

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE  
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
With Independent Auditors' Report

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors  
Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the BOCES' 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 opinions.

### **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services, as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and required supplementary information as listed in the table of contents 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.

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
December 6, 2017

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
**Required Supplementary Information**  
**June 30, 2017**

The discussion and analysis of Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services (the BOCES) financial performance provides an overall review of the BOCES financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the BOCES financial performance as a whole. Readers should also review the financial statements, financial statement footnotes, and budgetary comparison schedules to broaden their understanding of the BOCES financial performance.

The Ute Pass BOCES came into existence in May 2004 and began operations in August of that year. The initial members were Woodland Park School District RE-2 and Manitou Springs School District 14; Cripple Creek-Victor School District RE-1 joined in fiscal year 2005-2006. The BOCES was formed primarily to assist member districts to provide educational services to children identified in the Exceptional Children's Education Act by providing oversight of such programs and by distributing available state and federal grant monies.

**Major Accounting Change**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68 took effect in FY 2014-15. It requires the unfunded liability of the Colorado Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) to be allocated to the financial statements of all PERA member governmental entities. The portion allocated to the BOCES exceeds \$3.8 million. This appears on paper to place the BOCES in a negative position (as if the BOCES would be responsible for somehow paying \$3.8 million in the event of PERA's default). In actuality, a default by PERA would impact current and future retirees in the form of reduced retirement benefits, so the BOCES is unsure why this change was instituted. Our Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities reflect the mandated accounting change.

**Financial Highlights**

With the allocation of PERA's unfunded liability to the BOCES per GASB 68, the BOCES has a total net position of \$(1,932,619). This negative ending net position is directly related to the \$3,809,806 net pension (PERA) liability. Because the PERA unfunded liability so greatly skews net position of the government wide statements, the General Fund tends to provide a more accurate picture of financial results. At June 30, 2017, the General Fund reported an ending fund balance of \$11,918.

The BOCES distributed \$639,274 to member districts during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. In addition, the BOCES itself spent \$1,103,626 on instructional support of the three school districts.

**Using the Basic Financial Statements**

The basic financial statements consist of the Management Discussion and Analysis (this section) and a series of financial statements and notes to those statements. These statements are organized so that the reader can first understand the BOCES as an entire operating entity.

The statements then proceed to provide an increasingly detailed look at specific financial activities.

The first two statements are government-wide financial statements - the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. Both provide long and short-term information about the BOCES overall financial status.

The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the BOCES operations in more detail. The governmental fund statements tell how general BOCES services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.

### **Financial Analysis of the BOCES as a Whole**

The BOCES beginning fund balance on July 1, 2016 was \$11,918; ending fund balance was \$11,918 as of June 30, 2017. The BOCES cash position at year end was \$275,694.

### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the BOCES as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private businesses. The statements of net position include all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the BOCES net position and how it has changed. Again, because of the pension allocation per GASB 68, it may be useful to look at fund balance; for a school district, the change in fund balance may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the district is improving or deteriorating. For a BOCES however, this is not as important because a purpose of the BOCES is to receive and distribute state and federal funds to its member districts. Monies retained by the BOCES that do not support centralized BOCES services have not been made available to the member school districts to support children.

In the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, the BOCES has one type of activity:

**Governmental Activities** – All of the BOCES' programs and services are reported here including instruction, support services, and grant activities.

A summary of the BOCES Net Position is as follows:

<b>Condensed Statement of Net Position as of June 30,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Assets</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 258,966	\$ 275,694
Accounts receivable	3,142	5,998
Prepaid expenses	-	11,492
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>262,108</b>	<b>293,184</b>
<b>Deferred (Pension) Outflows of Resources</b>		
	346,574	1,923,787
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable	(530)	(1,630)
Unearned revenues	250,720	282,896
<b>Long Term Liabilities: Net Pension Liability</b>	<b>1,448,611</b>	<b>3,809,806</b>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>1,698,801</b>	<b>4,091,072</b>
<b>Deferred (Pension) Inflows of Resources</b>		
	38,193	58,518
<b>Net Positon: Unrestricted</b>	<b>(1,128,312)</b>	<b>(1,932,619)</b>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ (1,128,312)</b>	<b>\$ (1,932,619)</b>

A summary of the BOCES' activity and changes in net position is as follows:

<b>Condensed Statement of Activities for the year ended June 30,</b>		
	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>Revenues</b>		
Program Revenue		
Operating Grants and Contributions	\$ 1,688,396	\$ 1,742,900
General Revenue		
Other Local Revenue	280	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>1,688,676</b>	<b>1,742,900</b>
<b>Program Expenses</b>		
Instruction	1,039,787	1,239,584
Supporting Services	758,363	1,307,623
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>1,798,150</b>	<b>2,547,207</b>
Change in Net Position	(109,474)	(804,307)
Net Position - Beginning, as restated	(1,018,838)	(1,128,312)
<b>Net Position - Ending</b>	<b>\$ (1,128,312)</b>	<b>\$ (1,932,619)</b>

Operating grants included funds from both state and federal sources. State grants amounted to \$977,419, and federal grant revenue was \$732,536.

