

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

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 Faribault, Minnesota
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Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Administrative Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

MEMBER DISTRICTS

Independent School District No. 761, Owatonna
Independent School District No. 656, Faribault
Independent School District No. 659, Northfield
Independent School District No. 763, Medford

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD

Jolayne Mohs	Chairperson	Owatonna
Jennifer Amberg	Vice-Chairperson	Medford
Amy Goerwitz	Secretary	Northfield
Jerry Robicheau	Treasurer	Fairbault

SUPERINTENDENTS

Jeffrey Elstad	Owatonna
Jami Bente	Faribault
Matt Hillmann	Northfield
Mark Ristau	Medford

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Sarah McGuire	Executive Director
Cori Weems	Executive Assistant
Kim Washa	Finance and Payroll Coordinator

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FINANCIAL SECTION
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Administrative Board
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, Faribault, Minnesota (the Cooperative), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative'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 financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and the budgetary comparison for the General fund for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

The Cooperative's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis starting on page 15 and the Schedules of Employer's Shares of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedules of Employer's Pension and Other Post-employment Plan Contributions and the Schedule of Changes in the Cooperative's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios starting on page 60 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements. The accompanying individual fund schedule and table are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the individual fund schedule and table are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information in the annual report. The other information comprises the introductory section but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statement do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 22, 2024, on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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Management's Discussion and Analysis

As management of the Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, (the Cooperative), we offer readers of the Cooperative's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Cooperative's for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

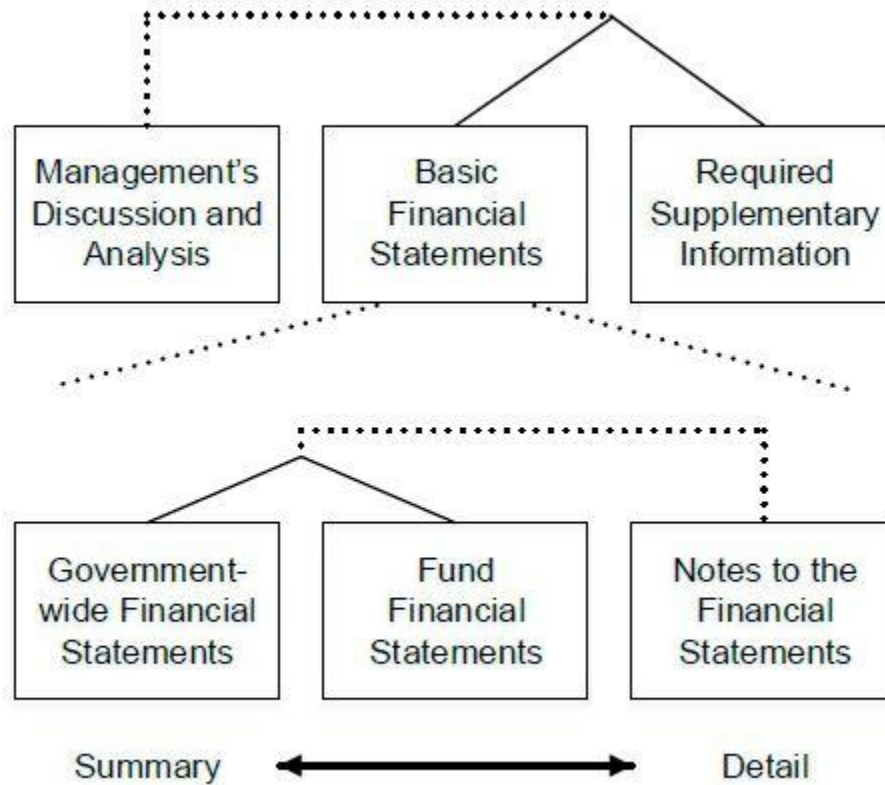
Financial Highlights

- The liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of the Cooperative exceeded its assets and deferred outflows of resources at the close of the most recent fiscal year as shown in the summary of net position on the following pages.
- The Cooperative's total net position decreased as shown in the summary of changes in net position on the following pages. This was primarily a result of expenses related to the recording of the Cooperative's pension liability.
- As of the close of the current fiscal year, the Cooperative's governmental fund balances are shown in the Financial Analysis of the Cooperative's funds section of the MD&A. The total fund balance decreased in comparison with the prior year. This decrease was primarily related to revenues less than budgeted, especially related to revenues from state sources.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General fund, as shown in the financial analysis of the Cooperative's funds section, decreased from the prior year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Cooperative's basic financial statements. The Cooperative's basic financial statements are comprised of three components: 1) Cooperative-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other required supplemental information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The following chart shows how the various parts of this annual report are arranged and related to one another:

Organization of Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative Annual Financial Report



The following chart summarizes the major features of the Cooperative’s financial statements, including the portion of the Cooperative’s activities they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management’s discussion and analysis highlights the structure and contents of each of the statements:

Major Features of the Cooperative-wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Fund Financial Statements		
	Cooperative-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Cooperative (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Cooperative that are not fiduciary, such as special education and building maintenance	Instances in which the Cooperative administers resources on behalf of someone else, such as scholarship programs and student activities monies
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net position • Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, short-term and long-term	Generally assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets or long-term liabilities included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of deferred outflows/inflows of resources information	All deferred outflows/inflows of resources, regardless of when cash is received or paid.	Only deferred outflows of resources expected to be used up and deferred inflows of resources that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All deferred outflows/inflows of resources, regardless of when cash is received or paid
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and the related liability is due and payable	All additions and deductions during the year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

Cooperative-wide Financial Statements. The *Cooperative-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Cooperative’s finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Cooperative’s assets and deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference 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 Cooperative is improving or deteriorating. To assess the Cooperative’s overall health, you need to consider additional non-financial indicators such as changes in the Cooperative’s condition of Cooperative buildings and other facilities.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the Cooperative's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., earned but unused sick leave that will be paid out at \$10 to \$20 per day if the employee has 10 years of service with the Cooperative at the time of separation).

In the cooperative-wide financial statements, the Cooperative activities are shown in one category titled "governmental activities":

- **Governmental Activities:** The Cooperative's basic services are reported here, including special education instruction, cooperative support services, administration, and instructional support services. State grants and member charges for services finance most of these activities.

The Cooperative-wide financial statements can be found starting on page 26 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Cooperative, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Cooperative are reported under governmental funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the Cooperative-wide financial statements. However, unlike the Cooperative-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources*, as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a Cooperative's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the Cooperative-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the Cooperative-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact by the Cooperative's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities*.

The Cooperative maintains one individual governmental fund. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances for the General fund, which is considered to be a major fund.

The Cooperative adopts an annual appropriated budget for its General fund. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements can be found starting on page 30 of this report.

Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Cooperative-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the cooperative financial statements can be found starting on page 35 of this report.

Required Supplementary Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative's share of net pension liabilities (assets) for defined benefits plans, schedules of contributions, and progress in funding its obligation to provide pension and other postemployment benefits to its employees. Required supplementary information can be found starting on page 60 of this report.

Other Information. Individual fund schedule and table can be found starting on page 71 of this report.

Cooperative-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Cooperative, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources exceeded assets and deferred outflows of resources as shown in the summary of net position below at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

A portion of the Cooperative's net position reflects its net investment in capital assets. The Cooperative uses these capital assets to provide services to students; consequently, these assets are *not* available for future spending. Similarly, the Cooperative has assets restricted for future uses, mainly due to food service. Unrestricted net position carries a balance as shown below.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative's Net Position

	Governmental Activities			Percent
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)	
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,993,106	\$ 3,935,960	\$ 57,146	1.5 %
Capital Assets	8,137,449	8,748,432	(610,983)	(7.0)
Total Assets	<u>12,130,555</u>	<u>12,684,392</u>	<u>(553,837)</u>	(4.4)
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred pension resources	1,007,322	1,421,765	(414,443)	(29.1)
Deferred other post employment benefit resources	6,667	8,334	(1,667)	(20.0)
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,013,989</u>	<u>1,430,099</u>	<u>(416,110)</u>	(29.1)
Long-term Liabilities Outstanding	13,853,209	14,251,505	(398,296)	(2.8)
Other Liabilities	695,475	603,818	91,657	15.2
Total Liabilities	<u>14,548,684</u>	<u>14,855,323</u>	<u>(306,639)</u>	(2.1)
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Deferred pension resources	285,539	610,125	(324,586)	(53.2)
Deferred other post employment benefit resources	112,769	60,778	51,991	85.5
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>398,308</u>	<u>670,903</u>	<u>(272,595)</u>	(40.6)
Net Position				
Net investment in capital assets	(271,084)	(68,954)	(202,130)	293.1
Restricted	1,679,771	1,342,982	336,789	25.1
Unrestricted	<u>(3,211,135)</u>	<u>(2,685,763)</u>	<u>(525,372)</u>	19.6
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,802,448)</u>	<u>\$ (1,411,735)</u>	<u>\$ (390,713)</u>	27.7
Net Position as a Percent of Total				
Net Investment in capital assets	(15.0) %	(4.9) %		
Restricted	93.2	95.1		
Unrestricted	<u>(178.2)</u>	<u>(190.2)</u>		
	<u>(100.0)</u>	<u>(100.0)</u>		

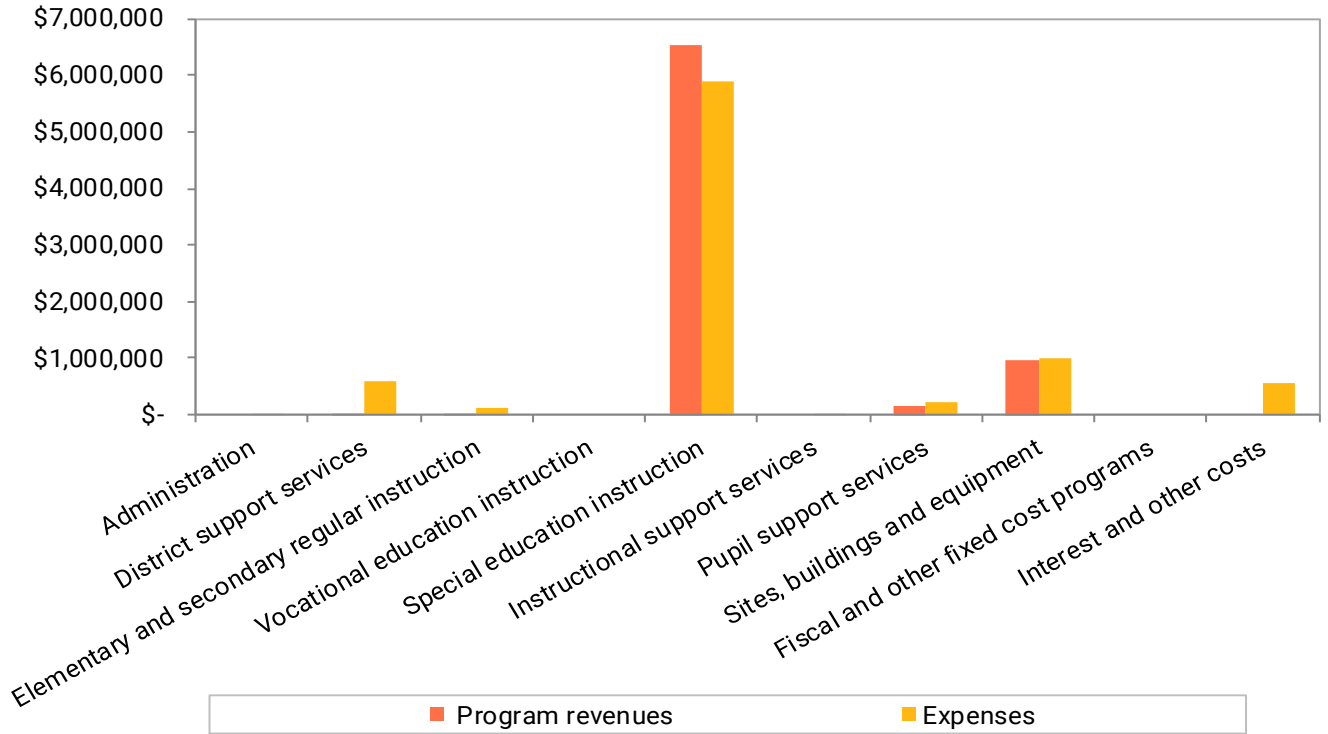
At the end of the current fiscal year, the Cooperative reports a negative balance in the net investment in capital assets and unrestricted categories of net position, and a positive balance in the restricted category.

