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Wednesday, March 6, 2024	**Board Room**
10:16 a.m. or immediately following previous meeting	**Tod Hall**

AGENDA

A. Disposition of Minutes for Meeting

B. Old Business

C. Subcommittee Item

1. Discussion Items

C.1.a. = Tab 1 **a. Anonymous Reporting Hotline Stats Update**
Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor, will report.

C.1.b. = Tab 2 **b. FY24 Second Quarter Internal Audit Plan Update**
Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor, will report.

C.1.c. = Tab 3 **c. Audit Matrix Open Audit Recommendations Update**
This matrix tracks the progress of the implementation of recommendations for improvement or correction made by internal and external auditors.
Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor, will report.

C.1.d. = Tab 4 **d. Kent State IT General Controls Audit Report on Workforce Education and Innovation**
Michelle DiLullo, Staff Auditor, will report.

e. Update on Enterprise Risk Management
Julie Gentile, Director of Environmental and Occupational Health and Safety, will report.

C.1.f. = Tab 5 **f. Sunshine Law Star Rating, FY 2023**
Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, will report.

C.1.g. = Tab 6 **g. NCAA Agreed Upon Procedures Report, FY 2023**
Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, will report.

C.1.h. = Tab 7 **h. WYSU-FM Radio Station Audit Report, FY 2023**
Neal McNally, Vice President for Finance and Business Operations, will report.

D. New Business

E. Adjournment

YSU Anonymous Reporting Hotline
Aggregated Statistics
Fiscal Year 2024 Quarter 2

Hotline Activity	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Fiscal Year To Date Total
Reports received	3	4	-	-	**7**
Closed					
Unsubstantiated/insufficient information	0	1	-	-	1
Process enhancements noted	0	0	-	-	0
Investigation	1	1	-	-	2
Referred	2	2	-	-	4
Total Closed	**3**	**4**			**7**
Under review at quarter end	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**

Reporting Method	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Fiscal Year To Date Total
Ethicspoint Phone	0	0	-	-	**0**
Ethicspoint Website	3	4	-	-	**7**
Total:	**3**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**7**

Reporter Anonymity	Quarter 1	Quarter 2	Quarter 3	Quarter 4	Fiscal Year To Date Total
Anonymous	3	4	-	-	**7**
Not anonymous	0	0	-	-	**0**
Total:	**3**	**4**	**-**	**-**	**7**

Youngstown State University
Quarterly Internal Audit Plan Update
FY24 Q2 October 1 - December 31, 2023

Project Area	Risk Category	Risk Level*	Status**	Actual Q1 Hours	Actual Q2 Hours	Actual YTD Hours	*Audit Plan Budgeted Hours*
Projects							
Current Year Audits:							
Student Billing, Collections, and Accounts Receivable	Financial & Operational	High	Completed	25	-	25	*0*
Banner User Access (KSU IT Audit)	IT & Compliance	High	Completed	5	-	5	*0*
Division of Workforce Education & Innovation	Operational, Financial, & Compliance	High	In Process	112	113	225	*410*
Division of Workforce Education & Innovation Student Information System (KSU IT Audit)	IT & General Controls	High	In Process	-	4	4	*0*
Facilities and Building Access	Facilities, Operational, & Compliance	High	Planned	-	-	-	*225*
Conflict of Interest	Compliance & Operational	High	Planned	-	-	-	*225*
Consulting & Advisory				-			
Consulting & Advisory/ERM	Various	Moderate	Ongoing	67	24	91	*50*
Continuous Auditing Analytics				-			
Payroll	Financial, Operational, Compliance	Moderate	Ongoing	30	36	66	*150*
Accounts Payable	Financial, Operational, Compliance	Moderate	Ongoing	32	54	86	*150*
EthicsPoint Hotline Monitoring	Various	High	Ongoing	15	11	26	*100*
Follow-up on Open Audit Recommendations	Various	Various	Ongoing	2	5	7	*120*
			Total Project Hours	**288**	**247**	**535**	**1,430**

