

Black River Technical College

Pocahontas, Arkansas

**Basic Financial Statements
and Other Reports**

June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Black River Technical College
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Black River Technical College (College), an institution of higher education of the State of Arkansas, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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 financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the College as of June 30, 2021, and the changes in financial position, and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Prior Year Comparative Information

We have previously audited the College's 2020 financial statements, and we expressed an unmodified opinion on the financial statements in our report dated July 7, 2021. In our opinion, the comparative information presented herein as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020, is consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements from which it has been derived.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, certain information pertaining to postemployment benefits other than pensions, and certain information pertaining to pensions on pages 6-13, 42, and 43-44 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.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years (Schedule 1) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 20, 2022 on our consideration of the College'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 College'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 College's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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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

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Black River Technical College
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities of the Black River Technical College (College), an institution of higher education of the State of Arkansas, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the College's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated July 20, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the College'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the College's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the College's financial statements are free from 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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to management of the College in a separate letter dated July 20, 2022.

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 result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the College'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 College's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT



Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
July 20, 2022

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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Black River Technical College
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We would like to communicate the following item that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comment is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management to maintain a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. This matter was discussed previously with College officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT DATA – In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 6-60-209, we performed tests of the student enrollment data for the year ended June 30, 2021, as reported to the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, to provide reasonable assurance that the data was properly reported. The enrollment data reported was as follows:

	<u>Summer II Term</u>	<u>Fall Term</u>	<u>Spring Term</u>	<u>Summer I Term</u>
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2021</u>
Student Headcount	222	1,350	1,232	403
Student Semester Credit Hours	947	14,906	13,632	2,337

During our review, nothing came to our attention that would cause us to believe that the student enrollment data was not substantially correct.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the governing board, College 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 Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

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Matt Fink, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
July 20, 2022

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Introduction

Black River Technical College is a public, two-year technical college committed to transforming lives through quality academic and career education to enhance the community we serve. BRTC was established as a vocational school in 1972 and became a technical college in 1991. The College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission.

BRTC has approximately 1,380 credit students and 146 full-time employees. The campus is located in northeast Arkansas on Hwy 304 East in Pocahontas. The College also operates an additional location in Paragould and adult education centers in Walnut Ridge, Corning, and Paragould.

Overview of Financial Statements and Financial Analysis

Black River Technical College (BRTC) is presenting financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021. The following discussion and analysis have been prepared by management to provide an overview of the College's financial position and activities for the year and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements and notes. Comparative data presented will provide the opportunity for comparative analysis. Financial statements presented are the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows.

Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the assets, liabilities, and net position of the College at the end of the fiscal year and includes all assets and liabilities of the College. The purpose of this statement is to present a fiscal snapshot of the College. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net position, which is one indicator of the current financial condition of the College. The change in net position also indicates whether the College's overall financial condition has changed positively or negatively. Assets and liabilities are generally measured using current values with the exception of capital (fixed) assets that are stated at historical cost less depreciation. The Statement of Net Position also presents assets available for operations and allows readers to determine how much the College owes vendors and other institutions.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Net Position (Continued)

BRTC's net position for the past two years is summarized below:

Statement of Net Position For Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>Increase/ (Decrease)</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Current Assets	\$ 7,082,681	\$ 5,759,780	\$ 1,322,901	22.97 %
Capital Asset, net	24,623,089	25,780,253	(1,157,164)	(4.49) %
Non-current Assets	<u>7,884,107</u>	<u>7,535,230</u>	<u>348,877</u>	4.63 %
Total Assets	39,589,877	39,075,263	514,614	1.32 %
Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,349,036	845,153	503,883	59.62 %
Current Liabilities	2,296,226	1,963,997	332,229	16.92 %
Non-current Liabilities	<u>14,442,623</u>	<u>13,749,714</u>	<u>692,909</u>	5.04 %
Total Liabilities	16,738,849	15,713,711	1,025,138	6.52 %
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>157,921</u>	<u>361,700</u>	<u>(203,779)</u>	(56.34) %
Net Position	<u>\$ 24,042,143</u>	<u>\$ 23,845,005</u>	<u>\$ 197,138</u>	0.83 %

For review purposes, Current Assets consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, account receivables, inventories, and prepaid expenses. Capital Assets, Net, consist of land, buildings, infrastructure and improvements, equipment, intangibles, and library holdings. Infrastructure consists of roads, sidewalks, signage, and lighting. Non-current assets consist of restricted and designated cash and cash equivalents, long-term investments, and deposits with trustee. Current liabilities consist of vendor payables, salaries payable, current portions of other post-employment benefits and accrued compensated absences for employees, unearned revenue from student pre-payments, funds held in trust for others, and bonds payable. Non-current liabilities consist of the non-current portion of bonds payable and compensated absences payable as well as other post-employment benefits payable, construction bond payable, and net pension liability.

Current assets increased by \$ 1,322,901 (22.97%) in 2021. While we have an overall decrease in current cash, the College again had to carry over state general revenue in the amount of \$298,080, which remained in the State Treasury at year end. Three large grant receivables totaling \$1,164,134 make up 88% of the overall increase in current assets. Inventories also had a substantial increase due to bringing the bookstore back in-house. The decrease in net capital assets reflects current year purchases less current year depreciation.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Net Position (Continued)

The college's portion of the deferred outflows of resources for the state pension plans reflect a significant increase this year with a modest increase in deferred outflows related to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB).

Current liabilities increased 16.92% from the previous year due to payables related to some flood restoration, construction, and expenditures of Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds. While non-current liabilities reflect only an overall increase of 5.04%, the Net Pension Liability increased a significant 37.32%. Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions had a significant 57% decrease.

However, the combination of the increase in total assets of \$514,614, the increase in deferred outflows of \$503,883, the increase in total liabilities of \$1,025,138, and a decrease in deferred inflows of \$203,779, did result in an overall increase in net position of \$197,138 for the year ended June 30, 2021. This is the first increase in net position of the College in several years.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

The purpose of this statement is to present revenues and expenses, both operating and non-operating, and any other revenues, expenses, gains or losses for the College for fiscal year 2021. The total net position presented in the Statement of Net Position is based on information presented in this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position For Fiscal Years Ended June 30, 2021 and 2020

	2021	2020	Increase/ Decrease	Percent Increase (Decrease)
Operating Revenues	\$ 5,082,203	\$ 4,588,811	\$ 493,392	10.75 %
Operating Expenses	19,280,007	17,923,178	1,356,829	7.57 %
Operating Income/Loss	(14,197,804)	(13,334,367)	(863,437)	(6.48) %
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	14,378,060	12,172,594	2,205,466	18.12 %
Income before Other Rev., Exp., Gains/Losses	180,256	(1,161,773)	1,342,029	115.52 %
Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains/Losses	16,882	(1,931)	18,813	974.26 %
Increase/Decrease in Net Position	197,138	(1,163,704)	1,360,842	116.94 %
Net Position - Beginning of Year	23,845,005	25,008,709	(1,163,704)	(4.65) %
Net Position - End of Year	\$ 24,042,143	\$ 23,845,005	\$ 197,138	0.83 %

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued)

Generally, operating revenues are received for providing goods and services to students and other constituencies of the College. These revenues include student tuition and fee payments (net of scholarship allowances), federal and state grants, auxiliary enterprises (net of scholarship allowances), and other operating revenues. Non-operating revenues are those that require no exchange of goods and services. These revenues include federal Pell grants, state appropriations, gifts, and investment income. The grant awards made through the Higher Education Emergency Relief Funding (HEERF) also are reported as non-operating revenue. This methodology results in an operating loss since federal Pell grants, state appropriations, gifts, and investment income are mandated as non-operating revenues. Other revenues are derived from various sources such as capital appropriations and capital gifts.

Revenues reported for tuition and fees, and bookstore are reduced by the amount of scholarships and fellowships received for those purposes. This adjustment is made to avoid double counting revenues. The total net adjustment for fiscal year 2021 was \$4,081,257 of which \$3,836,413 was for tuition and fees, and \$244,844 was for the bookstore.

Both the operating revenues and operating expenses increased during 2021. Recovery of lost revenue through the HEERF grant awards as well as an increase in federal grant funding and bookstore operations being brought back in-house contribute to the increase in operating revenue. The College continues to make a concentrated effort to control expenditures through a budgeting process that prioritizes expenditures into three categories. During 2021, expenditures were limited to only the highest priorities. The increase in operating expenses is due to an increase in grant funded expenditures.