Governmental Activities. Governmental activities decreased the Cooperative’s net position as shown below in the summary of changes in net position. Key elements of this decrease are shown in the table below.

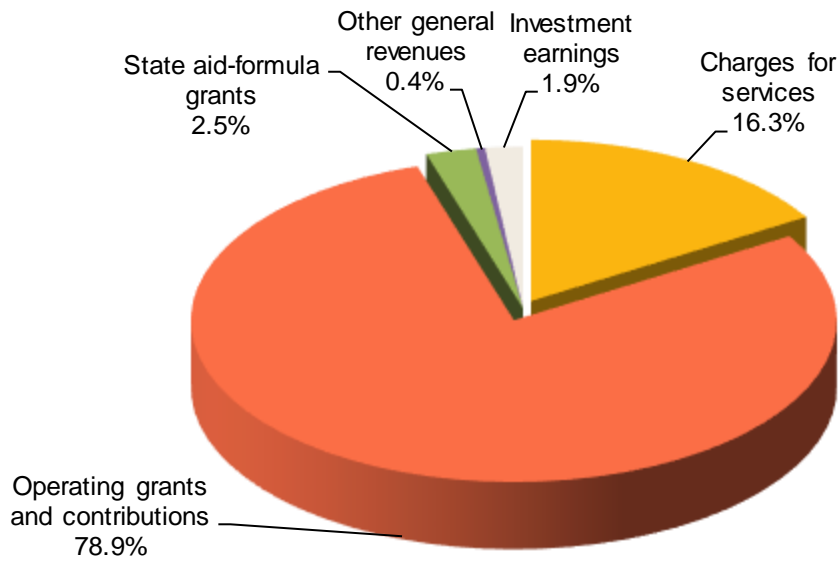
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative’s Changes in Net Position

	Governmental Activities		Increase (Decrease)	Percent
	2024	2023	Amounts	
Revenues				
Program revenues				
Charges for services	\$ 1,306,262	\$ 1,647,147	\$ (340,885)	(20.7) %
Operating grants and contributions	6,334,584	6,170,669	163,915	2.7
General revenues				
State aid-formula grants	201,772	129,694	72,078	55.6
Other general revenues	36,080	7,995	28,085	351.3
Investment earnings	150,994	89,646	61,348	68.4
Total Revenues	<u>8,029,692</u>	<u>8,045,151</u>	<u>(15,459)</u>	(0.2)
Expenses				
Administration	478	281	197	70.1
District support services	583,926	563,351	20,575	3.7
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	135,710	354,439	(218,729)	(61.7)
Special education instruction	5,901,126	6,032,331	(131,205)	(2.2)
Instructional support services	12,961	24,390	(11,429)	(46.9)
Pupil support services	213,282	73,544	139,738	190.0
Sites, buildings and equipment	1,012,419	1,024,742	(12,323)	(1.2)
Interest and other costs	560,503	586,985	(26,482)	(4.5)
Total Expenses	<u>8,420,405</u>	<u>8,660,063</u>	<u>(239,658)</u>	(2.8)
Change in Net Position	(390,713)	(614,912)	224,199	(36.5)
Net Position, July 1	<u>(1,411,735)</u>	<u>(796,823)</u>	<u>(614,912)</u>	(77.2)
Net Position, June 30	<u>\$ (1,802,448)</u>	<u>\$ (1,411,735)</u>	<u>\$ (390,713)</u>	27.7

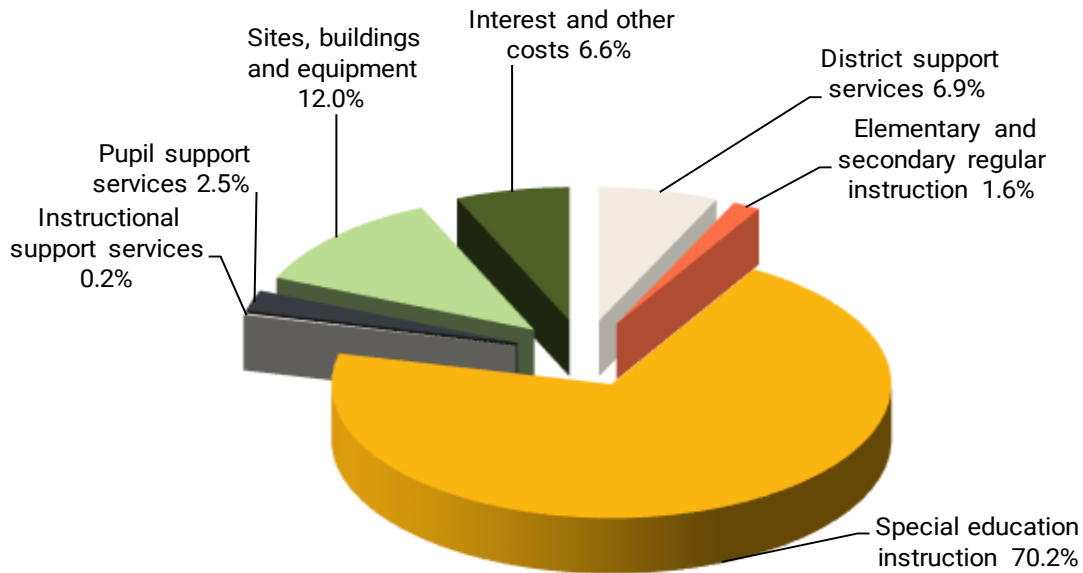
Expenses and Program Revenues - Governmental Activities



Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities



Expenses by Program - Governmental Activities



Financial Analysis of the Cooperative's Funds

As noted earlier, the Cooperative uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

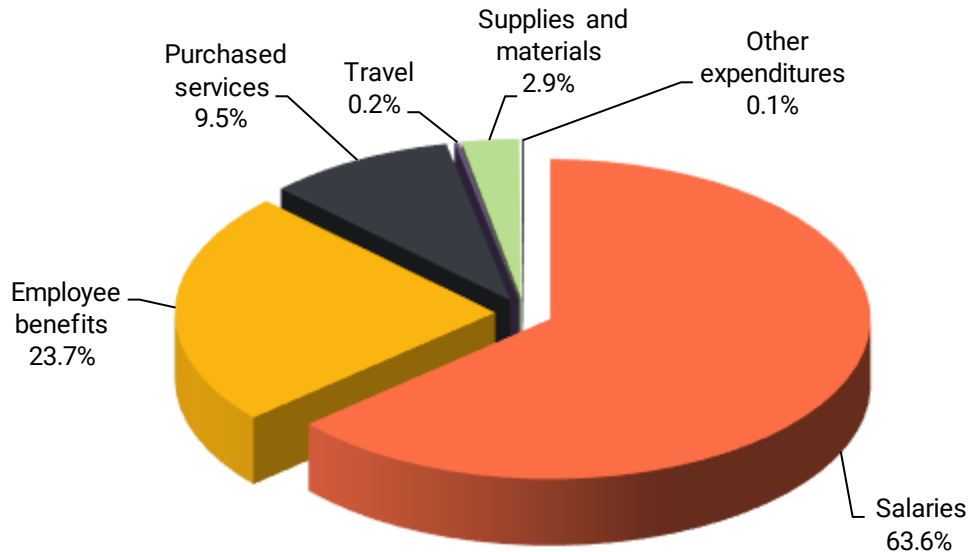
Governmental Funds. The focus of the Cooperative's *governmental funds* is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of *spendable* resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Cooperative's financing requirements. In particular, *unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General fund is the chief operating fund of the Cooperative. At the end of the current year, the fund balance of the General fund is shown in the table below. As a measure of the General fund's liquidity, it may be useful to compare both unassigned fund balance and total fund balance to total fund expenditures. The total unassigned fund balance as a percent of total fund expenditures is shown in the chart below along with total fund balance as a percent of total expenditures.

	<u>Current Year</u> <u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Prior Year</u> <u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Increase</u> <u>(Decrease)</u>
General Fund Fund Balance			
Nonspendable	\$ 89,603	\$ 95,111	\$ (5,508)
Restricted for			
Medical assistance	1,679,771	1,342,982	336,789
Unassigned	<u>1,573,841</u>	<u>1,941,859</u>	<u>(368,018)</u>
	<u>\$ 3,343,215</u>	<u>\$ 3,379,952</u>	<u>\$ (36,737)</u>
General Fund expenditures	\$ 8,032,599	\$ 7,188,896	
Unassigned as a percent of expenditures	19.6%	27.0%	
Total Fund Balance as a percent of expenditures	41.6%	47.0%	

The fund balance of the Cooperative's General fund decreased during the current fiscal year as shown in the table above. The decrease in fund balance was due to total revenues being less than budgeted, primarily related to the revenues from state sources.

Current Expenditures by Category - General Fund



General Fund Budgetary Highlights

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Budget Amendments	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
Revenues	\$ 9,599,697	\$ (460,975)	\$ 9,138,722	\$ 7,995,862	\$ (1,142,860)
Expenditures	8,919,697	(430,975)	8,488,722	8,032,599	456,123
Net Change in Fund Balances	680,000	(30,000)	650,000	(36,737)	(686,737)
Fund Balances, July 1	3,379,952	-	3,379,952	3,379,952	-
Fund Balances, June 30	<u>\$ 4,059,952</u>	<u>\$ (30,000)</u>	<u>\$ 4,029,952</u>	<u>\$ 3,343,215</u>	<u>\$ (686,737)</u>

The Cooperative's General fund budget was amended during the year as shown above. The budget amendment decreased revenues relating mostly to state and federal sources and decreased expenditures relating to mostly elementary and secondary regular instruction and special education instruction. Actual revenues and expenditures were under the final budget amounts as shown above. The adopted budget was revised to more accurately align with positions the Cooperative was able to fill.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets. The Cooperative's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, is shown below in the capital asset table (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment in capital assets includes equipment and leased items.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative's Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Equipment	\$ 160,784	\$ 121,516	\$ 39,268
Leased Building	7,938,905	8,574,036	(635,131)
Leased Equipment	37,760	52,880	(15,120)
Total	<u>\$ 8,137,449</u>	<u>\$ 8,748,432</u>	<u>\$ (610,983)</u>

Additional information on the Cooperative's capital assets can be found in Note 3C on page 43 of this report.

Long-term Debt. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Cooperative had the following noncurrent liabilities outstanding.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative's Outstanding Debt

	Governmental Activities		
	2024	2023	Increase (Decrease)
Lease Payable	\$ 8,408,533	\$ 8,817,386	\$ (408,853)
Loan Payable	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
Total	<u>\$ 9,408,533</u>	<u>\$ 9,817,386</u>	<u>\$ (408,853)</u>

Additional information on the Cooperative's capital lease payable can be found in Note 3D on page 43 of this report.

Factors Bearing on the Cooperative's Future

At the time these financial statements were prepared and audited, the Cooperative was aware of the following circumstance that could significantly affect its financial health in the future.

