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, 2021

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

Members of the Bossier Parish School Board Benton, Louisiana:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below related to Bossier Parish School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 as it relates to the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund (BEEF) (a permanent fund of the Bossier Parish School Board) for the year ended June 30, 2021. Bossier Parish School Board's management is responsible for its compliance with those requirements.

Bossier Parish School Board has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of determining the School Board's compliance with Act 743 of 1995 as it relates to the Bossier Educational Excellence Fund. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

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, 2021(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, 2021, totaling \$1,387,932 or 53% 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 Amount		El Dorado Amount		Total Deposits	
	A						
DATE	D	Deposited		Deposited		Tested	
July 2020	\$	72,734	\$	28,807	-\$	101,541	
August 2020		68,675		30,225		98,900	
September 2020		54,868		31,516		86,384	
October 2020		70,122		36,692		106,814	
November 2020		77,016		34,569		111,585	
December 2020		68,107		29,590		97,697	
January 2021		78,411		33,679		112,090	
February 2021		66,950		39,083		106,033	
March 2021		61,525		27,894		89,419	
April 2021		90,382		59,730		150,112	
May 2021		89,811		69,508		159,319	
June 2021		99,849		68,189		168,038	
Total	\$	898,450	\$	489,482	_\$	1,387,932	

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, 2021 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, 2021.

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 25 expenditures totaling \$639,661 or 82% 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 engaged by the School Board to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. 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 compliance with specified requirements. 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.

We are required to be independent of Bossier Parish School Board and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on 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 December 31, 2021 Members of the Bossier Parish School Board Benton, Louisiana

Attachment I

BOSSIER PARISH SCHOOL BOARD

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Balance Sheet June 30, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Bossier Educational Excellence Permanent Fund		
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,420,920	
Investments		233,260	
Receivables		128,732	
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents		39,270,666	
Investments		18,482,404	
Receivables		473,663	
Total assets		60,009,645	
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		7,727	
Total liabilities		7,727	
FUND BALANCES			
Nonspendable		58,226,733	
Restricted for instructional enhancement		1,775,185	
Total fund balances		60,001,918	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$	60,009,645	

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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, 2021 (Unaudited)

	Bossier Educational Excellence Permanent Fund			
Revenues:				
Gaming revenue	\$	2,607,444		
Interest earnings		417,831		
Total revenues		3,025,275		
Expenditures:				
Regular instruction		373,967		
Other instructional programs		402,503		
Total expenditures		776,470		
Net change in fund balances		2,248,805		
Fund balances, beginning of year	5′	7,753,113		
Fund balances, end of year	\$ 60	0,001,918		