Non-operating revenue (expenses) increased due to the funding awarded through the HEERF grants. The decrease in investment income is reflective of the declining interest rates. The increase in Other Revenues, Expenses, and Gains/Losses is due to a non-cash gift of equipment.

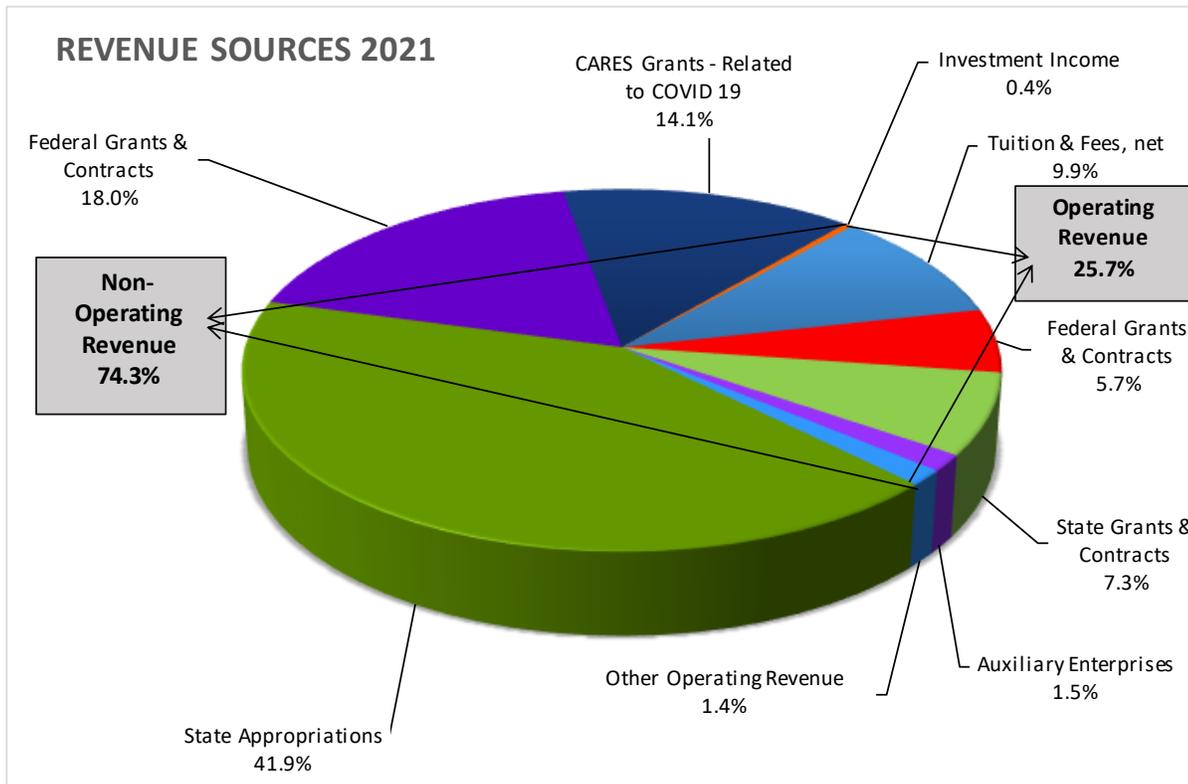
REVENUES BY SOURCE 2021

Operating Revenues	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Tuition & Fees, net	\$ 1,948,248	\$ 1,741,704
Federal Grants & Contracts	1,134,604	726,734
State Grants & Contracts	1,437,257	1,680,694
Auxiliary Enterprises	290,265	131,184
Other Operating Revenue	271,829	308,495
Non-Operating Revenues		
State Appropriations	8,267,940	8,356,160
Federal Grants & Contracts	3,546,987	3,717,760
CARES Grants - Related to COVID 19	2,778,701	295,252
Investment Income	69,326	100,858
	<u>\$ 19,745,157</u>	<u>\$ 17,058,841</u>

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued)



Operating expenses are those expenses paid to acquire goods and services provided in return for operating revenues and to carry out the mission of the College. The operating expenses are presented in this statement in what are considered natural classifications such as personal services, supplies and services, scholarships and fellowships, and depreciation. Overall, expenditures for fiscal year 2021 increased. The substantial increases in Supplies and Services as well as Scholarship and Fellowship expense are due to the expenditures related to the HEERF grant awards.

Overall, expenditures in functional categories increased by approximately 7.57 percent from 2020 to 2021. Expenditures increased in six of the nine functional categories with the largest increases occurring in Auxiliary Enterprises, Operation and Maintenance of Plant, and Scholarships and Fellowships. The increase in Auxiliary Enterprises is a result of bringing the bookstore back in-house. The increases in the Operation and Maintenance of Plant as well as Scholarships and Fellowships is due to the expenditures related to the HEERF grant awards, as previously discussed.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued)

The table below shows the functional classification of expenditures for fiscal year 2021. A more detailed representation of functional versus natural classifications of operating expenditures is included in Note 8 of the accompanying financial statements.

FUNCTIONAL COMPARISON

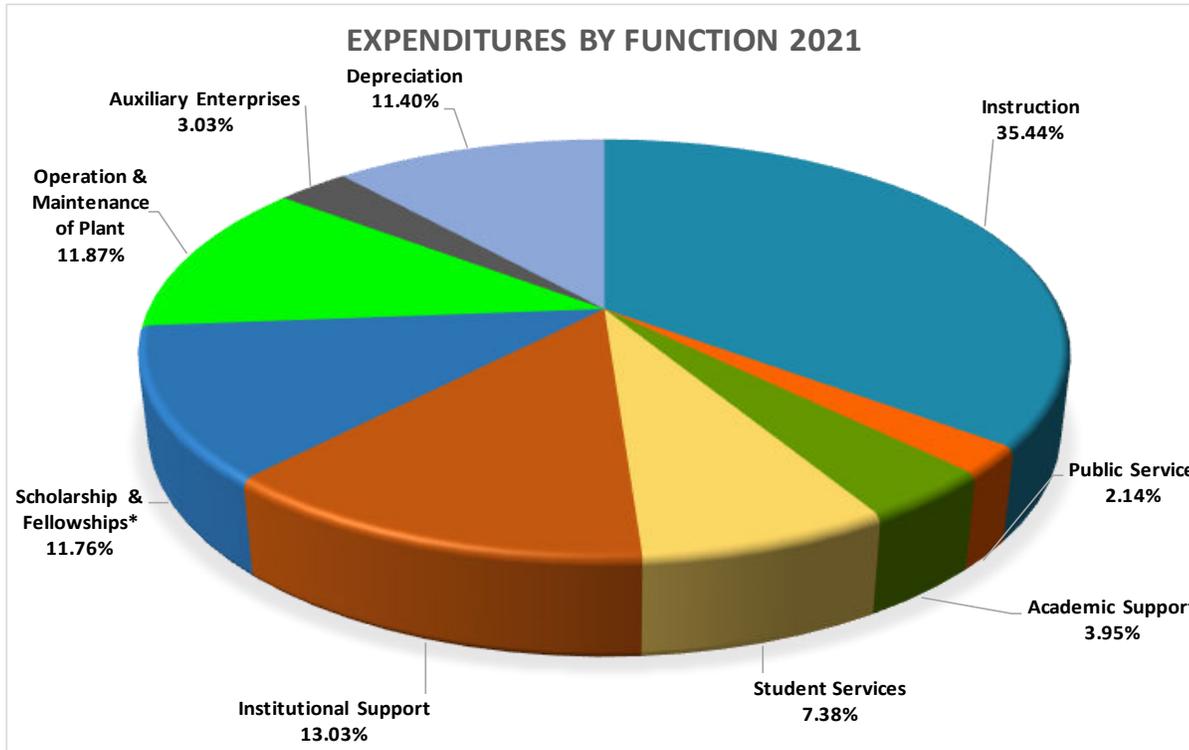
Expenditure Category	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Instruction	\$ 6,832,662	\$ 6,995,125
Public Service	413,053	466,104
Academic Support	761,729	645,163
Student Services	1,423,222	1,371,775
Institutional Support	2,511,727	2,482,723
Scholarship & Fellowships*	2,267,903	1,681,753
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2,288,256	1,702,050
Auxiliary Enterprises	584,483	352,233
Depreciation	2,196,972	2,226,252
Totals	<u>\$ 19,280,007</u>	<u>\$ 17,923,178</u>

* Scholarship & Fellowships Expense 2021:
 \$6,349,160 less allowances of \$4,081,257 = \$2,267,903

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position (Continued)



Statement of Cash Flows

The Statement of Cash Flows presents a detailed look at the College's cash activity during the fiscal year. The first part of this statement shows cash flows from operating activities and the net cash used by the operating activities. The second part reflects cash flows from non-capital financing activities such as state appropriations. The third part deals with the cash used for acquisition and construction of capital assets. The fourth part reflects cash flows from investing activities. The final part is a reconciliation of net cash used by operating activities to the operating income or loss reflected on the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. The summary below shows that BRTC's cash and cash equivalents increased by \$49,456 from 2020 to 2021. The expenditures and receipts of the HEERF grant awards have a significant affect on the first three parts of the Cash Flow Statement, increasing the Net Cash Used by Operating Activities, Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities, and the Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing Activities.