- The Cooperative is dependent on state reimbursements and other grants with the remaining expenses billed to the member districts.
- Program enrollment is an important indicator of the stability of the Cooperative. All three programs had a waiting list for the majority of the 2024-2025 Cooperative year.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide the Cooperative's citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Cooperative's finances and to demonstrate the Cooperative's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be in written form and addressed to the Business Office, Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, 200 Western Ave NW, Suite A, Faribault, MN 55021.

COOPERATIVE-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,950,886
Receivables	
Due from participating governments	160,000
Intergovernmental	792,617
Prepaid items	89,603
Capital assets net of accumulated depreciation	8,137,449
Total Assets	12,130,555
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Deferred pension resources	1,007,322
Deferred other post employment benefit resources	6,667
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,013,989
Liabilities	
Salaries payable	288,342
Accounts and other payables	22,089
Due to other governments	71
Accrued interest payable	45,584
Payroll deductions payable	339,389
Noncurrent liabilities	
Due within one year	
Long-term liabilities	506,700
Other post employment benefit liability	4,237
Due in more than one year	
Long-term liabilities	8,972,147
Net pension liability	4,292,812
Other post employment benefit liability	77,313
Total Liabilities	14,548,684
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Deferred pension resources	285,539
Deferred other post employment benefit resources	112,769
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	398,308
Net Position	
Net investment in capital assets	(271,084)
Restricted for	
Medical assistance	1,679,771
Unrestricted	(3,211,135)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,802,448)

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

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Capital Grants and Contributions	Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions		
Governmental Activities					
Administration	\$ 478	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (478)
District support services	583,926	-	2,765	-	(581,161)
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	135,710	-	6,332	-	(129,378)
Special education instruction	5,901,126	353,857	6,165,487	-	618,218
Instructional support services	12,961	-	-	-	(12,961)
Pupil support services	213,282	-	160,000	-	(53,282)
Sites, buildings and equipment	1,012,419	952,405	-	-	(60,014)
Interest and other costs	560,503	-	-	-	(560,503)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 8,420,405	\$ 1,306,262	\$ 6,334,584	\$ -	(779,559)
General Revenues					
State aid-formula grants					201,772
Investment earnings					150,994
Miscellaneous revenues					36,080
Total General Revenues					388,846
Change in Net Position					(390,713)
Net Position, July 1					(1,411,735)
Net Position, June 30					\$ (1,802,448)

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
 Fairbault, Minnesota
 Balance Sheet
 Governmental Fund
 June 30, 2024

	General
Assets	
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 2,950,886
Receivables	
Due from participating governments	160,000
Intergovernmental	792,617
Prepaid items	89,603
Total Assets	\$ 3,993,106
Liabilities and Fund Balances	
Liabilities	
Salaries payable	\$ 288,342
Accounts and other payables	22,089
Due to other governments	71
Payroll deductions payable	339,389
Total Liabilities	649,891
Fund Balances	
Nonspendable	
Prepaid items	89,603
Restricted for	
Medical assistance	1,679,771
Unassigned	1,573,841
Total Fund Balances	3,343,215
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,993,106

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

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
Governmental Fund
June 30, 2024

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

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 3,343,215
Net capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported as assets in governmental fund.	8,137,449
Governmental funds do not report long-term amounts related to pensions. Deferred outflows of pension resources	1,007,322
Deferred inflows of pension resources	(285,539)
Governmental funds do not report long-term amounts related to other post employment benefits. Deferred inflows of other postemployment benefits resources	(112,769)
Deferred outflows of other post employment benefit resources	6,667
Long-term liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of	
Lease payable	(8,408,533)
Loan payable	(1,000,000)
Compensated absences payable	(70,314)
Other postemployment benefits liability	(81,550)
Net pension liability	(4,292,812)
Governmental funds do not report a liability for accrued interest until due and payable.	<u>(45,584)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (1,802,448)</u></u>

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

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General
Revenues	
Other local revenue	\$ 955,055
Interest earned on investments	150,994
Revenue from state sources	6,347,647
Revenue from federal sources	371,439
Miscellaneous	170,727
Total Revenues	7,995,862
Expenditures	
Current	
Administration	409
District support services	538,682
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	99,372
Special education instruction	5,767,376
Instructional support services	13,129
Pupil support services	217,053
Sites, buildings and equipment	366,619
Capital outlay	
District support services	11,089
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	47,288
Debt service	
Principal	408,853
Interest and other costs	562,729
Total Expenditures	8,032,599
Net Change in Fund Balances	(36,737)
Fund Balances, July 1	3,379,952
Fund Balances, June 30	\$ 3,343,215

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

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
 Fairbault, Minnesota
 Reconciliation of the Statement of
 Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
 to Statement of Activities
 Governmental Fund
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

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

Total Net Change in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds \$ (36,737)

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over the estimated useful lives as depreciation expense.

Capital outlay	50,927
Depreciation/amortization expense	(661,910)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of actives.

Principal repayment	408,853
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Interest on long-term debt in the statement of actives differs from the amount reported in the governmental fund because interest is recognized as an expenditure in the funds when it is due, and thus requires the use of current financial resources. In the statement of actives, however, interest expense is recognized as the interest accrues, regardless of when it is due.

2,226

Long-term pension activity is not reported in governmental funds.

Pension expense	(152,663)
Direct aid contributions	33,830

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Compensated absences	(19,598)
Other postemployment benefits expense	(15,641)

Change in Net Position - Governmental Activities \$ (390,713)

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budget		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Other local revenue	\$ 952,406	\$ 952,406	\$ 955,055	\$ 2,649
Interest earned on investments	80,000	150,000	150,994	994
Revenue from state sources	7,802,029	7,353,192	6,347,647	(1,005,545)
Revenue from federal sources	600,000	510,000	371,439	(138,561)
Miscellaneous	165,262	173,124	170,727	(2,397)
Total Revenues	<u>9,599,697</u>	<u>9,138,722</u>	<u>7,995,862</u>	<u>(1,142,860)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration	-	-	409	(409)
District support services	535,043	594,943	538,682	56,261
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	364,700	194,160	99,372	94,788
Special education instruction	6,501,274	6,151,993	5,767,376	384,617
Instructional support services	14,200	14,200	13,129	1,071
Pupil support services	82,486	86,803	217,053	(130,250)
Sites, buildings and equipment	378,524	387,288	366,619	20,669
Capital outlay				
District support services	40,000	11,112	11,089	23
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,000	47,288	47,288	-
Sites, buildings and equipment	20,000	30,000	-	30,000
Debt service				
Principal	411,079	411,445	408,853	2,592
Interest and other costs	559,391	559,490	562,729	(3,239)
Total Expenditures	<u>8,919,697</u>	<u>8,488,722</u>	<u>8,032,599</u>	<u>456,123</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	680,000	650,000	(36,737)	(686,737)
Fund Balances, July 1	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, June 30	<u>\$ 4,059,952</u>	<u>\$ 4,029,952</u>	<u>\$ 3,343,215</u>	<u>\$ (686,737)</u>

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

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, (the Cooperative) is a public agency established by a Joint Powers Agreement entered into pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.59. The four member school districts are listed in the Joint Powers Agreement. The primary objective of the Cooperative is to provide, by a cooperative effort, comprehensive special educational programs and other related services as can be efficiently and effectively operated by its group of four member Independent Districts. The four member Independent Districts are Faribault, Medford, Northfield and Owatonna Public Schools. The governing body of the Cooperative consists of one District Board member representative appointed by the respective school board of each member district.

Accounting Principles Generally Accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) require that the Cooperative's financial statements include all funds, departments, agencies, boards, commissions, and other organizations which are not legally separate from the Cooperative. In addition, the Cooperative's financial statements are to include all component units - entities for which the Cooperative is financially accountable.

Financial accountability includes such aspects as appointing a voting majority of the organization's governing body, significantly influencing the programs, projects, activities, or level of services performed or provided by the organization or receiving specific financial benefits from, or imposing specific financial burden on, the organization. These financial statements include all funds of the Cooperative. There are no other entities for which the Cooperative is financially accountable.

B. Cooperative-wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Cooperative-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all activities of the Cooperative.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. *Direct expenses* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Amounts reported as *program revenues* include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Interest and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as *general revenues*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, even though the latter are excluded from the Cooperative-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Basis of Presentation

The Cooperative-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. Federal and State revenue is recognized in the year to which it applies according to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Minnesota statutes include Federal and State aid funding formulas for specific fiscal years. Federal revenue is recorded in the year in which the related expenditure was made. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Intergovernmental revenues and interest are susceptible to accrual. Other receipts become measurable and available when cash is received by the Cooperative and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Revenue resulting from exchange transactions, in which each party gives and receives essentially equal value, is recorded on the accrual basis when the exchange takes place. On a modified accrual basis, revenue is recorded in the year in which the resources are measurable and become available.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Cooperative receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include grants, entitlements and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from grants, entitlements and donations is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted, matching requirements, in which the Cooperative must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose, and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Cooperative on a reimbursement basis. On a modified accrual basis, revenue from non-exchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

Unearned revenue arises when assets are recognized before revenue recognition criteria have been satisfied. Grants and entitlements received before eligibility requirements are met are also recorded as unearned revenue.

Entitlements and shared revenues are recorded at the time of receipt or earlier if the susceptible to accrual criteria are met. Expenditure-driven grants are recognized as revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Description of Funds

The Cooperative fund has been established by the State of Minnesota Department of Education. The fund is accounted for as an independent entity. Descriptions of the fund included in this report are as follows:

Major Governmental Fund

The *General fund* is the Cooperative's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources and transactions of the Cooperative.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position/Fund Balance

Deposits and Investments

The Cooperative's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and all highly liquid investments or equity investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

Cash balances from all funds are pooled and invested, to the extent available, in certificates of deposit and other authorized investments. Earnings from such investments are allocated on the basis of applicable participation by each of the funds.

The Cooperative may also invest idle funds as authorized by Minnesota statutes, as follows:

1. Direct obligations or obligations guaranteed by the United States or its agencies.
2. Shares of investment companies registered under the Federal Investment Company Act of 1940 and received the highest credit rating, are rated in one of the two highest rating categories by a statistical rating agency and all of the investments have a final maturity of thirteen months or less.
3. General obligations of a state or local government with taxing powers rated "A" or better; revenue obligations rated "AA" or better.
4. General obligations of the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency rated "A" or better.
5. Obligation of a school Cooperative with an original maturity not exceeding 13 months and (i) rated in the highest category by a national bond rating service or (ii) enrolled in the credit enhancement program pursuant to statute section 126C.55.
6. Bankers acceptances of United States banks eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System.
7. Commercial paper issued by United States banks corporations or their Canadian subsidiaries, of highest quality category by at least two nationally recognized rating agencies, and maturing in 270 days or less.
8. Repurchase or reverse repurchase agreements and securities lending agreements with financial institutions qualified as a "depository" by the government entity, with banks that are members of the Federal Reserve System with capitalization exceeding \$10,000,000, a primary reporting dealer in U.S. government securities to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, or certain Minnesota securities broker-dealers.
9. Guaranteed investment contracts (GIC's) issued or guaranteed by a United States commercial bank, a domestic branch of a foreign bank, a United States insurance company, or its Canadian subsidiary, whose similar debt obligations were rated in one of the top two rating categories by a nationally recognized rating agency.

The Cooperative has not adopted a formal investment policy.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
 Faribault, Minnesota
 Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
 June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Accounts Receivable

All receivables are shown net of any allowance for uncollectible. No allowances for uncollectible have been recorded. It is expected that all receivables will be fully collected within one year.

Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both Cooperative-wide and fund financial statements.

Capital Assets

Capital assets include property, plant and equipment. Capital assets are defined by the Cooperative as assets with an initial, individual cost of more than \$5,000 (amount not rounded). Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at acquisition value at the date of donation.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Property, plant, and equipment of the Cooperative are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Assets	Years
Buildings	20 - 50
Equipment and Machinery	3 - 20

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. The Cooperative has two items that qualify for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the items, deferred pension resources and deferred OPEB resources, are reported only in the statement of net position. These items result from actuarial calculations and current year pension and OPEB contributions made subsequent to the measurement date.