## **Reporting the BOCES Most Significant Fund**

The analysis of the BOCES major fund begins on page 3. Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the BOCES major fund. The BOCES only fund is the General Fund.

**Governmental Funds.** All of the BOCES activities are reported in the governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end available for spending in future periods. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the BOCES general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance educational programs. The relationship between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds is reconciled in the financial statements of the Governmental Funds. The BOCES governmental fund is the General Fund. The General Fund accounts for all of BOCES instruction and support operations.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

As of June 30, 2017, the BOCES governmental fund reported a fund balance of \$11,918. The fund balance at year end was the result of timing differences between receipt and disbursement of grant funds and amounts retained to cover BOCES administrative expenses.

## **Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2017 the BOCES had no capital assets.

## **Debt Administration**

As of June 30, 2017 the BOCES had no long-term debt.

## **General Fund Budget**

The Board of Director's adopts the BOCES budget in June of each year. Revisions are generally made in January when state and federal allocations are known. The adoption of supplemental budgets is allowed throughout the year when unanticipated additional revenues are received.

## **Growth and the Future of the BOCES**

For fiscal year 2009 an Administrative Assistant was hired. The assistant works in all three school districts to compile and transmit data required by the Federal Government and the Colorado Department of Education. For FY 2010 money became available through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). These funds were mostly spent over a two-year period. In fiscal years 2010 & 2011 ARRA funds were used to hire an Autism Specialist and provided training to the specialist and other staff members. For FY 2012, the Director became a full-time employee, a Visually Impaired Specialist was added, and the member districts valued the work of the Autism Specialist enough to continue the position even

without ARRA funds. For FY 2013, three Speech Language Pathologists (SLP's) were added to the BOCES staff, and for FY 2014, a fourth SLP was added. By FY 2017, the BOCES has also added Physical and Occupational Therapists, Transition and Medicaid coordinators, and has grown to 15 personnel.

All positions are funded by reducing the amount of funds flowed through to the districts. The districts agree to this because it has allowed them to reduce their own staffs in these specialties and/or allows for the better provision of services to children.

### **Requests for information**

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the BOCES finances for all those with an interest in the BOCES finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Ute Pass BOCES, attn: Business Office, 405 El Monte Place, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**ASSETS**

Current assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 275,694
Accounts receivable	5,998
Prepaid expenses	11,492
	11,492
Total assets	293,184

**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred pension outflows	1,923,787
	1,923,787
Total deferred outflows of resources	1,923,787

**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	(1,630)
Unearned revenues	282,896
Long-term liabilities	
Net Pension liability	3,809,806
	3,809,806
Total liabilities	4,091,072

**DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

Deferred pension inflows	58,518
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Total deferred inflows of resources	58,518

**NET POSITION**

Unrestricted	(1,932,619)
	(1,932,619)
Total net position	\$ (1,932,619)

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

<b><u>Functions/Programs</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Program Revenues</u></b>	<b><u>Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u></b>
		<b><u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u></b>	<b><u>Governmental Activities</u></b>
Governmental activities			
Instruction	\$ 1,239,584	\$ 1,567,588	\$ 328,004
Supporting services	1,307,623	175,312	(1,132,311)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 2,547,207</u>	<u>\$ 1,742,900</u>	<u>(804,307)</u>
Change in net position			(804,307)
Net position - beginning (deficit)			<u>(1,128,312)</u>
Net position - ending (deficit)			<u>\$ (1,932,619)</u>

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**ASSETS**

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 275,694
Accounts receivable	5,998
Prepaid Expenses	<u>11,492</u>
Total assets	<u>293,184</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable	(1,630)
Unearned revenues	<u>282,896</u>
Total liabilities	<u>281,266</u>

**FUND BALANCE**

Unassigned	<u>11,918</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u><u>\$ 293,184</u></u>

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
JUNE 30, 2017**

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Total Fund Balance of Governmental Funds	\$ 11,918
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are reported as deferred outflows of resources.	1,923,787
Net pension liability is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(3,809,806)
Other long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are reported as deferred inflows of resources.	<u>(58,518)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (1,932,619)</u></u>

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**REVENUES**

Local sources	
Other income	\$ 32,945
State sources	
ECEA	802,107
Gifted and talented	68,131
Other state sources	107,181
Total state sources	977,419
Federal sources	
IDEA Part B	709,659
IDEA Preschool	22,877
Total federal sources	732,536
Total revenues	1,742,900

**EXPENDITURES**

Instruction	958,060
Supporting services	784,840
Total expenditures	1,742,900
Net change in fund balance	-
Fund balance - beginning	11,918
Fund balance - ending	\$ 11,918

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF  
REVENUE, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE TO THE  
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds	\$ -
Certain pension expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds.	<u>(804,307)</u>
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (804,307)</u></u>

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

## **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The accounting policies of Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services (the BOCES) conform to generally accepted accounting policies as applicable to governments. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the BOCES are discussed below.