CASH FLOW SUMMARY

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Cash provided (used) by:		
Operating Activities	\$ (12,421,504)	\$ (10,473,250)
Non-capital Financing Activities	14,147,003	12,339,889
Capital & Related Financing Activities	(1,707,023)	(1,335,628)
Investing Activities	30,980	51,243
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash	<u>49,456</u>	<u>582,254</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>10,239,657</u>	<u>9,657,403</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 10,289,113</u>	<u>\$ 10,239,657</u>

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Management's Discussion and Analysis (Unaudited)

Long Term Debt

In fiscal year 2011, BRTC issued \$2,665,000 in bonds on September 15, 2010, refunding the Series 2003 issue. The 2003 bond issue was used to fund the construction of the Adult Education/Continuing Education Building finished in fall 2005 and the Business Technology Building finished in fall 2007.

In fiscal year 2016, BRTC completed construction of a 41,450 square foot Health/Science Complex. A permanent financing bond in the amount of \$8,475,000 was issued to United States of American through the Rural Development office of the United States Department of Agriculture. In accordance with GASB 88, the 2016 Series Bond issue is now disclosed and reported as a direct placement.

More detailed information about the bond issues can be found in Notes 5 and 12 of the accompanying financial statements.

Capital Assets

During the year ended June 30, 2021, capital asset additions totaled \$1,039,808. Asset Under Construction reflects the design phase and construction progress for the flood mitigation system.

More detailed information about the capital assets can be found in Note 4 of the accompanying financial statements.

Economic Outlook Factors

Black River Technical College remains in sound financial condition, despite perennial challenges. Challenges facing the college include enrollment management, public and political pressure to hold tuition down, and a student population with expectations of new amenities and programs upon enrolling in college. The uncertainties of health insurance costs, the expenses related to maintaining aging facilities, and ever-increasing instructional costs contribute to the challenges the College faces.

The recent and uncertain impact of COVID-19 on our financial stance has served as a catalyst for increased transparency and institutional involvement within a significantly more fiscally conservative budgeting process. The college's current budget projection conservatively prepares for possible decreases in state support as well as enrollment declines. Additionally, the balance of the institution's budget is reserved for contingency use.

To combat the challenges, the College leverages federal and state grant opportunities for program development and enhancement. Moreover, the College continues to capture efficiencies by collaborating with both Higher Education and K12 institutions, business and industry, and is developing philanthropic relationships to create new opportunities for students and the economic livelihood of the region.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

Exhibit A

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,930,204	\$ 5,143,838
Accounts receivable (less allowances of \$ 122,870 and \$ 191,640)	153,753	83,818
Other receivables	1,584,340	378,906
Inventories	292,350	38,017
Prepaid expenses	120,329	109,300
Accrued interest	1,705	5,901
Total Current Assets:	7,082,681	5,759,780
Non-Current Assets:		
Cash & cash equivalents	5,358,909	5,095,819
Other long-term investments	2,323,578	2,237,790
Deposits with trustee	201,620	201,621
Land, construction in progress, improvements and infrastructure, buildings, and leasehold improvements	46,072,143	45,868,999
Improvements and infrastructure, buildings, and leasehold improvements - accumulated depreciation	(24,299,336)	(22,636,733)
Equipment	11,424,061	10,607,005
Equipment - accumulated depreciation	(9,372,572)	(8,972,265)
Library holdings	618,505	618,028
Library holdings - accumulated depreciation	(590,633)	(583,757)
Intangibles	1,244,985	1,244,985
Intangibles- accumulated amortization	(474,064)	(366,009)
Total Non-Current Assets:	32,507,196	33,315,483
TOTAL ASSETS	39,589,877	39,075,263
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,226,336	766,326
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	107,530	61,490
Deferred outflows related to debt refunding	15,170	17,337
Total Deferred Out Flows of Resources	1,349,036	845,153
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	40,938,913	39,920,416
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	1,479,593	1,165,481
Bond interest payable	80,692	83,879
OPEB liability	147,928	148,339
Compensated absences payable	48,276	42,522
Unearned Revenue	90,824	88,952
Funds held in trust for others	63,109	60,870
Bonds payable	386,061	374,211
Bond original issue discount	(257)	(257)
Total Current Liabilities:	2,296,226	1,963,997

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2021

Exhibit A

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Non-Current Liabilities:		
OPEB liability	\$ 1,865,864	\$ 1,723,184
Compensated absences payable	637,664	717,624
Net Pension Liability	3,738,306	2,722,313
Bonds payable	8,202,330	8,588,391
Bond original issue discount	(1,541)	(1,798)
Total Non-Current Liabilities:	14,442,623	13,749,714
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,738,849	15,713,711
 DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	\$ 150,903	\$ 353,902
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	7,018	7,798
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	157,921	361,700
 TOTAL LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	16,896,770	16,075,411
 Net Investment in capital assets	16,238,116	17,021,327
Expendable:		
Debt Service	229,364	183,491
Other	260,658	324,625
Unrestricted	7,314,005	6,315,562
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 24,042,143	\$ 23,845,005

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

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

Exhibit B

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2020</u>
Operating Revenues:		
Student tuition and fees	\$ 1,948,248	\$ 1,741,704
(net of scholarship allowances of \$3,836,413 and \$ 3,667,554)		
Federal grants and contracts	1,134,604	726,734
State and local grants and contracts	1,437,257	1,680,694
Auxiliary enterprises		
Bookstore	224,099	58,747
(net of scholarship allowances of \$244,844 and \$52,881)		
Cafeteria	59,480	66,397
Vending/Testing Center	6,686	6,040
Other operating revenues	271,829	308,495
Total Operating Revenues	<u>5,082,203</u>	<u>4,588,811</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Personal services	10,510,978	10,557,763
Supplies and services	4,304,154	3,457,410
Scholarships and fellowships	2,267,903	1,681,753
Depreciation and amortization	2,196,972	2,226,252
Total Operating Expenses	<u>19,280,007</u>	<u>17,923,178</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(14,197,804)</u>	<u>(13,334,367)</u>
Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)		
State appropriations	8,267,940	8,356,160
Federal grants and contracts	3,546,987	3,717,760
HEERF Grants-Related to COVID-19	2,778,701	295,252
Investment income	69,326	100,858
Interest on capital asset - related debt	(284,401)	(296,946)
Other revenue/expense	(493)	(490)
Net Non-operating Revenues (Expenses)	<u>14,378,060</u>	<u>12,172,594</u>
Income Before Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses	<u>180,256</u>	<u>(1,161,773)</u>
Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses		
Capital gifts	16,000	
Gain (Loss) from disposition of capital assets	3,338	5,932
Refunds to grantors	(2,456)	(7,863)
Total Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses	<u>16,882</u>	<u>(1,931)</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	197,138	(1,163,704)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	<u>23,845,005</u>	<u>25,008,709</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u><u>\$ 24,042,143</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 23,845,005</u></u>