Compensated Absences

It is the Cooperative's policy to permit certain employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits. All vacation pay is accrued when incurred in the Cooperative-wide financial statements. The policy states that the individuals may carry over unused vacation days to be used, but not exceed the following contract year. The amount calculated as compensated absences payable for June 30, 2024 is \$70,314. The General fund is used to liquidate governmental compensated absences payable.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Pensions

Teachers Retirement Association (TRA)

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and additions to/deductions from TRA’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by TRA.

TRA has a special funding situation created by direct aid contributions made by the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The direct aid is a result of the merger of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association merger into TRA in 2006. A second direct aid source is from the State of Minnesota for the merger of the Duluth Teacher’s Retirement Fund Association (DTRFA) in 2015. Additional information can be found in Note 4.

Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows/inflows of resources, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) and additions to/deductions from PERA’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERA. For this purpose, plan contributions are recognized as of employer payroll paid dates and benefit payments and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value. The General fund is typically used to liquidate the governmental net pension liability.

The total pension expense for GERP and TRA is as follows:

	GERP	TRA	Total All Plans
Cooperative's proportionate share	\$ 211,866	\$ 267,300	\$ 479,166
Proportionate share of State's contribution	105	33,725	33,830
Total pension expense	\$ 211,971	\$ 301,025	\$ 512,996

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

Under Minnesota statute 471.61, subdivision 2b, public employers must allow retirees and their dependents to continue coverage indefinitely in an employer-sponsored health care plan, under the following conditions: 1) Retirees must be receiving (or eligible to receive) an annuity from a Minnesota public pension plan, 2) Coverage must continue in a group plan until age 65, and retirees must pay no more than the group premium, and 3) Retirees are able to add dependent coverage during open enrollment period or qualifying life event prior to retirement. All premiums are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis. The liability was determined, in accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, at July 1, 2023. The General fund is typically used to liquidate governmental other postemployment benefits payable.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and fund financial statements will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net assets that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. Furthermore, the Cooperative has two additional items which qualify for reporting in this category. The items, deferred pension resources and deferred other postemployment benefit resources, are reported only in the statement of net position and results from actuarial calculations.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balance

In the fund financial statements, fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Cooperative is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in the governmental funds. These classifications are defined as follows:

Nonspendable - Amounts that cannot be spent because they are not in spendable form, such as prepaid items.

Restricted - Amounts related to externally imposed constraints established by creditors, grantors or contributors; or constraints imposed by state statutory provisions.

Committed - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Administrative Board (the Board), which is the Cooperative's highest level of decision-making authority. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board modifies or rescinds the commitment by resolution.

Assigned - Amounts constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed. In governmental funds other than the General fund, assigned fund balance represents all remaining amounts that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed. In the General fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by the Board itself or by an official to which the governing body delegates the authority. The board of directors passed a resolution authorizing the Director of Special Services and the Business Manager to assign fund balances and its intended uses.

Unassigned - The residual classification for the General fund and also negative residual amounts in other funds.

The Cooperative considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available. Additionally, the Cooperative would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

The Cooperative has not formally adopted a fund balance policy for the General fund.

Net Position

In the Cooperative-wide financial statements, net position represents the difference between assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. Net position is displayed in three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation reduced by any outstanding debt attributable to acquire capital assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consist of net position restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net position balances that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Cooperative's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
 Faribault, Minnesota
 Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
 June 30, 2024

Note 2: Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

A. Budgetary Information

Budgets are prepared for Cooperative governmental funds on the same basis and using the same accounting practices that are used in accounting and preparing financial statements for the funds. Budgets presented in the report for comparison to actual amounts are presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Final budgeted amounts represent the originally adopted budget as amended.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriations, is not employed by the Cooperative because it is at present considered not necessary to assure effective budgeting control or to facilitate effective cash planning and control.

Note 3: Detailed Notes on all Funds

A. Deposits and Investments

Custodial credit risk for deposits and investments is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Cooperative’s deposits may not be returned or the Cooperative will not be able to recover collateral securities in the possession of an outside party. In accordance with Minnesota statutes and as authorized by the School Board, the Cooperative maintains deposits at those depository banks which are members of the Federal Reserve System.

Minnesota statutes require that all Cooperative deposits be protected by insurance, surety bond or collateral. The fair value of collateral pledged must equal 110 percent of the deposits not covered by insurance, bonds or irrevocable standby letters of credit from Federal Home Loan Banks.

Authorized collateral includes the legal investments described below, as well as certain first mortgage notes, and certain other State or local government obligations. Minnesota Statutes require that securities pledged as collateral be held in safekeeping by the Cooperative Treasurer or in a financial institution other than that furnishing the collateral.

At year end, the Cooperative’s carrying amount of deposits was \$486,247 and the bank balance was \$635,836. Of the bank balance, \$250,000 was covered by Federal depository insurance. The remaining balance was covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department in the Cooperative’s name.

As of June 30, 2024, the Cooperative had the following investments:

Types of Investments	Credit Quality/ Ratings (1)	Segmented Time Distribtuion (2)	Amount
Pooled Investment at Amortized Costs			
Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF)	AAAm	Under 6 months	<u>\$ 2,464,639</u>

(1) Ratings are provided by various credit rating agencies where applicable to indicate associated credit risk.

(2) Interest rate risk is disclosed using the segmented time distribution method.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
 Faribault, Minnesota
 Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
 June 30, 2024

Note 3: Detailed Notes on all Funds (Continued)

The Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund (MSDLAF) is a trust organized and existing under the laws of the State of Minnesota and the Minnesota Joint Powers Act, as amended. The trust was established for the purpose of allowing Minnesota school districts to pool their investment funds to obtain a competitive investment yield, while maintaining liquidity and preserving capital. The credit rating for the MSDLAF is AAAM. The weighted average days to maturity are less than six months. The Cooperative’s investment in the MSDLAF is equal to the value of pool shares. The MSDLAF’s carrying amount as of June 30, 2024 is shown in the table above.

A reconciliation of cash and temporary investments as shown on the financial statements for the Cooperative follows:

Deposits	\$ 486,247
Investments	<u>2,464,639</u>
 Total Cash and Temporary Investments	 <u><u>\$ 2,950,886</u></u>

B. Intergovernmental Receivables

A summary of all intergovernmental receivables as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

	<u>General</u>
State Department of Education	
State grants	\$ 781,629
Federal flow through monies	<u>10,988</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 792,617</u></u>

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Notes to the Cooperative Financial Statements
June 30, 2024

Note 3: Detailed Notes on all Funds (Continued)

C. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Additions	Deletions	Balance End of Year
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized				
Equipment	\$ 150,275	\$ 50,927	\$ -	\$ 201,202
Leased Building (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	9,526,495	-	-	9,526,495
Leased Equipment (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	75,600	-	-	75,600
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated/Amortized	<u>9,752,370</u>	<u>50,927</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,803,297</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization				
Equipment	(28,759)	(11,659)	-	(40,418)
Leased Building (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	(952,459)	(635,131)	-	(1,587,590)
Leased Equipment (Intangible Right to Use Asset)	(22,720)	(15,120)	-	(37,840)
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortized	<u>(1,003,938)</u>	<u>(661,910)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,665,848)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated, Net	<u>8,748,432</u>	<u>(610,983)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,137,449</u>
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 8,748,432</u>	<u>\$ (610,983)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,137,449</u>

Depreciation/Amortization expense was charged to governmental activities as follows:

District Support Services	\$ 698
Elementary and Secondary Regular Instruction	19,515
Site, Buildings and Equipment	<u>641,697</u>
Total Depreciation/Amortization Expense	<u>\$ 661,910</u>

D. Long-term Debt

Lease Payable

Lease agreements are summarized as follows:

Description	Total Lease Liability	Interest Rate	Issue Date	Payment Terms	Payment Amount	Balance at Year End
Faribo West Mall	\$ 7,526,495	6.50 %	06/01/21	15 Years	Variable Annually	\$ 8,363,767
EO Johnson Copie	75,600	7.50	04/01/22	5 Years	1,505 Monthly	<u>44,766</u>
						<u>\$ 8,408,533</u>

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The Faribo West Mall was leased for the Cooperative beginning June 1, 2021 for a term of fifteen years at a fixed interest rate of 6.50%. This lease is not renewable

The E.O. Johnson copiers were leased for the Cooperative beginning April 1, 2022 for a term of five years at a fixed interest rate of 6.50%. This lease is not renewable.

Annual requirements to amortize long-term obligations and related interest are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total
2025	\$ 436,386	\$ 534,086	\$ 970,472
2026	465,774	504,698	970,472
2027	541,662	471,913	1,013,575
2028	563,924	436,103	1,000,027
2029	601,691	398,336	1,000,027
2030 - 2034	3,834,794	1,315,341	5,150,135
2035 - 2036	1,964,302	135,753	2,100,055
Total	\$ 8,408,533	\$ 3,796,229	\$ 12,204,762

Loans Payable

During fiscal year 2018, the Cooperative borrowed a total of \$1,000,000 from four districts to assist with cash flow. The loan will be repaid to the district's as excess fund balance is available. The balances owed to each district as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

District	Amount
Faribault Public Schools	\$ 318,827
Medford Public Schools	41,686
Northfield Public Schools	284,471
Owatonna Public Schools	355,016
Total	\$ 1,000,000

Changes in Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended June 30, 2024 was as follows:

	Restated Beginning Balance	Additions	Deductions	Ending Balance	Amounts Due Within One Year
Governmental Activities					
Lease Payable	\$ 8,817,386	\$ -	\$ (408,853)	\$ 8,408,533	\$ 436,386
Loans Payable	1,000,000	-	-	1,000,000	-
Compensated Absences Payable	50,716	76,049	(56,451)	70,314	70,314
Governmental Activities					
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$ 9,868,102	\$ 76,049	\$ (465,304)	\$ 9,478,847	\$ 506,700

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide

A. Teach Retirement Association (TRA)

1. Plan Description

The Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) is an administrator of a multiple employer, cost-sharing, defined benefit retirement fund. TRA administers a Basic Plan (without Social Security coverage) and a Coordinated Plan (with Social Security coverage) in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Chapters 354 and 356. TRA is a separate statutory entity and administered by a Board of Trustees. The Board consists of four active members, one retired member, and three statutory officials.

Educators employed in Minnesota’s public elementary and secondary school, charter schools, and certain other TRA-covered educational institutions maintained by the state are required to be TRA members (except those employed by St. Paul schools or Minnesota State Colleges and Universities). Educators first hired by Minnesota State may elect either TRA coverage or coverage through the Defined Contribution Retirement Plan (DCR) administered by Minnesota State.

2. Benefits Provided

TRA provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits to members, and benefits to survivors upon death of eligible members. Benefits are established by Minnesota Statute and vest after three years of service credit. The defined retirement benefits are based on a member’s highest average salary for any five consecutive years of allowable service, age, and a formula multiplier based on years of credit at termination of service.

Two methods are used to compute benefits for TRA’s Coordinated and Basic Plan members. Members first employed before July 1, 1989, receive the greater of the Tier I or Tier II benefits as described.

Tier I:	Step Rate Formula	Percentage
Basic	1st ten years of service	2.2 percent per year
	All years after	2.7 percent per year
Coordinated	First ten years if service years are prior to July 1, 2006	1.2 percent per year
	First ten years if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.4 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are prior to July 1, 2006	1.7 percent per year
	All other years of service if service years are July 1, 2006 or after	1.9 percent per year

With these provisions:

1. Normal retirement age is 65 with less than 30 years of allowable service and age 62 with 30 or
2. Three percent per year early retirement reduction factor for all years under normal retirement age.
3. Unreduced benefits for early retirement under a Rule-of-90 (age plus allowable service equals 90 or more).