*A. REPORTING ENTITY*

The inclusion or exclusion of component units is based on a determination of the elected official's financial accountability to their constituents, and whether the financial reporting entity follows the same accountability. Further, the financial statements of the reporting entity should enable the reader to distinguish between the primary government (including its blended component units, which are in substance, part of the primary government) and discretely presented component units. The criteria used for determining whether an entity should be included, either blended or discretely presented, includes but is not limited to fiscal dependency, imposition of will, legal standing, and the primary recipient of services.

The BOCES has no component units for which either discrete or blended presentation is required.

*B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION – GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

While separate government-wide and fund financial statements are presented, they are interrelated. The governmental activities column incorporates data from governmental funds.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. *Governmental activities*, are normally are supported by intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange transactions.

As a general rule, the effect of inter-fund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

*C. BASIS OF PRESENTATION – FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS*

The fund financial statements provide information about the government's funds. A fund is an independent fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained by the BOCES is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds. The BOCES reports one major governmental fund:

The *General Fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING*

The accounting and financial reporting treatment is determined by the applicable measurement focus and basis of accounting. Measurement focus indicates the type of resources being measured such as *current financial resources* or *economic resources*. The basis of accounting indicates the timing of transactions or events for recognition in the financial statements.

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

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the *current financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis* of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be *available* when they are collectible within the period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current fiscal period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period.

Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. Proceeds from long-term debt are reported as other financing sources, and acquisitions of capital leased assets are reported as other financing uses.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are interest revenue and charges for services. Other revenues are not susceptible to accrual because, generally, they are not measurable until received in cash. Expenditure-driven grants recognize revenue when the qualifying expenditures have been incurred and all other grant requirements have been met.

*E. ASSET, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE*

*Cash and cash equivalents*

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand and in the bank and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

*Receivables*

All receivables are reported at their gross value and, where appropriate, are reduced by the estimated portion that is expected to be uncollectible.

*Unearned revenues*

Unearned revenues include governmental grants that have been received, but not yet earned, since service has not been provided.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*E. ASSET, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)*

*Pensions*

Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services participates in the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension fund administered by the Public Employees' Retirement Association of Colorado (PERA). The net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position of the SCHDTF have been determined using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. 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.

*Deferred outflows/inflows of resources*

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

*Net position flow assumption*

The BOCES may fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources. In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted—net position and unrestricted—net position in the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements, a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the BOCES' policy to consider restricted—net position to have been depleted before unrestricted—net position is applied.

*Fund balance flow assumption*

Sometimes the BOCES will fund outlays for a particular purpose from both restricted and unrestricted resources (the total of committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance). In order to calculate the amounts to report as restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned fund balance in the governmental fund financial statements a flow assumption must be made about the order in which the resources are considered to be applied. It is the BOCES' policy to consider restricted fund balance to have been depleted before using any of the components of unrestricted fund balance. Further, when the components of unrestricted fund balance can be used for the same purpose, committed fund balance is depleted first, followed by assigned fund balance. Unassigned fund balance is applied last.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

*E. ASSET, LIABILITIES, DEFERRED OUTFLOWS/INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION/FUND BALANCE (CONTINUED)*

*Fund balance classification*

The governmental fund financial statements present fund balances based on classifications that comprise a hierarchy that is based primarily on the extent to which the BOCES is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in the respective governmental funds can be spent. The classifications available to be used in the governmental fund financial statements are as follows:

**Nonspendable** – This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

**Restricted** – This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of the resources either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through a debt covenant), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments, or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**Committed** – This classification includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Board of Directors. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Board of Directors removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was used when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

**Assigned** – This classification includes amounts that are constrained by the BOCES intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent can be expressed by the Board of Directors or through the Board of Directors delegating this responsibility to management through the budgetary process. This classification also includes the remaining positive fund balance for any governmental funds except for the General Fund.

**Unassigned** – This classification includes the residual fund balance for the General Fund. The unassigned classification also includes negative residual fund balance of any other governmental fund that cannot be eliminated by offsetting of Assigned fund balance amounts.

The BOCES would typically use Restricted fund balances first, followed by Committed resources, and then Assigned resources, as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend Unassigned resources first to defer the use of these other classified funds.

*F. ESTIMATES*

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

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

**NOTE 2 – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

*Budgetary Information*

The BOCES follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. At the May board meeting of the Board of Directors, the Executive Director submits a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following July 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
2. Public hearings are conducted at Board of Directors meetings to obtain taxpayers comments.
3. Prior to June 30, the budget is adopted by the Board of Directors.
4. Any revisions that alter the total expenditures of any fund must be approved by the Board of Directors.
5. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
6. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts in this report are as originally adopted or amended.
7. All original and supplemental appropriations for all funds lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

*Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions*

*Custodial credit risk-deposits*—The Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA) requires that all units of local government deposit cash in eligible public depositories. Eligibility is determined by state regulations. Amounts on deposit in excess of federal insurance levels must be collateralized by eligible collateral as determined by the PDPA. PDPA allows the financial institution to create a single collateral pool for all public funds held. The pool is to be maintained by another institution, or held in trust for all the uninsured public deposits as a group. The market value of the collateral must be at least equal to 102% of the uninsured deposits.