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

**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Exhibit C

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Student tuition and fees	\$ 1,895,818	\$ 1,839,191
Federal grants and contracts	839,981	629,309
State grants and contracts	1,170,089	1,714,965
Auxiliary enterprises revenues:		
Bookstore	230,011	59,356
Cafeteria	59,430	66,397
Vending	6,686	6,040
Other receipts	149,183	307,919
Payments to employees	(7,687,958)	(7,645,331)
Payments to employee benefits	(2,525,308)	(2,558,806)
Payments to suppliers	(4,294,070)	(3,236,844)
Other Payments	2,537	26,307
Scholarships & fellowships	(2,267,903)	(1,681,753)
Net Cash Provided (used) by Operating Activities:	(12,421,504)	(10,473,250)
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
State appropriations	8,267,940	8,356,160
Federal grants and contracts	3,546,987	3,717,760
Cares grants-related to COVID-19	2,333,016	271,325
Direct lending loan receipts	1,238,391	1,595,826
Direct lending loan payments	(1,238,391)	(1,595,826)
Refunds to grantors	(1,976)	(7,481)
Other agency funds - net	1,036	2,125
Net Cash Provided (used) by Noncapital Financing Activities:	14,147,003	12,339,889
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Purchases of capital assets	(1,007,247)	(640,017)
Proceeds from sale of assets	3,338	6,044
Payment of capital debt	(458,667)	(458,667)
Payment to Establish Bond Fund 2016	(45,775)	(45,821)
Payments to bond trustees-principal	(155,000)	(150,000)
Payments to bond trustees-interest	(43,672)	(47,167)
Net Cash Provided (used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities:	(1,707,023)	(1,335,628)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest on investments	30,980	51,243
Net Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents:	49,456	582,254
Cash & Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year:	10,239,657	9,657,403
Cash & Cash Equivalents - End of Year:	\$ 10,289,113	\$ 10,239,657

**BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

Exhibit C

	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2020
Reconciliation of net operating revenues (expenses) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (14,197,804)	\$ (13,334,367)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	2,196,972	2,226,252
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables, net	(830,553)	56,206
Inventories	(254,333)	5,939
Prepaid expenses	(11,029)	148,068
Accounts payable	299,144	103,652
OPEB payable	95,449	81,828
Unearned revenue	1,872	4,803
Compensated absences	(74,206)	56,719
Net pension liability	352,984	177,650
	(\$12,421,504)	(\$10,473,250)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Noncash Transactions		
Trustee investment earnings	\$ 2,528	\$ 3,531
Bond interest and fees paid by bond trustee	(2,528)	(3,531)
Investment earnings reinvested	40,014	45,565
Equipment - capital gift	16,000	

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

Black River Technical College
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2021

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Reporting Entity

The State Board of Vocational Education was created under the provisions of Act 328 of 1957 for the purpose of establishing in various sections of Arkansas, secondary level schools specializing in vocational technical training. Efforts of the agencies were to be directed toward specialized training of students of high school age and as a service to the community in the area of adult education.

Black River Vocational Technical School, an institution of higher education of the State of Arkansas, began operations February 26, 1973. Effective July 1, 1991, the College's name was changed to Black River Technical College under the provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 6-53-301. The College is now under the jurisdiction of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The governing body is the Board of Trustees comprised of seven members.

The College's financial statements reflect all funds and accounts directly under the control of the College. There are no component units.

Financial Statement Presentation

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement no. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*. GASB Statement no. 35, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for Public Colleges and Universities*, followed this in November 1999. The financial statement presentation required by GASB no. 34 and no. 35 provides a comprehensive, entity-wide perspective of the College's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, expenses, changes in net position, cash flows, and replaces the fund-group perspective previously required.

Basis of Accounting

For financial reporting purposes, the College is considered a special-purpose government engaged only in business-type activities. Accordingly, the College's financial statements have been presented using the economic resources focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis, revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recorded when an obligation is incurred. All significant intra-agency transactions have been eliminated.

Capital Assets and Depreciation

Land, buildings, improvements and infrastructure, equipment, library holdings, intangible assets, and construction in progress are reported at cost or estimated historical cost if actual data is not available. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The College follows the State guidelines for equipment capitalization.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated lives of the assets, generally 15 to 30 years for buildings, 10 to 20 years for infrastructure and land improvements, 10 to 15 years for library holdings, and 3 to 20 years for equipment.

The College adopted GASB Statement no. 51, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets*, during fiscal year 2010. The statement requires government entities to recognize all intangible assets not specifically excluded by its scope provisions to be classified as capital assets in the Statement of Net Position. The statement also provided guidance on determining the useful life of intangible assets for amortization purposes.

The College amortizes intangibles using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, generally 4 to 20 years.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Operating and Non-operating Revenues

Revenues of the College are classified as either operating or non-operating according to the following criteria:

Operating revenues result from activities that have characteristics of exchange transactions; that is, the College receives payment in exchange for providing services or products to students or other constituencies. Student tuition and fees, net of scholarship allowances, and some federal, state, and local grants are the primary characteristics of operating revenues for the College.

Non-operating revenues are those revenues that result from non-exchange transactions or from activities specifically defined as non-operating by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). Pell grants are considered non-operating under the definitions set forth by the GASB because it imposes administrative responsibilities on the College. Appropriations from the state are also considered non-operating under the definitions set forth by the GASB because the College does not provide a direct and commensurate benefit to the legislature in exchange for such funding. In addition to state appropriations, gifts and investment income are categorized as non-operating revenue.

Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the College considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Accounts Receivable

Accounts Receivable consists of tuition and fee charges to students and auxiliary enterprises provided to students, faculty, and staff. Accounts Receivable also includes amounts due from the state and federal government for grants as well as various industry partners for corporate training classes. In addition, there are receivables from bookstore credit memos and various miscellaneous receivables.

Investments

Investments are stated at cost under the provisions of Statement no. 31 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Investments consist of certificates of deposit classified as nonparticipating contracts.

Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost with cost being generally determined on a first-in, first-out basis.

Non-current Cash and Investments

Cash that is externally restricted to purchase or construct capital assets is classified as non-current assets in the Statement of Net Position. This classification also includes cash and investments designated by the College for those same purposes and other investments with an original maturity in excess of one year.

Deposits with Trustee

Deposits with trustee are externally restricted and utilized for the payment of debt and the maintenance of reserve funds

**Black River Technical College
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2021**

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues include amounts received for tuition and fees and certain auxiliary activities prior to the end of the fiscal year but related to the subsequent accounting period.

Compensated Absences Payable

Compensated absences payable represents the College's liability for unused annual and sick leave and related matching costs at June 30, 2021.

Non-Current Liabilities

Non-current liabilities include (1) principal amounts of bonds payable and bond original issue discount with contractual maturities greater than one year; (2) estimated amounts for accrued compensated absences that will not be paid within the next fiscal year; (3) other post-employment benefits payable, and (4) net pension liability.

In accordance with GASB 88, direct placement of bonds are disclosed separately in the notes to the financial statements.

Pensions

For purposes of measuring net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net positions of the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS) and Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) and additions to and deductions from ATRS and APERS fiduciary net positions have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by ATRS and APERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions (OPEB)

For purposes of measuring OPEB liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB, and OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the plan and additions to/deductions from the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when currently due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms.

Generally accepted accounting principles require that the reported results must pertain to liability and asset information within certain defined timeframes. For this report, the following timeframes are used:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Date	June 30, 2021
Measurement Period	July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021

**Black River Technical College
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2021**

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Non-Current Liabilities (Continued)

Net Position

Net investment in capital assets presents the College's total investment in capital assets, net of outstanding debt obligations related to those capital assets.

Restricted net position – expendable represent those resources for which the College is legally or contractually obligated to spend such resources in accordance with restrictions imposed by external parties.

Unrestricted net position include those resources derived from student tuition and fees, state appropriations, and sales and services of auxiliary enterprises. These resources are used for transactions relating to the educational and general operations of the College, and may be used at the discretion of the College's Board of Trustees.

Restricted/Unrestricted Resources

The College has no formal policy addressing which resources to use when both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available for the same purpose. College personnel decide which resources to use at the time expenses are incurred.

Scholarship Discounts and Allowances

Student tuition and fee revenues and certain other revenues from students are reported net of scholarship discounts and allowances in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Scholarship discounts and allowances are the difference between the stated charge for goods and services provided by the College and the amount that is paid by students and/or certain third parties making payments on behalf of the students. Under this approach, scholarships awarded by the College are considered as reductions in tuition and fee revenues rather than as expenses. Additionally, certain governmental grants, such as Pell grants are required to be reported as either operating or non-operating revenues in the College's financial statements. To the extent that revenues from such programs are applied to tuition, fees, and other student charges, the College has reported a corresponding scholarship discount or allowance.

NOTE 2: Public Fund Deposits and Investments

Cash deposits are carried at cost. The College's cash deposits at year-end are shown below:

	<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 4,496,771	\$ 4,508,170
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department in the College's name	<u>8,018,490</u>	<u>8,064,020</u>
Total Deposits	<u>\$ 12,515,261</u>	<u>\$ 12,572,190</u>

The above deposits do not include cash on deposit in the state treasury and cash on hand maintained by the College of \$ 298,080 and \$970 at June 30, 2021, respectively. The above total deposits include certificates of deposits of \$ 2,323,578 reported as investments and classified as nonparticipating contracts. Additionally, the deposits include a certificate of deposit and money market checking accounts of \$201,620 reported as deposits with trustee.