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Tier II:

For years of service prior to July 1, 2006, a level formula of 1.7% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for basic members is applied. For years of service July 1, 2006 and after, a level formula of 1.9% per year for coordinated members and 2.7% per year for Basic members applies. Beginning July 1, 2015, the early retirement reduction factors are based on rates established under Minnesota Statute. Smaller reductions, more favorable to the member, will be applied to individuals who reach age 62 and have 30 years or more of service credit.

Members first employed after June 30, 1989, receive only the Tier II benefit calculation with a normal retirement age that is their retirement age for full Social Security retirement benefits, but not to exceed age 66.

Six different types of annuities are available to members upon retirement. The No Refund Plan is a lifetime annuity that ceases upon the death of the retiree – no survivor annuity is payable. A retiring member may also choose to provide survivor benefits to a designated beneficiary(ies) by selecting one of the five plans that have survivorship features. Vested members may also leave their contributions in the TRA Fund upon termination of service in order to qualify for a deferred annuity at retirement age. Any member terminating service is eligible for a refund of their employee contributions plus interest.

The benefit provisions stated apply to active plan participants. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them are bound by the plan provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

3. Contribution Rates

Per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 354 sets the contribution rates for employees and employers. Rates for each fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, June 30, 2023, June 30, 2024 were:

Plan	Ending June 30, 2022		Ending June 30, 2023		Ending June 30, 2024	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
Basic	11.00%	12.34%	11.00%	12.55%	11.25%	12.75%
Coordinated	7.50%	8.34%	7.50%	8.55%	7.75%	8.75%

The Cooperative’s contributions to TRA for the year ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$253,523, \$226,372, and \$205,953, respectively. The Cooperative’s contributions were equal to the contractually required contributions for each year as set by Minnesota statute.

The following is a reconciliation of employer contributions in TRA’s fiscal year 2023 ACFR “Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position” to the employer contributions used in Schedule of Employer and Non-Employer Pension Allocations.

Employer Contributions Reported in TRA’s Annual Comprehensive Financial Report Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	\$ 508,764,000
Deduct Employer Contributions not Related to Future Contribution Efforts	(87,000)
Deduct TRA’s contributions not included in allocation	<u>(643,000)</u>
Total Employer Contributions	508,034,000
Total Non-employer Contributions	<u>35,587,000</u>
Total Contributions Reported in Schedule of Employer and Non-employer Pension Allocations	<u>\$ 543,621,000</u>

Amounts reported in the allocation schedules may not precisely agree with financial statement amounts or actuarial valuations due to the number of decimal places used in the allocations. TRA has rounded percentage amounts to the nearest ten thousandths.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

4. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement.

Key Methods and Assumptions Used in Valuation of Total Pension Liability

Actuarial Information	
Valuation Date	July 1, 2023
Experience Study	June 30, 2023
	June 28, 2019 (demographic and economic assumptions)
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions	
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%
Price Inflation	2.50%
Wage Growth Rate	2.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.25% thereafter
Projected Salary Increase	2.85% to 8.85% before July 1, 2028 and 3.5% to 9.25% thereafter
Cost of Living Adjustment	1% for January 2019 through January 2023 then increasing by 0.1% each year up to 1.5% annually
Mortality Assumption	
Pre-retirement	RP - 2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back six years and female rates set back seven years Generational projection uses the MP - 2015 scale.
Post-retirement	RP - 2014 white collar annuitant table, male rates set back three years and female rates set back three years, with further adjustments of the rates. Generational projection uses the MP - 2015 scale.
Post-disability	RP - 2014 disabled retiree mortality table, without adjustments.

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 by the target asset allocation percentage and by 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:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5 %	5.10 %
International Equity	16.5	5.30
Fixed Income	25.0	0.75
Private Markets	25.0	5.90
Total	<u>100.0 %</u>	

The TRA actuary has determined the average of the expected remaining service lives of all members for fiscal year 2023 is six years. The Difference between Expected and Actual Experience, Changes of Assumptions, and Changes in Proportion use the amortization period of six years in the schedule presented. The amortization period for Net Difference between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments is five years as required by GASB 68.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

Changes in actuarial assumptions since the 2022 valuation:

The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025
- The pension adjustment rate for school districts and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.

The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill:

- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

5. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7%. There was no change in the discount rate since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the fiscal year 2023 contribution rate, contributions from school districts will be made at contractually required rates (actuarially determined), and contributions from the state will be made at current statutorily required rates. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was not projected to be depleted and, as a result, the Municipal Bond Index Rate was not used in the determination of the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR).

6. Net Pension Liability

On June 30, 2024, The Cooperative reported a liability of \$3,442,845 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability was based on Cooperative's contributions to TRA in relation to total system contributions including direct aid from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis and Minneapolis School District. The Cooperative's proportionate share was 0.0417% at the end of the measurement period and 0.0395% for the beginning of the year.

The pension liability amount reflected a reduction due to direct aid provided to TRA. The amount recognized by the Cooperative as its proportionate share of the net pension liability, the direct aid, and total portion of the net pension liability that was associated with the Cooperative were as follows:

Cooperative's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 3,442,845
State's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Cooperative	<u>241,216</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 3,684,061</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative recognized pension expense of \$267,300. It also recognized recognized \$33,725 as an increase to pension expense for the support provided by direct aid.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

On June 30, 2024, the Cooperative had deferred resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 32,404	\$ 47,834
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	350,157	-
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	99,141	-
Changes in Proportion	25,495	-
Contributions Paid to TRA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	253,523	-
Total	\$ 760,720	\$ 47,834

Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$253,523 related to pensions resulting from the Cooperative's contributions to TRA subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Deferred outflows of resources and (deferred inflows of resources) will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2025	\$ 35,046
2026	(43,527)
2027	309,758
2028	197,315
2029	(33,983)
Thereafter	(5,246)

7. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the net pension liability of TRA calculated using the discount rate of 7%, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6%) or one percentage point higher (8%) than the current rate.

	Cooperative's Proportionate Share of NPL		
	1 Percent Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1 Percent Increase (8.0%)
Teachers Retirement Association	\$ 5,491,085	\$ 3,442,845	\$ 1,668,439

The Cooperative's proportion of the net pension liability was based on the employer contributions to TRA in relation to TRA's total employer contributions including direct aid contributions from the State of Minnesota, City of Minneapolis, and Minneapolis School District.

8. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued TRA financial report. That report can be obtained at <https://minnesotatra.org>, by writing to TRA at 60 Empire Drive, Suite 400, St. Paul, MN, 55103-4000; or by calling 651-296-2409 or 800-657-3669.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

B. Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA)

1. Plan Description

The Cooperative participates in the following cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by the Public Employees Retirement Association of Minnesota (PERA). PERA's defined benefit pension plans are established and administered in accordance with Minnesota statutes, chapters 353 and 356. PERA's defined benefit pension plans are tax qualified plans under Section 401(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

General Employees Retirement Plan

All full-time and certain part-time employees of the Cooperative are covered by the General Employees Plan. General Employees Plan members belong to the Coordinated Plan. Coordinated Plan members are covered by Social Security.

2. Benefits Provided

PERA provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Benefit provisions are established by state statute and can only be modified by the state Legislature. Vested, terminated employees who are entitled to benefits, but are not receiving them yet, are bound by the provisions in effect at the time they last terminated their public service.

General Employees Plan Benefits

General Employees Plan benefits are based on a member's highest average salary for any five successive years of allowable service, age, and years of credit at termination of service. Two methods are used to compute benefits for PERA's Coordinated Plan members. Members hired prior to July 1, 1989, receive the higher of Method 1 or Method 2 formulas. Only Method 2 is used for members hired after June 30, 1989. Under Method 1, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.2 percent of average salary for each of the first 10 years of service and 1.7 percent of average salary for each additional year. Under Method 2, the accrual rate for Coordinated members is 1.7 percent for average salary for all years of service. For members hired prior to July 1, 1989 a full annuity is available when age plus years of service equal 90 and normal retirement age is 65. For members hired on or after July 1, 1989 normal retirement age is the age for unreduced Social Security benefits capped at 66.

Benefit increases are provided to benefit recipients each January. The postretirement increase is equal to 50 percent of the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) announced by the SSA, with a minimum increase of at least 1 percent and a maximum of 1.5 percent. Recipients that have been receiving the annuity or benefit for at least a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive the full increase. Recipients receiving the annuity or benefit for at least one month but less than a full year as of the June 30 before the effective date of the increase will receive a reduced prorated increase. In 2023, legislation repealed the statute delaying increases for members retiring before full retirement age.

3. Contributions

Minnesota Statutes Chapter 353 sets the rates for employer and employee contributions. Contribution rates can only be modified by the state Legislature.

General Employees Fund Contributions

Coordinated Plan members were required to contribute 6.50 percent of their annual covered salary in fiscal year 2023 and the Cooperative was required to contribute 7.50 percent for Coordinated Plan members. The Cooperative's contributions to the General Employees Fund for the years ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$106,814, \$90,775 and \$78,161, respectively. The Cooperative's contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year as set by state statute.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

4. Pension Costs

General Employees Fund Pension Costs

At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative reported a liability of \$849,967 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Fund's net pension liability. The Cooperative's net pension liability reflected a reduction due to the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million. The State of Minnesota is considered a non-employer contributing entity and the state's contribution meets the definition of a special funding situation. The State of Minnesota's proportionate share of the net pension liability associated with the Cooperative totaled \$23,402. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the Cooperative's contributions received by PERA during the measurement period for employer payroll paid dates from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 relative to the total employer contributions received from all of PERA's participating employers. The Cooperative's proportionate share was 0.0152 percent at the end of the measurement period and 0.0139 percent for the beginning of the period.

Cooperative's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 849,967
State's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Associated with the Cooperative	<u>23,402</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 873,369</u></u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative recognized pension expense of \$211,866 for its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's pension expense. In addition, the Cooperative recognized \$105 as pension expense (and grant revenue) for its proportionate share of the State of Minnesota's contribution of \$16 million to the General Employees Fund.

At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative reported its proportionate share of the General Employees Plan's deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences Between Expected and Actual Economic Experience	\$ 27,340	\$ 4,738
Changes in Actuarial Assumptions	111,922	232,967
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings	526	-
Contributions Paid to PERA Subsequent to the Measurement Date	<u>106,814</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u><u>\$ 246,602</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 237,705</u></u>

The \$106,814 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Cooperative's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

2025	\$ 17,955
2026	(107,968)
2027	10,534
2028	(18,438)

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

5. Long-Term Expected Return on Investment

The State Board of Investment, which manages the investments of PERA, prepares an analysis of the reasonableness on a regular basis of the long-term expected rate of return using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future rates of return are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce an expected long-term rate of return by weighting the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentages. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	33.5 %	5.10 %
International Equity	16.5	5.30
Fixed Income	25.0	0.75
Private Markets	25.0	5.90
Total	<u>100.0 %</u>	

6. Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the June 30, 2023, actuarial valuation was determined using an individual entry-age normal actuarial cost method. The long-term rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total liability is 7.0 percent. This assumption is based on a review of inflation and investments return assumptions from a number of national investment consulting firms. The review provided a range of return investment return rates deemed to be reasonable by the actuary. An investment return of 7.0 percent was deemed to be within that range of reasonableness for financial reporting purposes.

Inflation is assumed to be 2.25 percent for the General Employees Plan. Benefit increases after retirement are assumed to be 1.25 percent for the General Employees Plan.

Salary growth assumptions in the General Employees Plan range in annual increments from 10.25 percent after one year of service to 3.0 percent after 27 years of service. Mortality rates for the General Employees Plan are based on the Pub-2010 General

Actuarial assumptions for the General Employees Plan are reviewed every four years. The most recent four-year experience study for the General Employees Plan was completed in 2022. The assumption changes were adopted by the Board and became effective with the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation.