The carrying amount of the BOCES' deposits at June 30, 2017 was \$275,694 and the bank balances were \$329,161. Of the bank balances, \$250,000 was covered by federal deposit insurance and \$79,161 was uninsured but collateralized in accordance with the provisions of the Colorado Public Deposit Protection Act (PDPA). The collateral is pooled and held in a trust for all uninsured deposits as a group.

*Investments*

The BOCES is authorized by Colorado statutes to invest in the following:

- ◆ Obligations of the United States and certain U.S. government agencies' securities;
- ◆ Certain international agencies' securities;
- ◆ General obligation and revenue bonds of U.S. local government entities;
- ◆ Bankers' acceptances of certain banks;
- ◆ Certain commercial paper;
- ◆ Local government investment pools;
- ◆ Written repurchase agreements collateralized by certain authorized securities;
- ◆ Certain money market fund;
- ◆ Guaranteed investment contracts.

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**NOTE 3 – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

*Investments (Continued)*

The BOCES had no investments as of June 30, 2017.

*Credit Risk*—State law limits investments to those described above. The BOCES does not have an investment policy that would further limit its investment choices.

*Investment interest rate risk*—The BOCES has no formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates, other than those limitations by state statute.

**NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The BOCES is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; workers' compensation; general liability; unemployment; and employee benefit expenses related to health programs. The BOCES participates in the Colorado School District Self Insurance Pool. The Pool insures property and liability exposures through contributions made by member districts. The BOCES does not maintain an equity interest in the self-insurance pool. The BOCES is insured for unemployment compensation and has a deductible for property insurance.

The BOCES carries commercial insurance for all other risks of loss, including errors and omissions and property. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded the insurance coverage for each of the past three years.

**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

*Plan description.* Eligible employees of the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services are provided with pensions through the School Division Trust Fund (SCHDTF) – a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by PERA. Plan benefits are specified in Title 24, Article 51 of the Colorado Revised Statutes (C.R.S.), administrative rules set forth at 8 C.C.R. 1502-1, and applicable provisions of the federal Internal Revenue Code. Colorado State law provisions may be amended from time to time by the Colorado General Assembly. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)*

*Benefits provided.* PERA provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits. Retirement benefits are determined by the amount of service credit earned and/or purchased, highest average salary, the benefit structure(s) under which the member retires, the benefit option selected at retirement, and age at retirement. Retirement eligibility is specified in tables set forth at C.R.S. §24-51-602, 604, 1713, and 1714.

The lifetime retirement benefit for all eligible retiring employees under the PERA Benefit Structure is the greater of the:

- Highest average salary multiplied by 2.5 percent and then multiplied by years of service credit
- The value of the retiring employee's member contribution account plus a 100 percent match on eligible amounts as of the retirement date. This amount is then annuitized into a monthly benefit based on life expectancy and other actuarial factors.

In all cases the service retirement benefit is limited to 100 percent of highest average salary and also cannot exceed the maximum benefit allowed by federal Internal Revenue Code.

Members may elect to withdraw their member contribution accounts upon termination of employment with all PERA employers; waiving rights to any lifetime retirement benefits earned. If eligible, the member may receive a match of either 50 percent or 100 percent on eligible amounts depending on when contributions were remitted to PERA, the date employment was terminated, whether 5 years of service credit has been obtained and the benefit structure under which contributions were made.

Benefit recipients who elect to receive a lifetime retirement benefit are generally eligible to receive post-retirement cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), referred to as annual increases in the C.R.S. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment before January 1, 2007 and all benefit recipients of the DPS benefit structure receive an annual increase of 2 percent, unless PERA has a negative investment year, in which case the annual increase for the next three years is the lesser of 2 percent or the average of the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W) for the prior calendar year. Benefit recipients under the PERA benefit structure who began eligible employment after January 1, 2007 receive an annual increase of the lesser of 2 percent or the average CPI-W for the prior calendar year, not to exceed 10 percent of PERA's Annual Increase Reserve for the SCHDTF.

Disability benefits are available for eligible employees once they reach five years of earned service credit and are determined to meet the definition of disability. The disability benefit amount is based on the retirement benefit formula shown above considering a minimum 20 years of service credit, if deemed disabled.

