. Benefit provisions are established by statute and may only be changed by the General Assembly of the State of Illinois. IMRF issues a publicly available Annual Comprehensive Financial Report that includes financial statements, detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position, and required supplementary information. The report is available for download at www.imrf.org.

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NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Benefits Provided

IMRF has three benefit plans. The vast majority of IMRF members participate in the Regular Plan (RP). The Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP) plan is for sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, and selected police chiefs. Counties could adopt the Elected County Official (ECO) plan for officials elected prior to August 8, 2011 (the ECO plan was closed to new participants after that date).

All three IMRF benefit plans have two tiers. Employees hired *before* January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 1 benefits. Tier 1 employees are vested for pension benefits when they have at least eight years of qualifying service credit. Tier 1 employees who retire at age 55 (at reduced benefits) or after age 60 (at full benefits) with eight years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any consecutive 48 months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 48. Under Tier 1, the pension is increased by 3% of the original amount on January 1 every year after retirement.

Employees hired on or after January 1, 2011, are eligible for Tier 2 benefits. For Tier 2 employees, pension benefits vest after ten years of service. Participating employees who retire at age 62 (at reduced benefits) or after age 67 (at full benefits) with ten years of service are entitled to an annual retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, in an amount equal to 1-2/3% of the final rate of earnings for the first 15 years of service credit, plus 2% for each year of service credit after 15 years to a maximum of 75% of their final rate of earnings. Final rate of earnings is the highest total earnings during any 96 consecutive months within the last 10 years of service, divided by 96. Under Tier 2, the pension is increased on January 1 every year after retirement, upon reaching age 67, by the *lesser* of:

- 3% of the original pension amount, or
- 1/2 of the increase in the Consumer Price Index of the original pension amount.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms

As of December 31, 2023, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	IMRF
Retirees and Beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	6
Inactive Plan Members entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	-
Active Plan Members	<u>8</u>
Total	14

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NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Contributions

As set by statute, the School Treasurer's Regular Plan Members are required to contribute 4.5% of their annual covered salary. The statute requires employers to contribute the amount necessary, in addition to member contributions, to finance the retirement coverage of its own employees. The School Treasurer's annual contribution rate for calendar year 2023 was 7.20% and for calendar year 2024 was 4.55%. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the School Treasurer contributed \$50,800 to the plan. The School Treasurer also contributes for disability benefits, death benefits, and supplemental retirement benefits, all of which are pooled at the IMRF level. Contribution rates for disability and death benefits are set by IMRF's Board of Trustees, while the supplemental retirement benefits rate is set by statute.

Net Pension Liability

The School Treasurer's net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2023. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions

The following are the methods and assumptions used to determine total pension liability at December 31, 2023:

- The **Actuarial Cost Method** used was Entry Age Normal.
- The **Asset Valuation Method** used was Market Value of Assets.
- The **Inflation Rate** was assumed to be 2.25%.
- **Salary Increases** were expected to be 2.85% to 13.75%, including inflation.
- The **Investment Rate of Return** was assumed to be 7.25%.
- **Projected Retirement Age** was from the Experience-based Table of Rates, specific to the type of eligibility condition, last updated for the 2023 valuation according to an experience study from years 2020 to 2022.
- The IMRF-specific rates for **Mortality** (for non-disabled retirees) were developed from the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 108.0%) and Female (adjusted 106.4%) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
- For **Disabled Retirees**, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled, Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables were used with future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.
- For **Active Members**, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables were used with future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2021.

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NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS (Continued)

- The **long-term expected rate of return** on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense, and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return to the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Portfolio Target Percentage</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	34.5%	5.00%
International Equity	18.0%	6.35%
Fixed Income	24.5%	4.75%
Real Estate	10.5%	6.30%
Alternative Investments	11.5%	6.05-8.65%
Cash Equivalents	<u>1.0%</u>	3.80%
Total	100.0%	

Single Discount Rate

A Single Discount Rate of 7.25% was used to measure the total pension liability. The projection of cash flow used to determine this Single Discount Rate assumed that the plan members' contributions will be made at the current contribution rate, and that School Treasurer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. The Single Discount Rate reflects:

1. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments (during the period in which the fiduciary net position is projected to be sufficient to pay benefits), and
2. The tax-exempt municipal bond rate based on an index of 20-year general obligation bonds with an average AA credit rating (which is published by the Federal Reserve) as of the measurement date (to the extent that the contributions for use with the long-term expected rate of return are not met).