The following changes in actuarial assumptions and plan provisions occurred in 2023:

General Employees Fund

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

- The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

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Note 4: Defined Benefit Pension Plans - Statewide (Continued)

Changes in Plan Provisions

- An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023.
- The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service.
- The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated.
- A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

7. Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability in 2023 was 7.0 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members and employers will be made at rates set in Minnesota statutes. Based on these assumptions, the fiduciary net position of the General Employees were projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

8. Pension Liability Sensitivity

The following presents the Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability for all plans it participates in, calculated using the discount rate disclosed in the preceding paragraph, as well as what the Cooperative's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current discount rate:

	Cooperative's Proportionate Share of NPL		
	1 Percent Decrease (6.0%)	Current (7.0%)	1 Percent Increase (8.0%)
	General Employees Fund	\$ 1,503,660	\$ 849,967

9. Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about each pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in a separately-issued PERA financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained on the Internet at www.mnpera.org.

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Note 5: Other Information

A. Risk Management

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts: theft or, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters for which the Cooperative carries commercial insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities, if any, include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). The Cooperative's management is not aware of any incurred but not reported claims.

Note 6: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions

A. Plan Description

The Cooperative operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan ("the Plan") that provides health, life and dental insurance to eligible employees and their families through the Cooperative's health insurance plan. The full cost of the benefits is covered by the plan. Benefit and eligibility provisions are established through negotiations between the Cooperative and various unions representing Cooperative employees and are renegotiated at various times. The Plan does not issue a publicly available report.

At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Active Plan Members

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B. Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are also negotiated between the Cooperative and union representatives. The Cooperative contributes various amounts based on contracts in effect at retirement for eligible retired plan members. During the year the Cooperative had implicit contributions in the amount of \$2,309. There were no direct contributions made to the plan during the year.

C. Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

The Cooperative's total OPEB liability of \$81,550 was measured as of July 1, 2023, and the total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2023. Roll forward procedures were used to roll forward the total OPEB liability to the measurement date and the Plan's fiscal year end.

The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2023 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Discount Rate	3.90%
20-Year Municipal Bond Yield	3.90%
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary Increases	Service graded table
Medical Trend Rate	6.50% as of July 1, 2023 grading to 5.00% over 6 years and then to 4.00% over the next 48 years
Dental Trend Rate	N/A

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Note 6: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

The discount rate used to measure the total OPEB liability was 3.90 percent. Assets were projected using expected benefit payments and expected asset returns. Expected benefit payments by year were discounted using the expected asset return assumption for years in which the assets were sufficient to pay all benefit payments. Any remaining benefit payments after the trust fund is exhausted are discounted at the 20-year municipal bond rate. The equivalent single rate is the discount rate.

Mortality rates were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2021 Generational Improvement Scale.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2023 valuation were based on input from a variety of published sources of historical and projected future financial data. Each assumption was reviewed for reasonableness with the source information as well as for consistency with the other economic assumptions.

D. Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 119,567
Changes for the Year:	
Service Cost	35,195
Interest	3,226
Assumption Changes	(9,657)
Differences between Expected and Actual Experience	(64,472)
Benefit Payments	(2,309)
Net Changes	(38,017)
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 81,550

Since the prior measurement date, the following assumptions changed:

- The health care trend rates and mortality tables were updated.
- The inflation rate was changed from 2.00% to 2.50%.
- The discount rate was changed from 2.10% to 3.90%.

Since the prior measurement date, the following benefit terms changed:

- No changes noted.

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Note 6: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

E. Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Cooperative, as well as what the Cooperative's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage point lower (2.90 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.90 percent) than the current discount rate:

1 Percent Decrease (2.90%)	Current (3.90%)	1 Percent Increase 4.90%
\$ 88,041	\$ 81,550	\$ 75,545

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Cooperative, as well as what the Cooperative's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a Healthcare Cost Trend Rate that is 1-percentage point lower (5.50 percent decreasing to 4.00 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.50 percent decreasing to 6.00 percent) than the current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate:

1 Percent Decrease (5.50% Decreasing to 4.00%)	Healthcare Cost Trend Rates (6.50% Decreasing to 5.00%)	1 Percent Increase (7.50% Decreasing to 6.00%)
\$ 70,713	\$ 81,550	\$ 94,817

F. OPEB Expense

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Cooperative recognized OPEB expense of \$15,641. At June 30, 2024, the Cooperative reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 99,849
Changes in actuarial assumptions	5,022	12,920
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,645	-
Total	\$ 6,667	\$ 112,769

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Note 6: Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (Continued)

Deferred outflows of resources totaling \$1,645 related to OPEB resulting from the Cooperative’s contributions to the plan subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the OPEB liability in the year ended June 30, 2025. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:		
2025	\$	21,138
2026		21,138
2027		21,138
2028		16,872
2029		16,872
Thereafter		10,589

Note 7: Defined Contribution Plan

The Cooperative provides eligible employees future retirement benefits through the Cooperative’s 403(b) Plan (the Plan). Employees of the Cooperative are eligible to participate in the Plan commencing on the date of their employment. Eligible employees may elect to have a percentage of their pay contributed to the Plan. Some employees are eligible to receive a Cooperative match of employee contributions up to the qualifying amounts set forth by the Governing Board. Contributions are invested in tax deferred annuities selected and owned by Plan participants. The Cooperative contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024 was \$36,918. The employee contributions was \$72,729 for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Note 8: Flexible Benefit Plan

The Cooperative has a flexible benefit plan that is classified as a “cafeteria plan” under Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. All employee groups of the Cooperative are eligible if and when the collective bargaining agreement or contract with their group allows eligibility. Eligible employees can elect to participate by contributing pre-tax dollars withheld from payroll checks to the plan for health care and dependent care benefits.

Before the beginning of the plan year, which is from July 1 to June 30, each participant designates a total amount of pre-tax dollars to be contributed to the plan during the year. At June 30, the Cooperative is contingently liable for claims against the total amount of participants’ annual contributions for the health care portion of the plan, whether or not such contributions have been made.

Payments of health insurance premiums are made by the Cooperative directly to the designated insurance companies. These payments are made on a monthly basis and are accounted for in the General Fund.

Payments for amounts withheld for medical reimbursement and dependent care are made to participating employees upon submitting a request for reimbursement of eligible expenses.

All plan property and income attributable to that property is solely the property of the Cooperative, subject to the claims of the Cooperative’s general creditors. Participants’ rights under the plan are equal to those of general creditors of the Cooperative in an amount equal to eligible health care and dependent care expenses incurred by the participants. The Cooperative believes that it is unlikely that it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general creditors in the future.

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Note 9: Commitments

State Programs

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

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

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Fairbault, Minnesota
Required Supplementary Information
June 30, 2024

Schedule of Employer's Share of TRA Net Pension Liability

Fiscal Year Ending	Cooperative's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Cooperative's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Cooperative (b)	Total (a+b)	Cooperative's Covered Payroll (c)	Cooperative's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/23	0.0417 %	\$ 3,442,845	\$ 241,216	\$ 3,684,061	\$ 2,647,626	130.0 %	76.4 %
06/30/22	0.0395	3,162,951	234,854	3,397,805	2,469,462	128.1	76.2
06/30/21	0.0364	1,592,973	134,452	1,727,425	2,270,481	70.2	86.6
06/30/20	0.0390	2,881,372	241,648	3,123,020	2,256,861	127.7	75.5
06/30/19	0.0370	2,358,388	208,843	2,567,231	2,070,586	113.9	78.2
06/30/18	0.0326	2,049,651	192,577	2,242,228	1,802,933	113.7	78.1

Schedule of Employer's TRA Contributions

Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Cooperative's Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
06/30/24	\$ 253,523	\$ 253,523	\$ -	\$ 2,897,406	8.75 %
06/30/23	226,372	226,372	-	2,647,626	8.55
06/30/22	205,953	205,953	-	2,469,462	8.34
06/30/21	184,590	184,590	-	2,270,481	8.13
06/30/20	178,743	178,743	-	2,256,861	7.92
06/30/19	159,642	159,642	-	2,070,586	7.71
06/30/18	135,220	135,220	-	1,802,933	7.50

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - TRA

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2023 - The 2023 Tax Finance and Policy Bill, effective July 1, 2025 and The 2024 Omnibus Pensions and Retirement Bill contained a number of changes

- The employer contribution rate will increase from 8.75% to 9.5% on July 1, 2025.
- The employee contribution rate will increase from 7.75% to 8% on July 1, 2025
- The pension adjustment rate for school Cooperatives and the base budgets for Minnesota State, Perpich Center for Arts Education, and Minnesota Academies will increase to reflect the 0.75% employer contribution rate increase.
- The Normal Retirement Age (NRA) for active and eligible deferred Tier II members will be 65 effective July 1, 2024.
- TRA's amortization date will remain the same at 2048.

2022 – No changes noted.

2021 - The investment return assumption was changed from 7.50 percent to 7.00 percent.

2020 - Assumed termination rates were changed to more closely reflect actual experience. The pre-retirement mortality assumption was changed to RP-2014 white collar employee table, male rates set back five years and female rates set back seven years. Generational projection uses the MP-2015 scale. Assumed form of annuity election proportions were changed to more closely reflect actual experience for female retirees.

2019 - No changes noted.

2018 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017. The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – TRA (Continued)

Changes in Plan Provisions

2023 - No changes noted.

2022 - No changes noted.

2021 - No changes noted.

2020 - No changes noted.

2019 - No changes noted.

2018 - The 2018 Omnibus Pension Bill contained a number of changes:

- The COLA was reduced from 2.0% each January 1 to 1.0%, effective January 1, 2019. Beginning January 1, 2024, the COLA will increase 0.1% each year until reaching the ultimate rate of 1.5% in January 1, 2028.
- Beginning July 1, 2024, eligibility for the first COLA changes to normal retirement age (age 65 to 66, depending on date of birth). However, members who retire under Rule of 90 and members who are at least age 62 with 30 years of service credit are exempt.
- The COLA trigger provision, which would have increased the COLA to 2.5% if the funded ratio was at least 90% for two consecutive years, was eliminated.
- Augmentation in the early retirement reduction factors is phased out over a five-year period beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024 (this reduces early retirement benefits). Members who retire and are at least age 62 with 30 years of service are exempt.
- Augmentation on deferred benefits will be reduced to zero percent beginning July 1, 2019. Interest payable on refunds to members was reduced from 4.0% to 3.0%, effective July 1, 2018. Interest due on payments and purchases from members, employers is reduced from 8.5% to 7.5%, effective July 1, 2018.
- The employer contribution rate is increased each July 1 over the next 6 years, (7.71% in 2018, 7.92% in 2019, 8.13% in 2020, 8.34% in 2021, 8.55% in 2022, 8.75% in 2023). In addition, the employee contribution rate will increase from 7.50% to 7.75% on July 1, 2023. The state provides funding for the higher employer contribution rate through an adjustment in the school aid formula.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of PERA Net Pension Liability

Fiscal Year Ending	Cooperative's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	Cooperative's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (a)	State's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability Associated with the Cooperative (b)	Total (a+b)	Cooperative's Covered Payroll (c)	Cooperatives's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (a/c)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
06/30/23	0.0152 %	\$ 849,967	\$ 23,402	\$ 873,369	\$ 1,210,320	70.2 %	83.1 %
06/30/22	0.0139	1,100,885	32,258	1,133,143	1,042,150	105.6	76.7
06/30/21	0.0123	525,265	16,071	541,336	884,846	59.4	87.0
06/30/20	0.0164	983,255	30,310	1,013,565	1,167,823	84.2	79.0
06/30/19	0.0174	962,007	29,999	992,006	1,233,504	78.0	80.2
06/30/18	0.0153	848,781	27,838	876,619	1,029,773	82.4	79.5

Schedule of Employer's PERA Contributions

Year Ending	Statutorily Required Contribution (a)	Contributions in Relation to the Statutorily Required Contribution (b)	Contribution Deficiency (Excess) (a-b)	Cooperative's Covered Payroll (c)	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll (b/c)
06/30/24	\$ 106,814	\$ 106,814	\$ -	\$ 1,424,187	7.50 %
06/30/23	90,774	90,774	-	1,210,320	7.50
06/30/22	78,161	78,161	-	1,042,150	7.50
06/30/21	66,363	66,363	-	884,846	7.50
06/30/20	87,587	87,587	-	1,167,823	7.50
06/30/19	92,513	92,513	-	1,233,504	7.50
06/30/18	77,233	77,233	-	1,029,773	7.50

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - PERA

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2023 - The investment return assumption and single discount rate were changed from 6.5 percent to 7.0 percent.