Survivor benefits are determined by several factors, which include the amount of earned service credit, highest average salary of the deceased, the benefit structure(s) under which service credit was obtained, and the qualified survivor(s) who will receive the benefits.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*General Information about the Pension Plan (Continued)*

*Contributions.* Eligible employees and Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services are required to contribute to the SCHDTF at a rate set by Colorado statute. The contribution requirements are established under C.R.S. §24-51-401, *et seq.* Eligible employees are required to contribute 8 percent of their PERA-includable salary. The employer contribution requirements are summarized in the table below:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016	For the Year Ended December 31, 2017
Employer Contribution Rate	10.15%	10.15%
Amount of Employer Contribution apportioned to the Health Care Trust Fund as specified in C.R.S. §24-51-208(1)(f)	(1.02)%	(1.02)%
Amount apportioned to the SCHDTF	9.13%	9.13%
Amortization Equalization Disbursement (AED) as specified in C.R.S. §24-51-411	4.50%	4.50%
Supplemental Amortization Equalization Disbursement (SAED) as specified in C.R.S. §24-51-411	4.50%	5.00%
<b>Total Employer Contribution Rate to the SCHDTF</b>	<b>18.13%</b>	<b>18.63%</b>

Rates are expressed as a percentage of salary as defined in C.R.S. §24-51-101(42)

Employer contributions are recognized by the SCHDTF in the period in which the compensation becomes payable to the member and the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services is statutorily committed to pay the contributions to the SCHDTF. Employer contributions recognized by the SCHDTF from Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services were \$113,915 for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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

At June 30, 2017, the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services reported a liability of \$3,809,806 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of December 31, 2015. Standard update procedures were used to roll forward the total pension liability to December 31, 2016. The Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services proportion of the net pension liability was based on Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services contributions to the SCHDTF for the calendar year 2016 relative to the total contributions of participating employers to the SCHDTF.

At December 31, 2016, the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services' proportion was 0.0127958045 percent, which was an increase of 0.0033242294 percent from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2015.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services recognized pension expense of \$918,222. At June 30, 2017, the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 47,628	\$ 34
Changes of assumptions or other inputs	1,236,203	17,180
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	127,392	-
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions recognized and proportionate share of contributions	453,354	41,304
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	59,210	-
Total	\$ 1,923,787	\$ 58,518

\$59,210 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions, resulting from contributions subsequent to the measurement date, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. 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:	
2018	\$ 744,864
2019	\$ 720,201
2020	\$ 339,723
2021	\$ 1,271

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the December 31, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.80 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.90 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.90 – 10.10 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.50 percent
Discount rate	7.50 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06; (ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Based on the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic assumptions were adopted by PERA’s Board on November 18, 2016 and effective as of December 31, 2016. These revised assumptions shown below were reflected in the roll-forward calculation of the total pension liability from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Price inflation	2.40 percent
Real wage growth	1.10 percent
Wage inflation	3.50 percent
Salary increases, including wage inflation	3.50 – 9.70 percent
Long-term investment rate of return, net of pension plan investment expenses, including price inflation	7.25 percent
Discount rate	5.26 percent
Post-retirement benefit increases:	
PERA benefit structure hired prior to 1/1/07; and DPS benefit structure (automatic)	2.00 percent
PERA benefit structure hired after 12/31/06; (ad hoc, substantively automatic)	Financed by the Annual Increase Reserve

Mortality rates used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table for Males or Females, as appropriate, with adjustments for mortality improvements based on a projection of Scale AA to 2020 with Males set back 1 year, and Females set back 2 years. Active member mortality was based upon the same mortality rates but adjusted to 55 percent of the base rate for males and 40 percent of the base rate for females. For disable retirees, the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table (set back 2 years for males and set back 2 years for females) was assumed.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 13, 2012, and an economic assumption study, adopted by PERA’s Board on November 15, 2013 and January 17, 2014.

As a result of the 2016 experience analysis and the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop, revised economic and demographic actuarial assumptions including withdrawal rates, retirement rates for early reduced and unreduced retirement, disability rates, administrative expense load, and pre- and post-retirement and disability mortality rates were adopted by PERA’s Board on November 18, 2016 to more closely reflect PERA’s actual experience. As the revised economic and demographic assumptions are effective as of the measurement date, December 31, 2016, these revised assumptions were reflected in the total pension liability roll-forward procedures.

Healthy mortality assumptions for active members reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Employee Mortality Table, a table specifically developed for actively working people. To allow for an appropriate margin of improved mortality prospectively, the mortality rates incorporate a 70 percent factor applied to male rates and a 55 percent factor applied to female rates.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

Healthy, post-retirement mortality assumptions reflect the RP-2014 White Collar Healthy Annuitant Mortality Table, adjusted as follows:

- Males: Mortality improvement projected to 2018 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 93 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 113 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.
- Females: Mortality improvement projected to 2020 using the MP-2015 projection scale, a 68 percent factor applied to rates for ages less than 80, a 106 percent factor applied to rates for ages 80 and above, and further adjustments for credibility.