For the purpose of the most recent valuation, the expected rate of return on plan investments is 7.25%, the municipal bond rate is 3.77%, and the resulting single discount rate is 7.25%.

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NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS (Continued)

Changes in the Net Pension Liability

	(A)	(B)	(A) - (B)
Balances at December 31, 2022	\$ 5,506,948	\$ 5,198,639	\$ 308,309
Changes for the year:			
Service Cost	76,668	-	76,668
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	396,929	-	396,929
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual			
Experience of the Total Pension Liability	237,670	-	237,670
Changes of Assumptions	16,732	-	16,732
Contributions - Employer	-	60,403	(60,403)
Contributions - Employees	-	37,752	(37,752)
Net Investment Income	-	539,854	(539,854)
Benefit Payments, including refunds			
of Employee Contributions	(140,796)	(140,796)	-
Other (Net Transfer)	-	193,198	(193,198)
Net Changes	587,203	690,411	(103,208)
Balances at December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 6,094,151</u>	<u>\$ 5,889,050</u>	<u>\$ 205,101</u>

Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the plan's net pension liability, calculated using a Single Discount Rate of 7.25%, as well as what the plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a Single Discount Rate that is 1% lower or 1% higher:

	1% Lower (6.25%)	Current Discount Rate (7.25%)	1% Higher (8.25%)
Net Pension Liability	\$ 944,885	\$ 205,101	\$ (404,531)

Pension Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources, and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

For the year ended June 30, 2024, had the School Treasurer's financial statements been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP") rather than the Modified Cash Basis, the School Treasurer would have recognized pension income of \$80,096. At June 30, 2024, the School Treasurer would have reported deferred outflows or resources and deferred

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NOTE 4 - RETIREMENT FUND COMMITMENTS (Continued)

inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
<i>Deferred Amounts to be Recognized in Pension Expense in Future Periods</i>		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 211,399	\$ 1,303
Changes of assumptions	12,003	2,233
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	249,492	-
Total Deferred Amounts to be recognized in pension expense in future periods	472,894	3,536
<i>Pension Contributions made subsequent to the Measurement Date</i>	19,586	-
Total Deferred Amounts Related to Pensions	\$ 492,480	\$ 3,536

Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the following fiscal year.

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions would be recognized in pension expense in future periods under GAAP as follows:

Year Ending June 30	Net Deferred Outflows of Resources
2025	\$ 123,226
2026	172,943
2027	204,688
2028	(31,499)
Thereafter	-
Total	\$ 469,358

Changes in assumptions that affected the measurement of the total pension liability were related to mortality and other demographic assumptions based on experience study results published in the January 4, 2024 experience study report for IMRF. Both a single discount rate and a long-term investment rate of 7.25% were used. There were no benefit changes during the year.

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NOTE 5 - OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Postemployment benefits other than pensions are not provided by the School Treasurer.

NOTE 6 – OFFICE SPACE LEASE COMMITMENT

The School Treasurer has a lease for office space through February 28, 2037 at a current monthly rate of \$4,143. Future minimum rental payments at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year ending June 30,	
2025	\$ 41,430
2026	49,716
2027	51,372
2028	54,684
2029	54,684
2030-2034	286,188
2035-2037	<u>160,416</u>
	<u>\$ 698,490</u>

Rent paid during the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$58,002.