**Black River Technical College
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2021**

NOTE 3: Income Taxes

The College is tax exempt under Internal Revenue Service code. It is also exempt from state income taxes under Arkansas law. Accordingly, no provision for income taxes is made in the financial statements.

NOTE 4: Capital Assets

Following are the changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2021.

	Balance June 30, 2020	Additions	Adjustments Transfers Reclassify	Balance June 30, 2021
Capital Assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 583,690			\$ 583,690
Assets Under Construction	100,650	\$ 203,144		303,794
Total Capital Assets not being depreciated:	<u>\$ 684,340</u>	<u>\$ 203,144</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 887,484</u>
Other Capital Assets:				
Improvements and Infrastructure	\$ 2,449,440			\$ 2,449,440
Buildings	42,342,288			42,342,288
Leasehold Improvements	392,931			392,931
Equipment	10,607,005	\$ 836,187	\$ (19,131)	11,424,061
Library Holdings	618,028	477		618,505
Intangibles	1,244,985			1,244,985
Total Other Capital Assets	<u>57,654,677</u>	<u>836,664</u>	<u>(19,131)</u>	<u>58,472,210</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization for:				
Land Improvements	420,892	38,088		458,980
Infrastructure	1,449,480	65,056		1,514,536
Buildings	20,665,835	1,539,812		22,205,647
Leasehold Improvements	100,526	19,647		120,173
Equipment	8,972,265	419,438	(19,131)	9,372,572
Library Holdings	583,757	6,876		590,633
Intangibles	366,009	108,055		474,064
Total Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization:	<u>32,558,764</u>	<u>2,196,972</u>	<u>(19,131)</u>	<u>34,736,605</u>
Other Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 25,095,913</u>	<u>\$ (1,360,308)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 23,735,605</u>
Capital Asset Summary:				
Capital Assets not being depreciated	\$ 684,340	\$ 203,144		\$ 887,484
Other Capital Assets, at cost	57,654,677	836,664	\$ (19,131)	58,472,210
Total Cost of Capital Assets	<u>58,339,017</u>	<u>1,039,808</u>	<u>(19,131)</u>	<u>59,359,694</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>32,558,764</u>	<u>2,196,972</u>	<u>(19,131)</u>	<u>34,736,605</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 25,780,253</u>	<u>\$ (1,157,164)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 24,623,089</u>

**Black River Technical College
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2021**

NOTE 5: Long-Term Liabilities

A summary of long-term debt is as follows:

Bonds:

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued	Debt Outstanding 6/30/2021	Maturities to 6/30/2021
Series 10 General Obligation					
9/15/2010	6/15/2028	2.00 - 4.00%	\$ 2,665,000	\$ 1,145,000	\$ 1,520,000
	Unamortized bond discount		(4,560)	(1,798)	(2,762)
			<u>\$ 2,660,440</u>	<u>\$ 1,143,202</u>	<u>\$ 1,517,238</u>
Series 16 Direct Placement					
2/26/2016	2/26/2044	3.125%	8,475,000	7,443,391	1,031,609
TOTALS			<u><u>\$ 11,135,440</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,586,593</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,548,847</u></u>

The changes in long-term liabilities are as follows:

	Balance July 1, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance June 30, 2021	Amount due within one Year
Compensated Absences	\$ 760,146	\$ 247,510	\$ 321,716	\$ 685,940	\$ 48,276
General Obligation Bonds	1,297,945		154,743	1,143,202	159,743
Direct Placement Bonds	7,662,602		219,211	7,443,391	226,061
TOTALS	<u><u>\$ 9,720,693</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 247,510</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 695,670</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,272,533</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 434,080</u></u>

The long-term revenue bond debt principal and interest payments are as follows:

Year ended June 30,	General Obligation Bonds		Direct Placement Bonds		Total
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	
2022	\$ 160,000	\$ 40,748	\$ 226,061	\$ 232,606	\$ 659,415
2023	160,000	35,627	233,125	225,542	654,294
2024	170,000	30,267	240,411	218,256	658,934
2025	175,000	24,403	247,923	210,744	658,070
2026	180,000	18,190	255,671	202,996	656,857
2027-2031	300,000	16,020	1,403,313	890,022	2,609,355
2032-2036			1,636,720	656,615	2,293,335
2037-2041			1,908,948	384,387	2,293,335
2042-2044			1,291,219	81,426	1,372,645
Totals	<u><u>\$ 1,145,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 165,255</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 7,443,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,102,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,856,240</u></u>

*Accrued interest payable of \$80,692 on the bond issues was recorded as a current liability at June 30, 2021.

**Black River Technical College
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NOTE 6: Commitments

The College was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2021:

Construction Contracts

Project Name	Completion Date	Remaining Commitment
Steiling Architecture - Flood Mitigation Project	November 2021	\$ 33,942
Shannon Kee Construction, LLC - Flood Mitigation Project	November 2021	931,163

NOTE 7: Retirement Plans

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS)

a. General Information about the Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan description: Eligible employees of Black River Technical College may elect to participate in the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS). APERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plan which covers all State employees who are not covered by another authorized plan. The plan was established by the authority of the Arkansas General Assembly with the passage of Act 177 of 1957. The costs of administering the plan are paid out of investment earnings. The general administration and responsibility for the proper operation of the System is vested in the nine members of the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (the Board). Membership includes three state and three non-state employees, all appointed by the Governor, and three ex-officio trustees, including the Auditor of the State, the Treasurer of the State, and the Director of the Department of Finance and Administration.

The plan issues a publicly available financial report, which may be obtained by contacting:

**Arkansas Public Employees
Retirement System**
124 W. Capitol, Suite 400
Little Rock, AR 72201-3704
(501) 682-7800
<http://www.apers.org/annualreports/index.php>

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) (Continued)

a. General Information about the Defined Benefit Pension Plan (Continued)

Benefits Provided: Benefit provisions are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapters 5 and 6 and may only be amended by the Arkansas General Assembly. APERS provides retirement, disability and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as a percentage of the member's highest 3-year average compensation times the member's years of service. The percentage used is based upon whether a member is contributory or non-contributory as follows:

Contributory, prior to 7/1/2005	2.07%
Contributory, on or after 7/1/2005, but prior to 7/1/2007	2.03%
Contributory, on or after 7/1/2007	2.00%
Non-Contributory	1.72%

Members are eligible to retire with a full benefit under the following conditions:

- at age 65 with 5 years of service,
- at any age with 28 years actual service,
- at age 60 with 20 years of actual service if under the old contributory plan (prior to July 1, 2005), or
- at age 55 with 35 years of credited service for elected or public safety officials.

Members may retire with a reduced benefit at age 55 with at least 5 years of actual service or at any age with 25 years of service.

Members are eligible for disability benefits with 5 years of service. Disability benefits are computed as an age and service benefit, based on service and pay at disability. Death benefits are paid to a surviving spouse as if the member had 5 years of service and the monthly benefit is computed as if the member had retired and elected the Joint & 75% Survivor option. A cost of living adjustment of 3% of the current benefit is added each year.

Contributions. Contribution requirements are set forth in Arkansas Code Annotated, Title 24, Chapter 4. The contributions are expected to be sufficient to finance the costs of benefits earned by members during the year and make a level payment that, if paid annually over a reasonable period of future years, will fully cover the unfunded costs of benefit commitments for services previously rendered (A.C.A. 24-2-701 (a)). Members who began service prior to July 1, 2005 are not required to make contributions to APERS. Members who began service on or after July 1, 2005 are required to contribute 5% of their salary. Employers are required to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of APERS based on an actuary's determination of a rate required to fund the plan (A.C.A. 24-2-701 (c)(3)). Employers contributed 15.32% of compensation for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. In some cases, an additional 2.5% of member and employer contributions are required for elected officials.

Contributions to APERS from Black River Technical College were \$140,008 for the year ended June 30, 2021 at the rate of 15.32 percent of applicable compensation.

During a member's participation in the APERS deferred retirement option plan (DROP), the employer continues to make contributions and the employee ceases to make contributions.