For disabled retirees, the mortality assumption was changed to reflect 90 percent of the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of regular experience studies prepared every four or five years for PERA. Recently, this assumption has been reviewed more frequently. The most recent analyses were outlined in presentations to PERA's Board on October 28, 2016. As a result of the October 28, 2016 actuarial assumptions workshop and the November 18, 2016 PERA Board meeting, the economic assumptions changed, effective December 31, 2016, as follows:

- Investment rate of return assumption decreased from 7.50 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses to 7.25 percent per year, compounded annually, net of investment expenses.
- Price inflation assumption decreased from 2.80 percent per year to 2.40 percent per year.
- Real rate of investment return assumption increased from 4.70 percent per year, net of investment expenses, to 4.85 percent per year, net of investment expenses.
- Wage inflation assumption decreased from 3.90 percent per year to 3.50 percent per year.

Several factors were considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumption for the SCHDTF, including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class.

These ranges were 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 then adding expected inflation.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

As of the November 18, 2016 adoption of the current long-term expected rate of return by the PERA Board, the target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

<b>Asset Class</b>	<b>Target Allocation</b>	<b>30 Year Expected Geometric Real Rate of Return</b>
U.S. Equity – Large Cap	21.20%	4.30%
U.S. Equity – Small Cap	7.42%	4.80%
Non U.S. Equity – Developed	18.55%	5.20%
Non U.S. Equity – Emerging	5.83%	5.40%
Core Fixed Income	19.32%	1.20%
High Yield	1.38%	4.30%
Non U.S. Fixed Income - Developed	1.84%	0.60%
Emerging Market Debt	0.46%	3.90%
Core Real Estate	8.50%	4.90%
Opportunity Fund	6.00%	3.80%
Private Equity	8.50%	6.60%
Cash	1.00%	0.20%
Total	100.00%	

In setting the long-term expected rate of return, projections employed to model future returns provide a range of expected long-term returns that, including expected inflation, ultimately support a long-term expected rate of return assumption of 7.25%.

*Discount rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 5.26 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate applied the actuarial cost method and assumptions shown above. In addition, the following methods and assumptions were used in the projection of cash flows:

- Updated economic and demographic actuarial assumptions adopted by PERA’s Board on November 18, 2016.
- Total covered payroll for the initial projection year consists of the covered payroll of the active membership present on the valuation date and the covered payroll of future plan members assumed to be hired during the year. In subsequent projection years, total covered payroll was assumed to increase annually at a rate of 3.50%.
- Employee contributions were assumed to be made at the current member contribution rate. Employee contributions for future plan members were used to reduce the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

- Employer contributions were assumed to be made at rates equal to the fixed statutory rates specified in law and effective as of the measurement date, including current and estimated future AED and SAED, until the Actuarial Value Funding Ratio reaches 103%, at which point, the AED and SAED will each drop 0.50% every year until they are zero. Additionally, estimated employer contributions included reductions for the funding of the AIR and retiree health care benefits. For future plan members, employer contributions were further reduced by the estimated amount of total service costs for future plan members not financed by their member contributions.
- Employer contributions and the amount of total service costs for future plan members were based upon a process used by the plan to estimate future actuarially determined contributions assuming an analogous future plan member growth rate.
- The AIR balance was excluded from the initial fiduciary net position, as, per statute, AIR amounts cannot be used to pay benefits until transferred to either the retirement benefits reserve or the survivor benefits reserve, as appropriate. As the ad hoc post-retirement benefit increases financed by the AIR are defined to have a present value at the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments equal to the amount transferred for their future payment, AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments have no impact on the Single Equivalent Interest Rate (SEIR) determination process when the timing of AIR cash flows is not a factor (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is not projected to be depleted). When AIR cash flow timing is a factor in the SEIR determination process (i.e., the plan's fiduciary net position is projected to be depleted), AIR transfers to the fiduciary net position and the subsequent AIR benefit payments were estimated and included in the projections.
- Benefit payments and contributions were assumed to be made at the end of the month.

Based on the above assumptions and methods, the projection test indicates the SCHDTF's fiduciary net position was projected to be depleted in 2041 and, as a result, the municipal bond index rate was used in the determination of the discount rate. The long-term expected rate of return of 7.25 percent on pension plan investments was applied to periods through 2041 and the municipal bond index rate, the December average of the Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-year Municipal Bond Index published weekly by the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, was applied to periods on and after 2041 to develop the discount rate. For the measurement date, the municipal bond index rate was 3.86 percent, resulting in a discount rate of 5.26 percent.

As of the prior measurement date, the projection test indicated the SCHDTF'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 plan investments of 7.50 percent was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. The discount rate determination did not use a municipal bond index rate and the discount rate was 7.50 percent, 2.24 percent higher compared to the current measurement date.

