Arkansas Correctional School

Jefferson County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements And Other Reports

June 30, 2009



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Arkansas Correctional School and School Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of each major governmental fund of the Arkansas Correctional School (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the School's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of School management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As described more fully in Note 1, the School has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Arkansas Code, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statements referred to previously do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the School as of June 30, 2009, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended. Further, the School has not presented a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund of the School as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 4, 2010 on our consideration of the School'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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the School's regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets (Schedule 1) and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis (Schedule 2) are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the regulatory basis financial statements. The Schedule of Capital Assets (Schedule 1) and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis (Schedule 2) have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

Arkansas Correctional School and School Board Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund of the Arkansas Correctional School (the "School"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2009, which collectively comprise the School's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 4, 2010. We issued an adverse opinion because the School prepared the financial statements using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by the Arkansas Code, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effect on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of each major governmental fund of the School as of June 30, 2009, and the respective changes in financial position and budgetary results for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the School's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the School's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A *control deficiency* 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Arkansas Code such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the School's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control. We consider the deficiency described below in the Audit Findings section of this report to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting.

A *material weakness* is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the School's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider the significant deficiency referred to above and described below in the Audit Findings section of this report to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the School's regulatory basis financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state laws and regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

AUDIT FINDINGS

Material Weakness

Internal control is a process consisting of five interrelated components – *control environment, risk assessment, information and communication, control activities, and monitoring.* Financial accounting duties should be distributed among appropriate employees to enhance the design of the internal control process to ensure the preparation of reliable financial statements that are fairly presented in conformity with the regulatory basis of accounting. The School, because of cost/benefit implications, has not segregated financial accounting duties to sufficiently reduce the risk that a material misstatement of the financial statements due to fraud or error will not be prevented or detected. An understanding of the five components of internal control sufficient to assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements whether due to error or fraud, and to design the nature, timing, and extent of further audit procedures was obtained. The School's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements, as well as the ability to safeguard School assets, was adversely affected by the identified weakness. School management should adopt sound accounting policies and establish and maintain internal control that will initiate, authorize, record, process, and report transactions consistent with management's assertions embodied in the financial statements and that will safeguard School assets.

Management Response: Management personnel concur with the recommendation.

The School's response to the finding identified in our audit is described above. We did not audit the School's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the local school board and School management, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Arkansas Code Annotated § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

DIVISION OF LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Larry W. Hunter, CPA, CFE Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas March 4, 2010

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS JUNE 30, 2009

	 Governmental Funds							
	 Ma	ajor						
		5	Special					
	 General	R	Revenue					
ASSETS								
Cash	\$ 2,060,308	\$	34,654					
Investments	 1,061,357							
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 3,121,665	\$	34,654					
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable	\$ 1,776							
Fund Balances:								
Unreserved:								
Undesignated	 3,119,889	\$	34,654					
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND								
FUND BALANCES	\$ 3,121,665	\$	34,654					

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

			Major		
		<u> </u>			Special
		General		F	Revenue
REVENUES					
State assistance	\$	5,148,675			
Federal assistance				\$	376,101
Investment income		115,249			
Other revenues		16,738			
TOTAL REVENUES		5,280,662			376,101
EXPENDITURES					
Regular programs		3,202,057			
Special education		60,379			15,608
Adult/continuing education					153,712
Compensatory education					161,749
Student support services		114,264			
Instructional staff support services		49,535			
General administration support services		572,243			24,590
School administration support services		735,039			
Central services support services	-	117,879			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,851,396			355,659
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		429,266			20,442
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES					
AND OTHER USES		429,266			20,442
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1		2,690,623			14,212
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$	3,119,889		\$	34,654

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

			General			Special Revenue					
	Variance Favorable Budget Actual (Unfavorable) Budget Act				Actual	Variance Favorable ctual (Unfavorable)					
REVENUES											
State assistance	\$ 5,147,675	\$	5,148,675	\$	1,000		_		_		
Federal assistance			44= 040			\$ 389,466	\$	376,101	\$	(13,365)	
Investment income			115,249		115,249						
Other revenues			16,738		16,738						
TOTAL REVENUES	 5,147,675		5,280,662		132,987	389,466		376,101		(13,365)	
EXPENDITURES											
Regular programs	3,462,127		3,202,057		260,070						
Special education	94,184		60,379		33,805	17,488		15,608		1,880	
Adult/continuing education						153,712		153,712			
Compensatory education						187,695		161,749		25,946	
Student support services	202,097		114,264		87,833						
Instructional staff support services	240,000		49,535		190,465						
General administration support services	703,907		572,243		131,664	26,571		24,590		1,981	
School administration support services	778,069		735,039		43,030						
Central services support services	323,098		117,879		205,219						
Operation and maintenance of plant services	 					 4,000				4,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 5,803,482		4,851,396		952,086	 389,466		355,659		33,807	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)											
EXPENDITURES	(655,807)		429,266		1,085,073			20,442		20,442	
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	 655,806		2,690,623		2,034,817			14,212		14,212	
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ (1)	\$	3,119,889	\$	3,119,890	\$ 0	\$	34,654	\$	34,654	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2009