**Black River Technical College
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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) (Continued)

b. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Plan

At June 30, 2021, Black River Technical College reported liabilities of \$1,340,745 for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability for the plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Black River Technical College's proportion of the net pension liability was based on current contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2020, BRTC's proportionate share was .04682051% for APERS.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, Black River Technical College recognized pension expense in the amount of \$259,625. For the year ended June 30, 2021, BRTC reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 17,799	\$ 888
Changes of assumptions	16,798	22,972
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	141,868	
Changes in proportion and differences between BRTC contributions and proportionate share of contributions	75,695	56,179
BRTC contributions subsequent to the measurement date	140,008	
Total	\$ 392,168	\$ 80,039

\$140,008 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from BRTC's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2022	\$ 19,734
2023	35,185
2024	74,217
2025	42,985

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) (Continued)

b. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Plan (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the actuarial valuation (as of the date noted below) was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	APERS
Date of actuarial valuation	June 30, 2020
Inflation rate	3.25%
Salary increases	3.25% - 9.85%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.15%
Mortality rates	RP-2006 weighted generational mortality tables for health annuitant, disability, or employee death in service, as applicable. The tables applied credibility adjustments of 135% for males and 125% for females and were adjusted for fully generational mortality improvements using Scale MP-2017.
Actuarial experience study dates	July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2017

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of each plan 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020, are summarized in the table below:

APERS		
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Broad Domestic Equity	37%	6.22%
International Equity	24%	6.69%
Real Assets	16%	4.81%
Absolute Return	5%	3.05%
Domestic Fixed	18%	0.57%

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS) (Continued)

b. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to the Plan (Continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate for the plan was determined as follows:

A single discount rate of 7.15% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.15%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was 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.

Sensitivity of Black River Technical College's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents BRTC's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the plan calculated using the discount rate stated above, as well as what BRTC's proportionate share of net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current discount rate (7.15%)	1% Increase
APERS – 7.15%	\$ 2,042,054	\$ 1,340,745	\$ 762,006

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

NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

a. General Information about the Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Plan description: Eligible employees of Black River Technical College may elect to participate in the pension plan through the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), administered by the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System Board of Trustees. ATRS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit plans. Benefit provisions are established and amended by Arkansas Code Title 24.

The plan issues a publicly available financial report, which may be obtained by contacting:

**Arkansas Teacher
Retirement System**
1400 West Third Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 682-1517
<https://www.artrs.gov/publications>

Benefits Provided: Each plan provides retirement, disability and death benefits and annual adjustments to plan members and beneficiaries, as follows:

Members are eligible for full retirement benefits at age 60 with five or more years of actual or reciprocal service or at any age with 28 or more years of credited service. Members with 25 years of actual or reciprocal service who have not attained age 60 may receive an annuity reduced by 10/12 of 1% multiplied by the number of months by which the early retirement precedes the earlier of (1) completion of 28 years of credited service or (2) attainment of age 60. The normal retirement benefit, paid monthly, is determined based on (1) the member's final average salary (effective July 1, 2018, computed using the average of the annual salaries paid during the period of 5 years of credited service producing the highest annual average) and (2) the number of years of service. Disability retirement benefits are payable to members who are vested and demonstrate total and permanent incapacity to perform the duties of their position while in active employment. The disability annuity is computed in the same manner as the age and service annuity. Survivor benefits are payable to qualified survivors upon the death of an active, vested member. Eligible spouse survivors receive a survivor annuity that is based on the member's years of service credit prior to their death, and minor child survivors receive a percentage of the member's highest salary earned. A lump sum death benefit is provided for active and retired members with ten years of actual service. A cost of living adjustment (COLA) is payable on July 1 of each year to retirees, certain survivors, and annuity beneficiaries who received monthly benefits for the previous 12 months. The COLA is determined by multiplying the member's base retirement annuity by 3%.

Contributions. Arkansas Code Title 24 establishes the contribution requirements of active members and participating employers. Contribution rates for each plan are as follows:

The funding policy of ATRS provides for periodic employer contributions at statutorily established rates based on annual actuarial valuations. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021, the employer contribution rate was 14.50% of covered employee payroll. Contributions to ATRS from Black River Technical College were \$179,290 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. The contributory plan has been in effect since the beginning of the plan. Contributory members of ATRS contribute 6.50% of their gross wages. The noncontributory plan began July 1, 1986. Effective July 1, 1999, all new members, including any former active members, were automatically enrolled as noncontributory members. Active members as of July 1, 1999 were allowed to make an irrevocable choice between the contributory or noncontributory plan. Employee contributions are refundable if covered employment terminates before a monthly benefit is payable.

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (Continued)

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

At June 30, 2021, Black River Technical College reported liabilities of \$2,397,561 for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability for each plan was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. Black River Technical College's proportion of the net pension liability was based on current contributions of all participating employers. At June 30, 2020, the BRTC's proportion was .042353% for ATRS.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, Black River Technical College recognized pension expense in the amount of \$412,657. For the year ended June 30, 2021, BRTC reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions as follows:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 31,784	\$ 19,337
Changes of assumptions	156,005	
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	394,117	
Changes in proportion and differences between BRTC contributions and proportionate share of contributions	72,973	51,527
BRTC contributions subsequent to the measurement date	179,290	
Total	\$ 834,169	\$ 70,864

\$179,290 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from BRTC's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2022	\$ 110,951
2023	156,610
2024	171,310
2025	141,240
2026	3,904

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (Continued)

b. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the actuarial valuation (as of the date noted below) was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

	ATRS
Date of actuarial valuation	June 30, 2020
Inflation rate	2.75%
Salary increases	2.75% to 7.75%
Investment rate of return	7.50%, compounded annually
Mortality table	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant, Disabled Annuitant, and Employee Mortality Tables were used for males and females. Mortality rates were adjusted using projection scale MP-2017 from 2006.
Actuarial experience study dates	July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2015

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments of the plan 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. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return were adopted by the plan's trustees after considering input from the plan's investment consultant and actuary.

For each major asset class that is included in each pension plans' target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020, these best estimates are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	ATRS	
	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Total equity	53%	5.2%
Fixed income	15%	-0.1%
Alternatives	5%	3.5%
Real assets	15%	5.1%
Private equity	12%	7.2%
Cash equivalents	0%	-1.0%

NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (Continued)

b. Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (Continued)

Discount rate. The discount rate for each plan was determined as follows:

The single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.5%. The projection of cash flows used to determine this single discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be 14.5% of payroll. Based on these assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was 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.

Sensitivity of Black River Technical College's proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents BRTC's proportionate share of the net pension liability for the plan calculated using the discount rate stated above, as well as what BRTC's proportionate share of net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease	Current discount rate	1% Increase
ATRS – 7.5%	\$ 3,567,456	\$ 2,397,561	\$ 1,427,322

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

Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association/College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA/CREF)

General Information about the Defined Contribution Pension Plans

Plan Description. The College participates in TIAA/CREF, a defined contribution plan. The plan is a 403(b) program as defined by Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 as amended, and is administered by TIAA/CREF. TIAA is an insurance company offering participants a traditional annuity with guaranteed principle and a specific interest rate plus the opportunity for additional growth through dividends. CREF is an investment company which offers a variable annuity. Arkansas law authorizes participation in the plan.

Funding Policy. TIAA/CREF has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members contribute 6 percent of earnings to the plan. The College contributes 14 percent of earnings for contributory members. The participants' and the College's contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$96,659, and \$202,947, respectively.

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NOTE 7: Retirement Plans (Continued)

Alternative Retirement Plan – Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company

Plan Description. The College contributes to the Alternative Retirement Plan – Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC), a defined contribution plan. The plan is a 403(b) program as defined by Internal Revenue Service Code of 1986 as amended, and is administered by the State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities and VALIC. VALIC provides insurance policies and annuity contracts which become the property of the participant, when issued. ACT 480 of 1983 provides alternative retirement plans, as approved by the Arkansas State Board of Workforce Education and Career Opportunities, for the staff members of the vocational-technical schools. Employees were allowed to continue participation in this plan when the College converted from a vocational-technical school to an institution of higher education.

Funding Policy. The participants' contributions are tax-sheltered and amount to a minimum of 6 percent of compensation. The College's contribution rate is 14 percent. Participants become vested after one year. The participants' and the College's contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021 were \$276,823 and \$498,715, respectively.