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**NOTE 5 – DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)**

*Sensitivity of the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 5.26 percent, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.26 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.26 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (4.26%)	Current Discount Rate (5.26%)	1% Increase (6.26%)
Proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 4,790,708	\$ 3,809,806	\$ 3,010,896

*Pension plan fiduciary net position.* Detailed information about the SCHDTF’s fiduciary net position is available in PERA’s comprehensive annual financial report which can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

**NOTE 6 – OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

*Health Care Trust Fund*

*Plan description.* The Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services contributes to the Health Care Trust Fund (HCTF), a cost-sharing multiple-employer healthcare trust administered by PERA. The HCTF benefit provides a health care premium subsidy and health care programs (known as PERACare) to PERA participating benefit recipients and their eligible beneficiaries. Title 24, Article 51, Part 12 of the C.R.S., as amended, establishes the HCTF and sets forth a framework that grants authority to the PERA Board to contract, self-insure and authorize disbursements necessary in order to carry out the purposes of the PERACare program, including the administration of health care subsidies. PERA issues a publicly available comprehensive annual financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the HCTF. That report can be obtained at [www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports](http://www.copera.org/investments/pera-financial-reports).

*Funding policy.* The Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services is required to contribute at a rate of 1.02 percent of PERA-includable salary for all PERA members as set by statute. No member contributions are required. The contribution requirements for the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services are established under Title 24, Article 51, Part 4 of the C.R.S., as amended. The apportionment of the contributions to the HCTF is established under Title 24, Article 51, Section 208(1)(f) of the C.R.S., as amended. For the years ending June 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services contributions to the HCTF were \$6,319, \$5,224, and \$3,740, respectively, equal to their required contributions for each year.

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**NOTE 7 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

*Claims and Judgments*

The BOCES has received federal and state grants for specific purposes that are subject to review and audit by the grantor agencies. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursements to grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the grant. Management believes disallowances, if any, will be immaterial.

*Tabor Amendment*

In November 1992, Colorado voters passed the Tabor Amendment (TABOR) to the State Constitution, which limits state and local government tax powers and imposes spending limits. The amendment does not specifically address BOCES. However, several legal opinions have been issued stating that a BOCES itself is not subject to the requirements and restrictions of the TABOR amendment. There have been several recent court cases with organizations similar to BOCES, in which the court has found that these organizations are not subject to TABOR, since they are not a municipality and do not exercise independent "Government" power. However, in virtually all situations BOCES will be impacted to the degree that its member districts are impacted by the restrictions of TABOR. A BOCES does not need to maintain emergency reserves required by TABOR, and expenditures can fluctuate independently of TABOR.

**NOTE 8 – COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES, AUDITOR'S INTEGRITY REPORT**

The School Finance Act requires inclusion of the Colorado School District/BOCES, Electronic Financial Data Integrity Check Figures as a supplement schedule to the audited financial statements. The Report is based on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the financial policies and procedures of the Colorado Department of Education.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY AND COVERED PAYROLL**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
BOCES's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.0078932415%	0.0082797069%	0.0094715751%	0.0127958045%
BOCES's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 1,006,781	\$ 1,122,178	\$ 1,448,611	\$ 3,809,806
BOCES's covered payroll	\$ 318,202	\$ 346,860	\$ 412,769	\$ 574,299
BOCES's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	316.40%	323.52%	350.95%	663.38%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	64.1%	62.8%	59.2%	43.1%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 12/31.

\* Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S STATUTORY PAYROLL CONTRIBUTIONS AND COVERED PAYROLL**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 49,417	\$ 56,989	\$ 71,533	\$ 104,120
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>(49,417)</u>	<u>(56,989)</u>	<u>(71,533)</u>	<u>(104,120)</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
BOCES's covered payroll	\$ 318,202	\$ 346,860	\$ 412,769	\$ 574,299
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.53%	16.43%	17.33%	18.13%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 12/31.

\* Complete 10-year information to be presented in future years as it becomes available.

See the accompanying independent auditors' report.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<b>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Local sources				
Other income	\$ 36,657	\$ 38,981	32,945	\$ (6,036)
State sources				
ECEA	671,514	800,558	802,107	1,549
Gifted and talented	76,727	71,591	68,131	(3,460)
Other state sources	106,293	122,090	107,181	(14,909)
Total state sources	<u>854,534</u>	<u>994,239</u>	<u>977,419</u>	<u>(16,820)</u>
Federal sources				
IDEA Part B	758,272	758,272	709,659	(48,613)
IDEA Preschool	22,877	22,877	22,877	-
Total federal sources	<u>781,149</u>	<u>781,149</u>	<u>732,536</u>	<u>(48,613)</u>
Total revenues	<u>1,672,340</u>	<u>1,814,369</u>	<u>1,742,900</u>	<u>(71,469)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Instruction				
Salaries	53,499	240,856	231,369	9,487
Employee benefits	18,623	68,451	65,755	2,696
Purchased services	599,868	688,039	660,936	27,103
Supplies	5,798	-	-	-
Total instruction	<u>677,788</u>	<u>997,346</u>	<u>958,060</u>	<u>39,286</u>
Supporting services				
Student support				
Salaries	462,801	327,029	314,147	12,882
Employee benefits	165,586	125,725	120,773	4,952
Purchased services	-	1,215	1,167	48
Supplies	-	3,621	3,478	143
Total student support	<u>\$ 628,387</u>	<u>\$ 457,590</u>	<u>\$ 439,565</u>	<u>\$ 18,025</u>

See the accompanying Independent Auditors' Report.