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, a seven member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities related to public elementary and secondary school education within the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Correctional School (School). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is the general operating fund and is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be reported in another fund.

<u>Special Revenue Fund</u> – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than trusts for individuals, private organizations, or other governments or for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Arkansas Code Annotated § 10-4-413(c), as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and capital leases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose trust funds will be reflected in the notes to the financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2009

1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost, if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at fair value when received. The School maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years					
Improvements/infrastructure	20					
Buildings	50					
Equipment	5-20					

F. Fund Balance Designations

Undesignated fund balance - indicates that portion of the fund balance not reserved or designated.

G. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The School is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The School does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education's regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the school districts employ the cash basis method.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same.

2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	 Carrying Amount	 Bank Balance			
Insured (FDIC) Collateralized:	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000			
Collateral held by the pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department in the School's name	 2,656,319	 2,742,840			
Total Deposits	\$ 3,156,319	\$ 3,242,840			

The above total deposits include certificates of deposit of \$1,061,357 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS JUNE 30, 2009

3: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The accounts payable balance of \$1,776 at June 30, 2009 was comprised of the following:

	Govern	mental Fund
		Major
Description	G	eneral
., .	•	
Vendor payables	\$	1,776

4: RETIREMENT PLAN

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description. The School contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees, except certain nonteachers hired before July 1, 1989. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 or by calling 1-800-666-2877.

Funding Policy. ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 6% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 14% of covered salaries, the maximum allowed by State law. The School's and the Arkansas Department of Education's contributions to ATRS for the years ended June 30, 2009, 2008, and 2007 were \$555,854, \$521,448, and \$445,165, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

5: RISK MANAGEMENT

The School is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The School participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Workers' Compensation Trust (the Trust), a self-insurance trust voluntarily established on July 1, 1994 pursuant to state law. The Trust is responsible for obtaining and administering workers' compensation insurance coverage for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Trust is responsible for monitoring, negotiating and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against member districts. The School contributes annually to this program.

The School participates in the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program provides coverage for actual losses sustained by its members through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$250,000 with a \$1,000 deductible. Premiums for coverage are paid by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas from funds withheld from the Public School Fund.

The School participates in the Public School Property and Vehicle Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop and administer, on behalf of members, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicles coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The School pays an annual premium for its coverage of buildings, contents, and vehicles.

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009 (Unaudited)

	Ju	Balance ine 30, 2009
Depreciable capital assets:		
Buildings	\$	1,084,084
Equipment		613,274
Total depreciable capital assets		1,697,358
Less accumulated depreciation for:		
Buildings		118,774
Equipment		402,971
Total accumulated depreciation		521,745
Total depreciable capital assets, net		1,175,613
Capital assets, net	\$	1,175,613

ARKANSAS CORRECTIONAL SCHOOL JEFFERSON COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009

(Unaudited)

	Year Ended June 30,									
General Fund		2009			2008		2007		2006	 2005
Total Assets	\$	3,121,665		\$	2,693,703	\$	2,103,224	\$	1,677,079	\$ 2,223,009
Total Liabilities		1,776			3,080		7,697		28,820	
Total Fund Balances		3,119,889			2,690,623		2,095,527		1,648,259	2,223,009
Total Revenues		5,280,662			5,236,031		5,324,292		5,170,673	4,677,043
Total Expenditures		4,851,396			4,640,935		4,877,024		5,055,688	4,752,758
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)									(689,735)	
Special Revenue Fund										
Total Assets		34,654			14,212		6,531		18,197	23,480
Total Liabilities										
Total Fund Balances		34,654			14,212		6,531		18,197	23,480
Total Revenues		376,101			404,951		372,653		355,794	323,963
Total Expenditures		355,659			397,270		384,319		361,077	334,610
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)										
Other Aggregate Funds										
Total Assets									28,820	
Total Liabilities									28,820	
Total Fund Balances										
Total Revenues										
Total Expenditures									689,735	
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)									689,735	