NOTE 8: Natural Classification by Function

The College's operating expenses by function were as follows:

	Personal Services	Scholarships and Fellowships*	Supplies and Services	Depreciation	Total
Instruction	\$ 5,726,696		\$ 1,105,966		\$ 6,832,662
Public Service	390,032		23,021		413,053
Academic Support	704,070		57,659		761,729
Student Services	1,245,467		177,755		1,423,222
Institutional Support	1,689,410		822,317		2,511,727
Scholarships and Fellowships		\$ 2,267,903			2,267,903
Operations and Maintenance	581,026		1,707,230		2,288,256
Auxiliary Enterprises	174,277		410,206		584,483
Depreciation				\$ 2,196,972	2,196,972
Total	\$ 10,510,978	\$ 2,267,903	\$ 4,304,154	\$ 2,196,972	\$ 19,280,007

* Includes \$1,308,305 of HEERF direct payments to students.

NOTE 9: Disaggregation of Receivable and Payable Balances

Accounts receivable from students and responsible third parties were \$276,623 at June 30, 2021. This amount was reduced by an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$122,870.

Other receivables of \$1,584,340 at June 30, 2021 consisted of \$1,345,214 due from various grantors for the Career Pathways, Carl Perkins, BAT, DRA, Adult Ed, ACE Career Coach, and ACE secondary programs as well as the National Science Foundation and the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund. A receivable in the amount of \$123,431 is recognized for an insurance claim for the water damage to the Joe Martin building. Vendor credit memos totaled \$105,649 and the remaining \$10,046 was due from various sources.

The accounts payable and accrued liabilities of \$1,479,593 at June 30, 2021 consisted of \$743,138 due to various vendors, \$735,975 for accrued salaries and benefits, and return to grantor of \$480. The increase in vendor payables includes those related to the Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund awards.

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NOTE 10: Operating Leases

The College has executed various operating leases. It is expected that in the normal course of business, such leases will continue to be required. Expenditures for lease payments, for the year ended June 30, 2021, were approximately \$102,228.

Operating leases includes rental equipment, the Math Center on the Paragould campus, two adult education locations in Paragould, and the land at the Walnut Ridge airport. They have various expiration dates. Following is a schedule of minimum operating lease payments for lease agreements with lease terms in excess of one year.

Future Operating Lease Payments Due:

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ 92,636
2023	81,636
2024	54,595
2025	41,074
2026	36,460
2027-2031	150,000
2032-2036	<u>87,500</u>
Total Future Lease Payments	<u><u>\$ 543,901</u></u>

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NOTE 11: Black River Technical College Foundation, Inc.

The financial statements of the College do not include assets, liabilities, net assets, and changes in net assets, relating to the Black River Technical College Foundation, Inc. The Black River Technical College Foundation, Inc. operates as a nonprofit benevolent corporation for charitable educational purposes of the College. A summary of the Foundation's financial condition as of June 30, 2021, follows:

Black River Technical College Foundation

ASSETS		
Cash and Investments	\$	756,289
Other		77
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	<u>756,366</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Net Assets:		
Unrestricted	\$	418,589
Temporarily Restricted		204,682
Permanently Restricted		<u>133,095</u>
Total Net Assets		<u>756,366</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	<u>756,366</u>

Major components of the changes in net assets during 2020-21 consisted of:

Donations without Donor Restrictions	\$	81,225
Donations with Donor Restrictions		89,304
Other revenue		<u>2,962</u>
Total		173,491
Expenditures		<u>91,350</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	\$	<u>82,141</u>

The College applied the guidelines established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 39, *Determining Whether Certain Organizations are Component Units* to the Black River Technical College Foundation, Inc. The College determined the Foundation did not meet all of the criteria to be reported as a component unit in the accompanying financial statements.

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NOTE 12: Pledged Revenues

The College had pledged revenues at June 30, 2021 as follows:

Series 2010 Student Fee—*Issue Date:* 9-15-2010; *Maturity Date:* 06-15-2028; *Purpose:* Refund Series 2003 Bonds for Renovation and Construction of Classroom Facilities, Pocahontas Campus; *Type of Revenue Pledged:* Tuition and Fees; *2021 Gross Revenue:* \$ 5,784,661; *Amount Issued:* \$ 2,665,000; *2021 Principal Paid:* \$ 155,000; *Interest Paid:* \$ 45,708; *Principal Outstanding:* \$ 1,145,000; *Interest Outstanding:* \$ 165,255; *Percent of Revenue Pledged in 2021:* 3.47%

Student Fee Revenue Bond 2016— *Issue Date:* 2-26-2016; *Maturity Date:* 2-26-2044; *Purpose:* To provide permanent financing for a portion of the costs of acquiring, constructing, equipping, and furnishing a new health and science facility, Pocahontas campus; *Type of Revenue Pledged:* Tuition and Fees; *2021 Gross Revenue:* \$5,784,661; *Amount Issued:* \$8,475,000; *2021 Principal Paid:* \$219,211; *Interest Paid:* \$239,456; *Principal Outstanding:* \$7,443,391; *Interest Outstanding:* \$3,102,594; *Percent of Revenue Pledged in 2021:* 7.93%

NOTE 13: Risk Management

The College is exposed to various risks of loss including, but not necessarily limited to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; nonperformance of duty; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The College participates in the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program administered by The Arkansas Governmental Bonding Board. The blanket dishonesty bond provides coverage of actual losses incurred as a result of fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by state officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$300,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. Premiums for coverage are remitted by the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration from funds deducted from the College's state treasury funds. In compliance with requirements of a federal grant, Black River Technical College purchased an additional \$1,000,000 Crime and Employee Dishonesty coverage as part of the Participating Municipalities of the State of Arkansas policy with The Cincinnati Insurance Company. This policy has a \$300,000 deductible.

The College participates in the Arkansas Multi-Agency Insurance Trust Fund (AMAIT) for insurance coverage for property and vehicles. In its administrative capacity, AMAIT is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed against its members. The College pays annual premiums for buildings, contents, and vehicles. The College also now has cyber incident and event liability coverage through AMAIT as well as Business Interruption Coverage in the event the College is prevented from conducting business as usual due to a catastrophic event. The coverage would pay operating expenses while the College was in recovery. This policy has a \$10,000 deductible.

The College also participates in the workers' compensation program which is administered by Public Employee Claims Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program 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 Division is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against the College. The College contributes quarterly to this program.

Additional information related to the State's risk management program is available in the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report of the State of Arkansas.

The College carries Directors and Officers Liability through Indian Harbor Insurance Company. Losses carry a \$1,000,000 limit with a \$25,000 deductible. An annual premium is paid for this coverage.

During the past three fiscal years, no claims have exceeded the amount of coverage. While the College still has coverage for flood, the underwriter of the policy did increase the deductible from \$100,000 for buildings and contents per event to \$500,000 for buildings and \$500,000 for contents per event.

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NOTE 14: Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description: The College adopted GASB Statement no. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, during fiscal year 2018. The Statement requires governmental entities to recognize and match other postretirement benefit costs with related services received and also to provide information regarding the actuarially calculated liability and funding level of the benefits associated with past services. The College participates in a single employer defined benefit postretirement medical plan, which is administered by the Arkansas Higher Education Consortium (AHEC). The authority under which the Plan's benefit provisions are established by Board policy 6215, adopted April 1998, last revised February 2019.

Benefits provided: The College offers postemployment health care benefits to all employees who officially retire from the College and meet certain age- and service-related requirements. Health care benefits are offered through the Black River Technical College Health Insurance Plan. The OPEB plan does not provide for automatic cost of living adjustments (COLA). OPEB benefits are subject to medical inflation, which is reflected in the actuarial assumptions.

Covered employees: Employees between the ages of 55 and 60 shall become eligible for retirement benefits in the calendar year in which the sum of the ages and the number of years of continuous full-time service to the College total 70. Employees 60 years and older are eligible for retirement benefits in the calendar year in which they have at least 10 years continuous full-time service to the College. Employees who meet these requirements have the opportunity to continue basic health insurance coverage upon retirement at no cost to the retiree until the retiree reaches the age 65 or becomes eligible for Medicare coverage. After age 65, a retiree can continue coverage, but must pay the same premium as an active employee. Eligible employees may elect single or family coverage; however, the retiree will be entirely responsible for total cost of insurance premium for spouse and any unmarried dependents. Eligible employees may also choose to buy up to a plan with a lower deductible. The employee is responsible for the differences in the premium.

As of the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation, the following current and former employees were covered by the benefit terms under the plan:

Active employees	148
Retirees and beneficiaries	63
Retirees and beneficiaries covered by medical	13

Contributions: Contributions are made on a pay as you go basis. Employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2021, were \$81,675. The plan has no invested assets (no assets were accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement no. 75) at this time, so no long-term expected return on plan assets was used.