NOTE 7 – EQUIPMENT LEASES

The Treasurer's leases a copier under a five-year lease ending in 2027. Under the terms of the lease, the Treasurer's makes monthly payments of \$739. Additionally, the Treasurer's leases a telephone system under a five-year lease ending in 2028. Under the terms of the lease, the Treasurer's makes monthly payments of \$380. The following is a schedule of anticipated future payments:

Year ending June 30,	Copier	Telephone System
2025	\$ 8,638	\$ 5,318
2026	8,638	4,558
2027	7,198	4,558
2028	-	2,279
	<u>\$ 24,474</u>	<u>\$ 16,713</u>

Total lease payments made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, was \$12,666.

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NOTE 8 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The School Treasurer carries commercial insurance for all risks of loss. This includes both health and accident insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 9 - OUTSTANDING FEES

At June 30, 2024, there was approximately \$268,973 in outstanding service fees due to the School Treasurer from LEAs. Subsequent to year-end and through the date of this report, a balance of \$196,857 remains.

NOTE 10 – CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS

In June 2024, the Trustees entered into a two-year employment contract with the Bloom School Treasurer for the period July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2025. If the contract had been terminated prior to completion, the maximum liability would have been equal to six months of the School Treasurer's current salary and benefits. As of June 30, 2025, the Treasurer had accumulated 18.5 vacation days. The treasurer must use or be compensated for all unused vacation days prior to his last day of employment at the Bloom Township Trustees of Schools and in no year shall the reimbursement exceed 60 days.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES RECEIVED, EXPENDITURES DISBURSED AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund		
	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under) Final Budget
Revenue Received			
School and other LEAs			
School districts			
129	\$ 202,000	\$ 252,836	\$ 50,836
131	229,000	229,348	348
153	120,000	90,000	(30,000)
159	102,000	127,876	25,876
161	106,000	115,000	9,000
163	95,000	105,000	10,000
167	55,000	101,250	46,250
168	69,000	71,000	2,000
169	45,000	46,500	1,500
170	159,000	219,750	60,750
171	48,000	49,000	1,000
172	18,000	25,500	7,500
194	64,000	69,000	5,000
206	182,000	245,500	63,500
227	156,000	156,452	452
233	198,000	190,000	(8,000)
Other LEAs			
SPEED Joint Agreement No. 802	60,000	78,000	18,000
ROE No. 47	6,000	16,500	10,500
ISC No. 4	46,000	46,000	-
Total school reimbursements	1,960,000	2,234,512	274,512
Interest earnings	100	56	(44)
Other local revenue	-	7,140	7,140
Total revenue received	1,960,100	2,241,708	281,608
Expenditures Disbursed	1,956,200	1,930,227	(25,973)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue Received Over Expenditures Disbursed	3,900	311,481	307,581
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	324,462	324,462	-
Fund Balance - End of Year	\$ 328,362	\$ 635,943	\$ 307,581

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES RECEIVED, EXPENDITURES DISBURSED AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund		
	Original and Final Budget	Actual	Variance Over (Under) Final Budget
Expenditures Disbursed			
Support services			
Salaries	\$ 811,600	\$ 871,769	\$ 60,169
Payroll taxes	54,800	57,728	2,928
IMRF	105,000	50,800	(54,200)
Other retirement contributions	10,000	10,000	-
Medical insurance	88,000	71,083	(16,917)
Life Insurance	400	-	(400)
Treasurer's bond and other insurance	80,000	110,689	30,689
Data process and statistical services	474,000	388,665	(85,335)
Audit and financial services	30,000	19,346	(10,654)
Property Services	55,000	58,552	3,552
Legal services	3,000	1,513	(1,487)
Maintenance and repairs	7,000	5,120	(1,880)
Transportation and travel	11,000	15,385	4,385
Communications	35,000	71,196	36,196
Professional services - other	95,200	119,944	24,744
Office expenditures	28,000	34,902	6,902
Utilities	6,000	5,591	(409)
Legal publications	30,000	18,280	(11,720)
Dues and fees	6,000	2,923	(3,077)
Rentals	18,200	15,541	(2,659)
Miscellaneous	2,000	1,200	(800)
Leasehold improvements - CIP	2,000	-	(2,000)
Non-capitalized equipment	4,000	-	(4,000)
Total expenditures disbursed	<u>\$ 1,956,200</u>	<u>\$ 1,930,227</u>	<u>\$ (25,973)</u>