2022 – The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2020 to Scale MP-2021.

2021 - The investment return and single discount rates were changed from 7.50 percent to 6.50 percent for financial reporting purposes. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2019 to Scale MP-2020.

2020 - The price inflation assumption was decreased from 2.50% to 2.25%. The payroll growth assumption was decreased from 3.25% to 3.00%. Assumed salary increase rates were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The net effect is assumed rates that average 0.25% less than previous rates. Assumed rates of retirement were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The changes result in more unreduced (normal) retirements and slightly fewer Rule of 90 and early retirements. Assumed rates of termination were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The new rates are based on service and are generally lower than the previous rates for years 2-5 and slightly higher thereafter. Assumed rates of disability were changed as recommended in the June 30, 2019 experience study. The change results in fewer predicted disability retirements for males and females. The base mortality table for healthy annuitants and employees was changed from the RP-2014 table to the Pub-2010 General Mortality table, with adjustments. The base mortality table for disabled annuitants was changed from the RP-2014 disabled annuitant mortality table to the PUB-2010 General/Teacher disabled annuitant mortality table, with adjustments. The mortality improvement scale was changed from Scale MP-2018 to Scale MP-2019. The assumed spouse age difference was changed from two years older for females to one year older. The assumed number of married male new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 35% to 45%. The assumed number of married female new retirees electing the 100% Joint & Survivor option changed from 15% to 30%. The corresponding number of married new retirees electing the Life annuity option was adjusted accordingly.

2019 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2017 to MP-2018.

2018 - The mortality projection scale was changed from MP-2015 to MP-2017. The assumed benefit increase was changed from 1.00 percent per year through 2044 and 2.50 percent per year thereafter to 1.25 percent per year.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – PERA (Continued)

Changes in Plan Provisions

2023 - An additional one-time direct state aid contribution of \$170.1 million will be contributed to the Plan on October 1, 2023. The vesting period of those hired after June 30, 2010, was changed from five years of allowable service to three years of allowable service. The benefit increase delay for early retirements on or after January 1, 2024, was eliminated. A one-time, non-compounding benefit increase of 2.5 percent minus the actual 2024 adjustment will be payable in a lump sum for calendar year 2024 by March 31, 2024.

2022 - There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2021 - There were no changes in plan provisions since the previous valuation.

2020 - Augmentation for current privatized members was reduced to 2.0% for the period July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2023 and 0.0% after. Augmentation was eliminated for privatizations occurring after June 30, 2020.

2019 – The employer supplemental contribution was changed prospectively, decreasing from \$31.0 million to \$21.0 million per year. The state’s special funding contribution was changed prospectively, requiring \$16.0 million due per year through 2031.

2018 – The augmentation adjustment in early retirement factors is eliminated over a five-year period starting July 1, 2019, resulting in actuarial equivalence after June 30, 2024. Interest credited on member contributions decreased from 4.00 percent to 3.00 percent, beginning July 1, 2018. Deferred augmentation was changed to 0.00 percent, effective January 1, 2019. Augmentation that has already accrued for deferred members will still apply. Contribution stabilizer provisions were repealed. Postretirement benefit increases were changed from 1.00 percent per year with a provision to increase to 2.50 percent upon attainment of 90.00 percent funding ratio to 50.00 percent of the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment, not less than 1.00 percent and not more than 1.50 percent, beginning January 1, 2019. For retirements on or after January 1, 2024, the first benefit increase is delayed until the retiree reaches normal retirement age; does not apply to Rule of 90 retirees, disability benefit recipients, or survivors. Actuarial equivalent factors were updated to reflect revised mortality and interest assumptions.

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For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule of Changes in the Cooperative's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service cost	\$ 35,195	\$ 35,145	\$ 34,121	\$ 33,318	\$ 32,348	\$ 37,568	\$ 36,474
Interest	3,226	2,464	3,992	2,848	3,984	2,797	1,472
Changes in benefit terms	-	-	-	-	(28,325)	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(64,472)	-	(58,291)	-	(21,747)	-	-
Changes in assumptions	(9,657)	-	8,035	-	(12,382)	-	-
Benefit payments	(2,309)	(470)	(148)	-	(318)	(153)	-
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	(38,017)	37,139	(12,291)	36,166	(26,440)	40,212	37,946
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	119,567	82,428	94,719	58,553	84,993	44,781	6,835
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 81,550</u>	<u>\$ 119,567</u>	<u>\$ 82,428</u>	<u>\$ 94,719</u>	<u>\$ 58,553</u>	<u>\$ 84,993</u>	<u>\$ 44,781</u>
Covered - Employee Payroll	\$ 4,207,304	\$ 3,573,184	\$ 3,469,111	\$ 3,709,959	\$ 3,601,902	\$ 3,074,397	\$ 2,984,851
Cooperative's Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	1.94 %	3.35 %	2.38 %	2.55 %	1.63 %	2.76 %	1.50 %

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information - OPEB

Changes in Actuarial Assumptions

2024 - The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases. The mortality tables were updated from the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2021 Generational Improvement Scale. The inflation rate was changed from 2.00% to 2.50%. The discount rate was changed from 2.10% to 3.90%.

2023 - None

2022 - The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases. The mortality tables were updated from the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2020 Generational Improvement Scale. The salary increase rates for non-teachers were updated to reflect the latest experience study. The withdrawal rates were updated to reflect the latest experience study. The inflation rate was changed from 2.50% to 2.00%. The discount rate was changed from 3.10% to 2.10%. These changes increased the liability \$8,035.

2021 - The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases.

2020 - None

2019 - The health care trend rates were changed to better anticipate short term and long term medical increases. The mortality tables were updated from the RP-2014 White Collar Mortality Tables with MP-2016 Generational Improvement Scale to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans headcount-Weighted Mortality Tables (General, Teachers) with MP-2018 Generational Improvement Scale. The salary increase rates were changed from a flat 33.00% per year for all employees to rates which vary by service and contract group. The Discount rate was changed from 3.40% to 3.10%.

2018 - Not applicable. This was the first actuarial valuation completed for the Cooperative.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information – OPEB (Continued)

Changes in Benefits

2024 - None

2023 - None

2022 - None

2021 - None

2020 - None

2019 - The subsidized post-employment benefit for nonunion administrators was replaced with a defined contribution benefit (not valued under GASB 75). The years of service required to be eligible for a benefit (implicit rate subsidy) for non-TRA employees was increased from three years to five years.

2018 – Not applicable. This was the first actuarial valuation completed for the Cooperative.

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CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Continued on the Following Pages)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Other local revenue	\$ 952,406	\$ 952,406	\$ 955,055	\$ 2,649
Interest earned on investments	80,000	150,000	150,994	994
Revenue from state sources	7,802,029	7,353,192	6,347,647	(1,005,545)
Revenue from federal sources	600,000	510,000	371,439	(138,561)
Miscellaneous	165,262	173,124	170,727	(2,397)
Total Revenues	<u>9,599,697</u>	<u>9,138,722</u>	<u>7,995,862</u>	<u>(1,142,860)</u>
Expenditures				
Current				
Administration				
Other expenditures	-	-	409	(409)
District support services				
Salaries	211,888	218,878	223,986	(5,108)
Employee benefits	78,355	80,665	82,408	(1,743)
Purchased services	175,700	217,100	175,257	41,843
Travel	800	900	292	608
Supplies and materials	63,700	72,300	52,367	19,933
Other expenditures	4,600	5,100	4,372	728
Total district support services	<u>535,043</u>	<u>594,943</u>	<u>538,682</u>	<u>56,261</u>
Elementary and secondary regular instruction				
Salaries	227,417	101,309	47,422	53,887
Employee benefits	85,083	47,234	17,501	29,733
Purchased services	200	2,550	1,581	969
Supplies and materials	52,000	43,067	32,868	10,199
Total elementary and secondary regular instruction	<u>364,700</u>	<u>194,160</u>	<u>99,372</u>	<u>94,788</u>
Special education instruction				
General special education				
Salaries	122,508	120,543	131,795	(11,252)
Employee benefits	126,789	128,682	142,702	(14,020)
Purchased services	108,500	97,150	62,211	34,939
Supplies and materials	2,000	9,000	2,223	6,777
Other expenditures	-	200	200	-
Total general special education	<u>359,797</u>	<u>355,575</u>	<u>339,131</u>	<u>16,444</u>
Speech/language impaired				
Salaries	61,595	62,495	59,930	2,565
Employee benefits	11,493	11,644	10,927	717
Supplies and materials	300	-	-	-
Total speech/language impaired	<u>73,388</u>	<u>74,139</u>	<u>70,857</u>	<u>3,282</u>
Developmental cognitive disabilities mild to moderate				
Salaries	946,274	951,414	1,043,828	(92,414)
Employee benefits	312,716	306,770	352,680	(45,910)
Purchased services	16,600	6,500	5,151	1,349
Supplies and materials	14,700	15,600	12,193	3,407
Other expenditures	1,500	1,400	1,326	74
Total development cognitive disabilities mild to moderate	<u>1,291,790</u>	<u>1,281,684</u>	<u>1,415,178</u>	<u>(133,494)</u>

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General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Expenditures (Continued)				
Current (continued)				
Special education instruction (continued)				
Developmental cognitive disabilities: severe to profound				
Purchased services	\$ -	\$ 12,000	\$ 11,050	\$ 950
Physically impaired				
Purchased services	2,000	1,000	-	1,000
Deaf/hard of hearing				
Salaries	15,543	13,468	13,468	-
Employee benefits	4,729	4,175	3,983	192
Purchased services	800	800	-	800
Total deaf/hard of hearing	21,072	18,443	17,451	992
Emotional/behavioral disorder				
Salaries	1,937,292	1,813,151	1,514,844	298,307
Employee benefits	858,805	677,108	608,086	69,022
Purchased services	13,650	13,600	6,838	6,762
Supplies and materials	36,200	27,200	17,133	10,067
Other expenditures	1,500	1,400	1,326	74
Total emotional/behavior disorder	2,847,447	2,532,459	2,148,227	384,232
Autistic spectrum disorder				
Salaries	1,019,276	934,642	907,720	26,922
Employee benefits	325,286	299,888	282,045	17,843
Purchased services	13,550	76,600	68,342	8,258
Supplies and materials	16,900	10,400	6,815	3,585
Other expenditures	1,500	1,400	1,326	74
Total autistic spectrum disorder	1,376,512	1,322,930	1,266,248	56,682
Severely multiple impaired				
Salaries	-	-	29,759	(29,759)
Employee benefits	-	-	6,025	(6,025)
Total severely multiple impaired	-	-	35,784	(35,784)
Special education - aggregate				
Salaries	260,570	295,142	249,380	45,762
Employee benefits	97,698	113,221	99,032	14,189
Purchased services	140,500	94,000	71,772	22,228
Supplies and materials	29,000	50,000	41,940	8,060
Other expenditures	1,500	1,400	1,326	74
Total special education - aggregate	529,268	553,763	463,450	90,313
Total special education instruction	6,501,274	6,151,993	5,767,376	384,617