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NOTE 14: Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

At June 30, 2021, Black River Technical College reported a liability of \$2,013,792 for total OPEB liability. The OPEB liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and was determined by an actuarial valuation date of June 30, 2021, based on the following assumptions:

Actuarial Assumptions:	
Date of actuarial valuation	June 30, 2021
Discount Rate	2.18%
Inflation rate	3.00%
Investment rate of return	0.00%
Mortality rates	The Pub-T 2010 Mortality Table (headcount basis) projected generationally with Scale MP-2019 was used.
Healthcare Cost Trend Rate	9.0% next year, 8.0% the following year, 7.5% the third year, 7.0% the fourth year, with the rate decreasing by 0.5% each year, to an ultimate rate of 5.0%.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the College recognized OPEB expense of \$177,124. At June 30, 2021, the College 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	\$	\$ 7,018
Changes of assumptions*	107,530	
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on OPEB plan investments		
Total	\$ 107,530	\$ 7,018

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

Year ending June 30:	Net Deferred Outflow of Resources
2022	\$ 10,929
2023	10,929
2024	10,929
2025	10,929
2026	10,929
Thereafter	45,867
Total	\$100,512

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NOTE 14: Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

OPEB Liabilities, OPEB Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB (Continued)

Discount Rate: A single discount rate of 2.18% was used to measure the total OPEB Liability. GASB no. 74 and no. 75 include a specific requirement for the discount rate that is used for the purpose of the measurement of the total OPEB Liability. This rate considers the ability of the fund to meet benefit obligations in the future. To make this determination, employer contributions, employee contributions, benefit payments, expenses and investment returns are projected into the future. The Plan Net Position (assets) in future years can then be projected and compared to the obligation to make benefit payments in those years. As long as assets are projected to be on hand in a future year, the assumed valuation discount rate is used. In years where assets are not projected to be sufficient to meet benefit payments, the use of a “risk-free” rate is required. The single discount rate is equivalent to applying these two rates to the benefits that are projected to be paid during the different time periods.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balances at 6/30/20	\$ 1,871,523
Changes for the year:	
a) Service cost	115,957
b) Interest	50,238
c) Differences between expected and actual experience	0
d) Employer contributions	0
e) Employee contributions	0
f) Net investment income	0
g) Benefits and refunds	(81,675)
h) Admin expenses	0
i) Assumption change	57,749
j) Other	0
Net changes	142,269
Balances at 6/30/21	\$ 2,013,792

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the total OPEB liability, calculated using a single discount rate of 2.18%, as well as what the total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is one percentage point higher or one percentage point lower than the current rate, for the measurement period ended June 30, 2021.

	1% Decrease	Current discount rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,143,782	\$ 2,013,792	\$ 1,890,676

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NOTE 14: Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB) (Continued)

Sensitivity of the Total OPEB Liability to Changes in the Health Care Cost Trend Rates

The following presents the total OPEB liability if it were calculated using health care cost trend rate that is one percentage point higher or one percentage point lower than the current rate, for the measurement period ended June 30, 2021.

	1% Decrease HCCTR	Assumed HCCTR	1% Increase HCCTR
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 1,794,653	\$ 2,013,792	\$ 2,277,865

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Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB)

Black River Technical College				
Schedule of Changes in the College's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios				
Fiscal Year ending June 30	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability				
Service Cost	\$ 115,957	\$ 102,216	\$ 99,591	\$ 97,559
Interest	50,238	49,668	50,234	49,877
Benefit Changes	-	-	-	-
Difference between Actual & Expected Experience		(8,578)	-	-
Assumption Changes	57,749	36,972	19,861	15,506
Benefit Payments	(81,675)	(75,735)	(77,220)	(66,330)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	\$ 142,269	\$ 104,543	\$ 92,466	\$ 96,612
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	1,871,523	1,766,980	1,674,514	1,577,902
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	\$ 2,013,792	\$ 1,871,523	\$ 1,766,980	\$ 1,674,514
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 6,861,912	\$ 6,807,401	\$ 6,831,642	\$ 6,980,231
Total OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	29.3%	27.5%	25.9%	24.0%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes of assumptions: The assumed single discount rate was changed from 3.13% to 2.98% at 6/30/2018, 2.79% at 6/30/2019, 2.66% at 6/30/2020 (and PUBG-T mortality table added), 2.18% at 6/30/2021

Historical information is required only for measurement periods for which GASB 75 is applicable. Future years' information will be displayed up to 10 years as information becomes available.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of GASB Statement no. 75.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)
June 30, 2021

Retirement Plans

Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Black River Technical College
Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - APERS

	2021*	2020*	2019*	2018*	2017*	2016*	2015*
BRTC's Proportion of Net Pension Liability	0.0468%	0.0433%	0.0484%	0.0477%	0.0412%	0.0427%	0.0376%
BRTC's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,340,745	\$ 1,045,381	\$ 1,068,065	\$ 1,233,812	\$ 984,291	\$ 785,596	\$ 533,909
BRTC's Covered Payroll	\$ 913,551	\$ 829,207	\$ 906,967	\$ 860,524	\$ 749,447	\$ 756,807	\$ 665,272
BRTC's Proportionate Share of the NPL as a % of its co	146.76%	126.07%	117.76%	143.38%	131.34%	103.80%	80.25%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pensio	75.38%	78.55%	79.59%	75.65%	75.50%	80.39%	84.15%

*The amounts presented were determined as of June 30 of the previous year.

Black River Technical College
Schedule of the College's Contributions - APERS

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 140,008	\$ 139,973	\$ 127,034	\$ 133,770	\$ 124,776	\$ 108,669	\$ 111,775
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Requir	140,008	139,973	127,034	133,770	124,776	108,669	111,775
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BRTC's Covered Payroll	\$ 913,893	\$ 913,551	\$ 829,207	\$ 906,967	\$ 860,524	\$ 749,447	\$ 756,807
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	15.32%	15.32%	15.32%	14.75%	14.50%	14.50%	14.76%

Note: Schedules are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as the become available.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)
June 30, 2021

Retirement Plans (Continued)

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Black River Technical College							
Schedule of the College's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability - ATRS							
	<u>2021*</u>	<u>2020*</u>	<u>2019*</u>	<u>2018*</u>	<u>2017*</u>	<u>2016*</u>	<u>2015*</u>
BRTC's Proportion of Net Pension Liability	0.0423%	0.0402%	0.0403%	0.0432%	0.0425%	0.0436%	0.0448%
BRTC's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability	\$ 2,397,561	\$ 1,676,932	\$ 1,467,831	\$ 1,817,121	\$ 1,875,607	\$ 1,421,451	\$ 1,176,003
BRTC's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,326,259	\$ 1,237,230	\$ 1,223,026	\$ 1,281,170	\$ 1,245,685	\$ 1,271,812	\$ 1,299,304
BRTC's Proportionate Share of the NPL as a % of its covered payroll	180.78%	135.54%	120.02%	141.83%	150.57%	111.77%	90.51%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability	74.91%	80.96%	82.78%	79.48%	76.75%	82.20%	84.98%

*The amounts presented were determined as of June 30 of the previous year.

Black River Technical College							
Schedule of the College's Contributions - ATRS							
	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 179,290	\$ 188,992	\$ 173,212	\$ 171,224	\$ 179,364	\$ 174,396	\$ 178,054
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	179,290	188,992	173,212	171,224	179,364	174,396	178,054
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
BRTC's Covered Payroll	\$ 1,236,486	\$ 1,326,259	\$ 1,237,230	\$ 1,223,026	\$ 1,281,170	\$ 1,245,685	\$ 1,271,812
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	14.50%	14.25%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%

Note: Schedules are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as the become available.

BLACK RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021
 (Unaudited)

Schedule 1

	Year Ended June 30,				
	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	\$ 40,938,913	\$ 39,920,416	\$ 41,160,086	\$ 43,383,710	\$ 43,158,429
Total Liabilities and Deferred Inflows	16,896,770	16,075,411	16,151,377	16,233,396	15,366,390
Total Net Position	24,042,143	23,845,005	25,008,709	27,150,314	27,792,039
Total Operating Revenues	5,082,203	4,588,811	4,852,627	4,834,122	5,570,038
Total Operating Expenses	19,280,007	17,923,178	18,973,265	18,553,343	19,775,309
Total Net Non-Operating Revenues	14,378,060	12,172,594	11,974,169	11,929,929	11,832,173
Total Other Revenues, Expenses, Gains or Losses	16,882	(1,931)	4,864	2,062,468	(574,589)