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2023	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2022	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2021	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2020	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2019	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2018	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2017	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2016	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2015	Calendar Year Ended December 31, 2014
Total Pension Liability										
Service Cost	\$ 76,668	\$ 69,628	\$ 67,409	\$ 68,852	\$ 64,323	\$ 62,087	\$ 62,657	\$ 64,583	\$ 63,616	\$ 68,322
Interest on the Total Pension Liability	396,929	367,388	344,710	324,370	303,718	329,796	277,505	274,294	259,530	240,268
Changes of Benefit Terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience										
of the Total Pension Liability	237,670	85,390	(5,167)	10,676	6,264	(639,568)	552,410	(204,352)	(26,838)	(28,211)
Changes of Assumptions	16,732	-	-	(29,137)	-	128,442	(106,923)	(49,666)	20,189	94,698
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(140,796)	(96,138)	(94,368)	(92,611)	(90,830)	(89,038)	(87,270)	(93,752)	(103,452)	(98,275)
Net Change in Total Pension Liability	587,203	426,268	312,584	282,150	283,475	(208,281)	698,379	(8,893)	213,045	276,802
Total Pension Liability - Beginning	5,506,948	5,080,680	4,768,096	4,485,946	4,202,471	4,410,752	3,712,373	3,721,266	3,508,221	3,231,419
Total Pension Liability - Ending (A)	<u>\$ 6,094,151</u>	<u>\$ 5,506,948</u>	<u>\$ 5,080,680</u>	<u>\$ 4,768,096</u>	<u>\$ 4,485,946</u>	<u>\$ 4,202,471</u>	<u>\$ 4,410,752</u>	<u>\$ 3,712,373</u>	<u>\$ 3,721,266</u>	<u>\$ 3,508,221</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position										
Contributions - Employer	\$ 60,403	\$ 85,807	\$ 103,962	\$ 103,740	\$ 111,417	\$ 84,661	\$ 102,212	\$ 88,776	\$ 88,835	\$ 85,328
Contributions - Employee	37,752	35,853	33,015	31,671	29,879	28,304	29,906	25,992	26,094	25,718
Net Investment Income	539,854	(570,695)	769,143	572,999	617,560	(140,376)	514,118	201,903	14,582	165,742
Benefit Payments, including Refunds of Employee Contributions	(140,796)	(96,138)	(94,368)	(92,611)	(90,830)	(89,038)	(87,270)	(93,752)	(103,452)	(98,275)
Other (Net Transfer)	193,198	19,010	7,403	23,404	19,059	44,858	(21,564)	24,877	(71,063)	21,540
Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position	690,411	(526,163)	819,155	639,203	687,085	(71,591)	537,402	247,796	(45,004)	200,053
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning	5,198,639	5,724,802	4,905,647	4,266,444	3,579,359	3,650,950	3,113,548	2,865,752	2,910,756	2,710,703
Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending (B)	<u>\$ 5,889,050</u>	<u>\$ 5,198,639</u>	<u>\$ 5,724,802</u>	<u>\$ 4,905,647</u>	<u>\$ 4,266,444</u>	<u>\$ 3,579,359</u>	<u>\$ 3,650,950</u>	<u>\$ 3,113,548</u>	<u>\$ 2,865,752</u>	<u>\$ 2,910,756</u>
Net Pension Liability - Ending (A) - (B)	<u>\$ 205,101</u>	<u>\$ 308,309</u>	<u>\$ (644,122)</u>	<u>\$ (137,551)</u>	<u>\$ 219,502</u>	<u>\$ 623,112</u>	<u>\$ 759,802</u>	<u>\$ 598,825</u>	<u>\$ 855,514</u>	<u>\$ 597,465</u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	96.63%	94.40%	112.68%	102.88%	95.11%	85.17%	82.77%	83.87%	77.01%	82.97%
Covered Valuation Payroll	\$ 838,943	\$ 733,677	\$ 733,677	\$ 703,794	\$ 663,985	\$ 628,986	\$ 664,578	\$ 577,590	\$ 579,861	\$ 571,517
Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Valuation Payroll	24.45%	42.02%	-87.79%	-19.54%	33.06%	99.07%	114.33%	103.68%	147.54%	104.54%