**UTE PASS BOARD OF COOPERATIVE EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**BUDGET AND ACTUAL**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**JUNE 30, 2017**

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<b>Actual Amounts, Budgetary Basis</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget - Positive (Negative)</b>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Original and Final Budget</u>		
Supporting services (continued)				
Instructional staff				
Salaries	\$ 134,261	\$ 120,237	\$ 115,501	\$ 4,736
Employee benefits	46,264	36,566	35,126	1,440
Purchased services	148,793	155,055	148,947	6,108
Supplies	-	4,334	4,163	171
Capital outlay	-	4,804	4,615	189
Total instructional staff	<u>329,318</u>	<u>320,996</u>	<u>308,352</u>	<u>12,644</u>
General administration				
Purchased services	<u>4,900</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>4,634</u>	<u>266</u>
Total general administration	<u>4,900</u>	<u>4,900</u>	<u>4,634</u>	<u>266</u>
Business services				
Purchased services	<u>23,276</u>	<u>22,776</u>	<u>22,258</u>	<u>518</u>
Supplies	<u>-</u>	<u>853</u>	<u>598</u>	<u>255</u>
Total business services	<u>23,276</u>	<u>23,629</u>	<u>22,856</u>	<u>773</u>
Central services				
Purchased services	<u>8,671</u>	<u>9,908</u>	<u>9,433</u>	<u>475</u>
Total central services	<u>8,671</u>	<u>9,908</u>	<u>9,433</u>	<u>475</u>
Total supporting services	<u>994,552</u>	<u>817,023</u>	<u>784,840</u>	<u>32,183</u>
Contingency reserves	<u>11,918</u>	<u>11,918</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,918</u>
Total expenditures	<u>1,684,258</u>	<u>1,826,287</u>	<u>1,742,900</u>	<u>83,387</u>
Change in fund balance	(11,918)	(11,918)	-	11,918
Fund balance - beginning	<u>11,918</u>	<u>11,918</u>	<u>11,918</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 11,918</u>	<u>\$ 11,918</u>

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## **STATE COMPLIANCE**

**HC**  
**Hoelting & Company, Inc.**  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
COLORADO SCHOOL DISTRICT/BOCES  
AUDITOR'S INTEGRITY REPORT**

To the Board of Education  
Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, and each major fund of Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017, which collectively comprise Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services' basic financial statements, and our report thereon dated December 6, 2017, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statement, appears as listed in the table of contents.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ute Pass Board of Cooperative Educational Services' financial statements. The accompanying *Colorado School District/BOCES, Auditor's Integrity Report* is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

*Hoelting & Company Inc.*

Colorado Springs, Colorado  
December 6, 2017



Colorado Department of Education

Auditors Integrity Report

District: 9165 - UTE PASS BOCES

Fiscal Year 2016-17

Colorado School District/BOCES

Revenues, Expenditures, & Fund Balance by Fund

Fund Type & Number	Beg Fund Balance & Prior Per Adj (6880*)	1000 - 5999 Total Revenues & Other Sources	0001-0999 Total Expenditures & Other Uses	6700-6799 & Prior Per Adj (6880*) Ending Fund Balance
<b>Governmental</b>	+		-	=
10 General Fund	11,918	1,742,900	1,742,900	11,918
18 Risk Mgmt Sub-Fund of General Fund	0	0	0	0
19 Colorado Preschool Program Fund	0	0	0	0
<b>Sub- Total</b>	<b>11,918</b>	<b>1,742,900</b>	<b>1,742,900</b>	<b>11,918</b>
11 Charter School Fund	0	0	0	0
20,26-29 Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
06 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main. Fund	0	0	0	0
21 Food Service Spec Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
22 Govt Designated-Purpose Grants Fund	0	0	0	0
23 Pupil Activity Special Revenue Fund	0	0	0	0
24 Full Day Kindergarten Mill Levy Override	0	0	0	0
25 Transportation Fund	0	0	0	0
31 Bond Redemption Fund	0	0	0	0
39 Certificate of Participation (COP) Debt Service Fund	0	0	0	0
41 Building Fund	0	0	0	0
42 Special Building Fund	0	0	0	0
43 Capital Reserve Capital Projects Fund	0	0	0	0
46 Supplemental Cap Const, Tech, Main Fund	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Proprietary</b>				
50 Other Enterprise Funds	0	0	0	0
64 (63) Risk-Related Activity Fund	0	0	0	0
60,65-69 Other Internal Service Funds	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Fiduciary</b>				
70 Other Trust and Agency Funds	0	0	0	0
72 Private Purpose Trust Fund	0	0	0	0
73 Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
74 Pupil Activity Agency Fund	0	0	0	0
79 GASB 34:Permanent Fund	0	0	0	0
85 Foundations	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

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