Bossier Parish School Board Benton, Louisiana

Bossier Educational Excellence Fund Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Bossier Parish School Board solely to assist the Bossier Parish School Board in evaluating the effectiveness of the School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 concerning the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund (BEEF) (a permanent fund of the Bossier Parish School Board) for the year ended June 30, 2020. Management is responsible for the School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 concerning the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the School Board. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1. Obtained the balances and a summary of the activity of the BEEF funds from the School Board as of and for the year ended June 30, 2020(Attachment I and II).

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

- 2. Judgmentally selected two riverboats from the BEEF general ledger and calculated the amounts received during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020, totaling \$1,294,401 or 58% of total fees collected. The amounts were recalculated using information obtained from the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of the State Police Riverboat Gaming Division and then compared to a validated bank deposit slip. We tested to assure that:
 - a. The School Board is receiving the correct amount from the casino per written agreement and were deposited into the established permanent fund.

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Sample selected:

	He	Horseshoe		El Dorado		Total	
	A	mount	Amount		D	Deposits	
DATE	D	eposited	D	eposited	,	Tested	
July 2019	\$	79,087	\$	48,999	\$	128,086	
August 2019		85,527		53,098		138,625	
September 2019		94,143		48,420		142,563	
October 2019		69,956		42,943		112,899	
November 2019		83,615		42,437		126,052	
December 2019		91,388		47,190		138,578	
January 2020		94,104		46,204		140,308	
February 2020		80,763		41,805		122,568	
March 2020		90,213		47,049		137,262	
April 2020		36,803		23,507		60,310	
May 2020		-		-		-	
June 2020		34,949		12,201		47,150	
Total	\$	840,548	\$	453,853	\$	1,294,401	

Comment: Insignificant variances were noted when comparing the monthly amount collected from the riverboats and the amount calculated using the amounts reported to the Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections Office of the State Police Riverboat Gaming Division

- 3. Confirmed BEEF bank and investments accounts are in the Bossier Parish School Board's name. Compared the investments of the monies held in the BEEF bank account to the types of investments allowed. Agreed the earnings were kept separately from the fund principal. LSA-R.S. 17:408.2 A & B requires that:
 - a. The BEEF was established.
 - b. All funds collected were deposited into a depository of the Bossier Parish School Board.
 - c. The monies were invested in direct obligations of the United States government and in time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having their principal office in Louisiana.
 - d. The amount of earnings was kept account of separately from the fund principal.

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

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- 4. Agree the amount of interest removed did not exceed the amount of interest accrued to the fund as of January 1, 2020 and the principal was used only for investing purposes. LSA-R.S. 17:408.2C requires that:
 - a. The fund is a permanent trust fund. The principal was not appropriated and used only for making income producing investments.
 - b. The investment income withdrawn by the Bossier Parish School Board did not exceed the interest accrued to the fund as of January 1, 2020.

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

5. Obtained a list of the activity of the BEEF funds at each individual school. From this, we selected 15 expenditures totaling \$220,487 or 100% of total BEEF disbursements, and agreed the expenditure amount to the invoice and its classification on the schedule, considering that BEEF earnings are to be expended solely for the purposes of instructional enhancement as defined below (LSA-R.S. 17:408.2 D):

Enhancement may include:

- Educational programs in Bossier Parish
- Equipment and supplies for educational purposes

Enhancement may not include:

- Administrative expenses
- Custodial expenses
- Maintenance nor capital expenses

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

6. Recalculated the amount of interest being removed from the BEEF as recorded in the BEEF general ledger.

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

7. Compared approval of expenditures tested in step 5 to the School Board's required policy.

Comment: There were no exceptions noted as a result of applying the agreed-upon procedures.

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We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 concerning the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund (a permanent fund of the Bossier Parish School Board) for the year ended June 30, 2020. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed in evaluating the effectiveness of the School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion. This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Monroe, Louisiana January 20, 2021 Members of the Bossier Parish School Board Benton, Louisiana

Attachment I

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Balance Sheet June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

	H	Bossier Educational Excellence Permanent Fund		
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,836,432		
Receivables		297,392		
Restricted assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents		24,366,221		
Investments		30,977,662		
Receivables		275,406		
Total assets	•	57,753,113		
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable		55,619,289		
Restricted for instructional enhancement		2,133,824		
Total fund balances		57,753,113		
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	57,753,113		

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Attachment II

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2020 (Unaudited)

	Bossier Educational Excellence Permanent Fund		
Revenues:			
Gaming revenue	\$ 2,247	,275	
Interest earnings	1,131	,681	
Total revenues	3,378,	,956	
Expenditures:			
Regular instruction	220,	,487	
Net change in fund balances	3,158,	,469	
Fund balances, beginning of year	54,594	,644	
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 57,753,	,113	