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
JUNE 30, 2024

Calendar Year Ended December 31,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actual Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Valuation Payroll	Actual Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Valuation Payroll
2014	\$ 85,327	\$ 85,328	\$ (1)	\$ 571,517	14.93%
2015	88,835	88,835	-	579,861	15.32%
2016	88,776	88,776	-	577,590	15.37%
2017	102,212	102,212	-	664,578	15.38%
2018	84,662	84,661	1	628,986	13.46%
2019	111,417	111,417	-	663,985	16.78%
2020	103,739	103,740	(1)	703,794	14.74%
2021	103,962	103,962	-	733,677	14.17%
2022	85,807	85,807	-	796,725	10.77%
2023	60,404	60,403	1	838,943	7.20%

NOTE 1 – SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE NET PENSION LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION RATE

Rates are based on Valuation Assumptions used in the December 31, 2023 actuarial valuations; note two-year lag between valuation and rate settings.

Valuation Date

Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of December 31 each year, which is 6 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported.

Methods and Assumptions Used to Determine 2023 Contribution Rates

<i>Actuarial Cost Method:</i>	Aggregate entry age normal
<i>Amortization Method:</i>	Level percentage of payroll, closed
<i>Remaining Amortization Period:</i>	20-year closed period
<i>Asset Valuation Method:</i>	5-year smoothed market; 20% corridor
<i>Wage Growth:</i>	2.75%
<i>Price Inflation:</i>	2.25%
<i>Salary Increases:</i>	2.75% to 13.75%, including inflation
<i>Investment Rate of Return:</i>	7.25%
<i>Retirement Age:</i>	Experience-based table of rates that are specific to the type of eligibility condition; last updated for the 2020 valuation pursuant to an experience study of the period 2017 to 2019.
<i>Mortality:</i>	For non-disabled retirees, the Pub-2010 Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Retiree, Male (adjusted 106%) and Female (adjusted 105%) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020. For disabled retirees, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Disabled Retiree, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020. For active members, the Pub-2010, Amount-Weighted, below-median income, General, Employee, Male and Female (both unadjusted) tables, and future mortality improvements projected using scale MP-2020.

BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS

Notes to the supplementary information
June 30, 2024

NOTE 2 – SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS USED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE CONTRIBUTION RATE (Continued)

Other Information

There were no benefit changes during the year.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years.

OTHER INFORMATION



BLOOM TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES OF SCHOOLS
SCHEDULE OF POOLED CASH
SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND OTHER LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AUTHORITIES
JUNE 30, 2024

<u>School Districts/ Other Local Educational Authorities</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aurora West School District 129	\$ 122,184,191
East Aurora School District 131	159,152,397
Homewood School District 153	10,209,607
Matteson School District 159	45,816,048
Flossmoor School District 161	39,849,968
Park Forest - Chicago Heights School District 163	27,061,336
Brookwood School District 167	20,499,458
Community Consolidated School District 168	13,599,977
Ford Heights School District 169	16,062,268
Chicago Heights School District 170	36,929,029
Sunnybrook School District 171	14,019,735
Sandridge School District 172	6,378,755
Steger Public School District 194	18,131,145
Bloom Township High School District 206	68,187,516
Rich Township High School District 227	61,761,920
Homewood -Flossmoor Community High School District 233	67,238,612
SPEED S.E.J.A. #802	7,518,357
South Cook Intermediate Service Center No. 4	3,916,423
Career Preparation Network	298,953
Regional Office of Education #47	2,963,125
	<u>\$ 741,778,820</u>