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Fairbault, Minnesota
General Fund
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Budget and Actual (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget
	Original	Final		
Expenditures (Continued)				
Current (continued)				
Instructional support services				
Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,950	\$ (1,950)
Employee benefits	-	-	319	(319)
Purchased services	13,500	6,500	4,491	2,009
Travel	200	5,200	4,200	1,000
Supplies and materials	500	2,500	2,169	331
Total instructional support services	<u>14,200</u>	<u>14,200</u>	<u>13,129</u>	<u>1,071</u>
Pupil support services				
Salaries	36,726	36,726	161,747	(125,021)
Employee benefits	5,710	16,027	30,019	(13,992)
Purchased services	35,050	23,550	18,154	5,396
Travel	-	500	732	(232)
Supplies and materials	5,000	10,000	6,401	3,599
Total pupil support services	<u>82,486</u>	<u>86,803</u>	<u>217,053</u>	<u>(130,250)</u>
Sites, buildings and equipment				
Salaries	48,315	48,315	75,932	(27,617)
Employee benefits	15,659	16,323	20,451	(4,128)
Purchased services	264,550	292,650	241,225	51,425
Supplies and materials	50,000	30,000	29,011	989
Total sites, buildings and equipment	<u>378,524</u>	<u>387,288</u>	<u>366,619</u>	<u>20,669</u>
Total current	<u>7,876,227</u>	<u>7,429,387</u>	<u>7,002,640</u>	<u>426,747</u>
Capital outlay				
District support services	40,000	11,112	11,089	23
Elementary and secondary regular instruction	13,000	47,288	47,288	-
Sites, buildings and equipment	20,000	30,000	-	30,000
Total capital outlay	<u>73,000</u>	<u>88,400</u>	<u>58,377</u>	<u>30,023</u>
Debt service				
Principal	411,079	411,445	408,853	2,592
Interest and other costs	559,391	559,490	562,729	(3,239)
Total debt service	<u>970,470</u>	<u>970,935</u>	<u>971,582</u>	<u>(647)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>8,919,697</u>	<u>8,488,722</u>	<u>8,032,599</u>	<u>456,123</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	680,000	650,000	(36,737)	(686,737)
Fund Balances, July 1	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>3,379,952</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, June 30	<u>\$ 4,059,952</u>	<u>\$ 4,029,952</u>	<u>\$ 3,343,215</u>	<u>\$ (686,737)</u>

Fiscal Compliance Report - 6/30/2024
District: CANNON VALLEY SPEC ED (6094-52)

	Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS		Audit	UFARS	Audit - UFARS
01 GENERAL FUND				06 BUILDING CONSTRUCTION			
Total Revenue	\$7,995,862	<u>\$7,995,861</u>	<u>\$1</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$8,032,599	<u>\$8,032,599</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$89,603	<u>\$89,603</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>				<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.13 Funded by COP/FP	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.03 Staff Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.07 Capital Projects Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.08 Cooperative Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.12 Literacy Incentive Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.14 Operating Debt	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.16 Levy Reduction	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.17 Taconite Building Maint	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	07 DEBT SERVICE			
4.20 American Indian Education Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.24 Operating Capital	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Non Spendable:</i>			
4.27 Disabled Accessibility	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.28 Learning & Development	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.34 Area Learning Center	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.35 Contracted Alt. Programs	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.33 Maximum Effort Loan Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.36 State Approved Alt. Program	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.38 Gifted & Talented	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.39 English Learner	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted:</i>			
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.41 Basic Skills Programs	\$0	<u>\$1</u>	<u>(\$1)</u>	<i>Unassigned:</i>			
4.43 School Library Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
4.49 Safe Schools Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	08 TRUST			
4.51 QZAB Payments	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.53 Unfunded Sev & Retiremt Levy	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
4.59 Basic Skills Extended Time	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.67 LTFM	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.71 Student Support Personnel Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.72 Medical Assistance	\$1,679,771	<u>\$1,679,772</u>	<u>(\$1)</u>				
<i>Restricted:</i>				18 CUSTODIAL			
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.75 Title VII Impact Aid	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.76 Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>			
<i>Committed:</i>				4.01 Student Activities	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.18 Committed for Separation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.02 Scholarships	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.61 Committed Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	4.48 Achievement and Integration	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<i>Assigned:</i>				4.64 Restricted Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.62 Assigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
<i>Unassigned:</i>				20 INTERNAL SERVICE			
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$1,573,841	<u>\$1,573,839</u>	<u>\$2</u>	Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
				Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
02 FOOD SERVICES				4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>				
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	25 OPEB REVOCABLE TRUST			
<i>Non Spendable:</i>				Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
				74 Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

04 COMMUNITY SERVICE

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures <i>Non Spendable:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted / Reserved:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.26 \$25 Taconite	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.31 Community Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.32 E.C.F.E	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.40 Teacher Development and Evaluation	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.44 School Readiness	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.47 Adult Basic Education	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.52 OPEB Liab Not In Trust <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
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45 OPEB IRREVOCABLE TRUST

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.22 Unassigned Fund Balance (Net Assets)	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

47 OPEB DEBT SERVICE

Total Revenue	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Total Expenditures <i>Non Spendable:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.60 Non Spendable Fund Balance <i>Restricted:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.25 Bond Refundings	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.64 Restricted Fund Balance <i>Unassigned:</i>	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
4.63 Unassigned Fund Balance	\$0	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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OTHER REPORTS

CANNON VALLEY SPECIAL EDUCATION COOPERATIVE
FARIBAULT, MINNESOTA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON
MINNESOTA LEGAL COMPLIANCE**

Members of the Administrative Board
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, Faribault, Minnesota (the Cooperative) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements which collectively compromise the Cooperatives basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 22, 2024.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Cooperative failed to comply with the provisions of the contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, and miscellaneous provisions sections of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for School Districts*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Cooperative's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions, insofar as they relate to accounting matters.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Abdo
Mankato, Minnesota
October 22, 2024

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Members of the Administrative Board
Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative, Faribault, Minnesota, (the Cooperative) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 22, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Findings and Responses as items 2024-001 and 2024-002 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. While our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion, it does not provide a legal determination on the Cooperative's compliance with those requirements. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* or statutes set forth by the State of Minnesota.

The Cooperative's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Cooperative's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Cooperative's responses was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication not suitable for any other purpose.



Abdo
Mankato, Minnesota
October 22, 2024



Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Description</u>
2024-001	Segregation of Duties
<i>Condition:</i>	During our audit we reviewed internal control procedures and found the Cooperative to have limited segregation of duties in the areas as noted below.
<i>Criteria:</i>	There are four general categories of duties: authorization, custody, record keeping and reconciliation. In an ideal system, different employees perform each of these four major functions. In other words, no one person has control of two or more of these responsibilities.
<i>Effect:</i>	The effectiveness of the internal control system relies on enforcement by management. The effect of deficiencies in segregation of duties and internal controls can result in undetected errors or misappropriation of assets of the Cooperative.

Internal Control Over Cash Receipts

<i>Cause:</i>	As a result of the small staff, the Finance and Payroll Coordinator sets up and maintains customers, posts to the general ledger, prepares deposits, takes deposits to the bank, generates billing statements, and maintains receipts and accounts receivables. The Executive Assistant opens mail.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	While we recognize staff is not large enough to eliminate this deficiency, it is important that the Board is aware of this condition and monitor all financial information.

Internal Control Over Cash Disbursements

<i>Cause:</i>	As a result of the small staff, the Finance and Payroll Coordinator maintains and controls checks, matches invoices to purchase orders, maintains and posts to the general ledger, prepares checks and maintains purchase journal and accounts payable records. The Executive Assistant sets up and maintains vendors and opens mail.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	While we recognize staff is not large enough to eliminate this deficiency, it is important that the Board is aware of this condition and monitor all financial information.

Internal Control Over Payroll

<i>Cause:</i>	As a result of the small staff, the Finance and Payroll Coordinator sets up and maintains employee records, runs payroll, maintains and posts to the general ledger, initiates payroll transfers for direct deposit, reconciles bank accounts and prepares payroll tax returns.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	While we recognize staff is not large enough to eliminate this deficiency, it is important that the Board is aware of this condition and monitor all financial information.

Management Response:

The Cooperative is aware of the limited segregation of duties and will continue to review internal controls and make changes when they are feasible.

Cannon Valley Special Education Cooperative
Faribault, Minnesota
Schedule of Findings and Responses (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

<u>Finding</u>	<u>Description</u>
2024-002	Financial Report Preparation
<i>Condition:</i>	We were requested to draft the audited financial statements and related footnote disclosures as part of our regular audit services. Recent auditing standards require auditors to communicate this situation to the Board as an internal control deficiency. Ultimately, it is management's responsibility to provide for the preparation of your statements and footnotes, and the responsibility of the auditor to determine the fairness of presentation of those statements. From a practical standpoint we do both for you at the same time in connection with our audit. This is not unusual for us to do with organizations of your size. However, based on recent auditing standards, it is our responsibility to inform you that this deficiency could result in a material misstatement to the financial statements that could have been prevented or detected by your management. Essentially, the auditors cannot be part of your internal control process.
<i>Criteria:</i>	Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance over financial reporting.
<i>Cause:</i>	From a practical standpoint we do both for you at the same time in connection with our audit. This is not unusual for us to do with organization of your size.
<i>Effect:</i>	The effectiveness of the internal control system relies on enforcement by management. The effect of deficiencies in internal controls can result in undetected errors in financial reporting.
<i>Recommendation:</i>	It is your responsibility to make the ultimate decision to accept this degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations. We have instructed management to review a draft of the auditor prepared financials in detail for their accuracy; we have answered any questions they might have, and have encouraged research of any accounting guidance in connection with the adequacy and appropriateness of classification of disclosure in your statements. We are satisfied that the appropriate steps have been taken to provide you with the completed financial statements. While the Cooperative is reviewing the financial statements we recommend a disclosure checklist is utilized to ensure all required disclosures are presented and the Cooperative should agree its financial software to the numbers reported in the financial statements.

Management Response:

Management is aware of the control deficiency, which is an unavoidable consequence of the financial restrictions of small cooperatives. Each year, the Cooperative has a presentation from our auditor to the Board of Education after the audit is performed. Management recognizes that it is not economically feasible to fully correct this finding; it is aware of the deficiency and is relying on oversight of management and Board to monitor the deficiency.



Corrective Action Plan (CAP):

2024-001 Segregation of Duties

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding

There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding

The Cooperative is aware of the limited segregation of duties and will continue to review internal controls and make changes when they can be made.

3. Official Responsible for Ensuring CAP

Sarah McGuire, Executive Director, is the official responsible for ensuring continued implementation of certain control measures.

4. Planned Completion Date for CAP

Continuous.

5. Plan to Monitor Completion of CAP

The Cannon Valley Special Education Board will be monitoring this corrective action plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah McGuire".

Sarah McGuire
Executive Director



Corrective Action Plan (CAP):

2024-002 Financial Report Preparation

1. Explanation of Disagreement with Audit Finding

There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

2. Actions Planned in Response to Finding

The Cooperative will continue to have auditor prepare the financial statements and will continue to have the board review the financial statements. The Cooperative is aware of the deficiency and is relying on oversight of management and Board to monitor the deficiency.

3. Official Responsible for Ensuring CAP

Sarah McGuire, Executive Director, is the official responsible for ensuring corrective action plan.

4. Planned Completion Date for CAP

Continuous.

5. Plan to Monitor Completion of CAP

The Cannon Valley Special Education Board will be monitoring this corrective action plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SM', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sarah McGuire
Executive Director