***Risk Level**
Assessment of potential impact of risks and likelihood of risk events occurring; rating drives Internal Audit plan priorities:

High - significant risk area, high priority for Internal Audit coverage

Medium - moderate risk area, moderate priority for Internal Audit coverage

Category	Actual Q1 Hours	Actual Q2 Hours	Actual YTD Hours	*Audit Plan Budgeted Hours*
Non-Project Hours				
Professional Development	10	18	28	*100*
Administrative:	**222**	**255**	**477**	*550*
Total Administrative Hours	**232**	**273**	**505**	**650**
Total Hours	**520**	**520**	**1,040**	**2,080**

****Status Definitions**
Planned - as per audit plan, schedule to start in current FY
In Process - in progress at quarter end
Complete - audit procedures concluded and results communicated
Deferred - moved from current FY plan per updated risk assessment
Ongoing - performed on ongoing, periodic basis

Audit Recommendations Status- FY2024 Q2

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	2020-01-01	Policies and Procedures Student Organizations Audit	Update policies to address financial management requirements including tax status, accounting concepts, record keeping, contract requirements, funding mechanisms and procedures, disbursement controls, agency account and off-campus cash accounts.	Policies will be developed in this area.	The CampusGroups implementation has been taking longer than expected. Work is being done to set up all the components of the new system. We are on track to complete this recommendation by mid-semester.	A Student Organization Finance guide is being developed and be completed by March 2024. Also treasurer training will be offered through a video hosted on the Student Organization Management Software which must be completed when accepting an officer position and should be completed by April 2024.
Dated Issued	2/17/2020					
Risk Category	Financial					
Risk Level	Low					
Division	Student Experience					
Deadline	8/31/2020					
New Deadline	4/30/2023					
Current Status	Deadline Revised					

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	2023-01	Student Bill Presentation Student Billing, Collections, & Accounts Receivable Audit	Evaluate developing script to combine charges for more simplified, condensed presentation on student bills.	Discussions have occurred and meetings are scheduled with Kent State to explore opportunities for YSU to utilize and modify existing script used by Kent State. An IT work order has been established to move forward to simplify and condense the presentation of the student bills. The implementation depends on IT resources and the complexity of the script needed.	Work order has been created for IT to review and discussions have been initiated between Bursar and IT office. Further discussions will take place as progress on work order continues.	Meeting with Kent State to discuss student bill presentation and script development.
Dated Issued	8/10/2023					
Risk Category	Operational					
Risk Level	Medium					
Division	Finance/Business Operations					
Deadline	6/30/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	On Schedule					

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	2023-01	Reducing Cash Collections Student Billing, Collections, & Accounts Receivable Audit	Consider implementing policies and procedure to further reduce the amount of cash payments collected and processed.	Realizing the inherent risk of collecting and handling cash the Bursar office collaborated with PNC and the Penguin Service Center earlier this year and implemented potential opportunities to reduce cash payments received from students. Continued efforts will be made to further reduce the amount of cash payments collected and processed.	Bursar and Student Experience offices have met with PNC to discuss a more efficient way for students to open accounts with the bank. If alternatives can be established with PNC so students can easily deposit the cash with the bank students can then process payments online by ACH transactions which will reduce the cash processed by YSU cashiers. The first meeting was on 10/13 with a follow-up meeting scheduled for 11/9.	Effective 2/1/2024 the Cashier's Office is no longer accepting cash payments for tuition and room and board. They will still take small cash payments for charges such as transcripts, etc.
Dated Issued	8/10/2023					
Risk Category	Financial					
Risk Level	Medium					
Division	Finance/Business Operations					
Deadline	2/1/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	Pending Validation					

Audit Recommendations Status- FY2024 Q2

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	2023-01	Student Write-Off Review Student Billing, Collections, & Accounts Receivable Audit	Enhance internal controls to ensure write-off transactions are accurate and proper. Complete the process to automate the write off process to ensure accuracy and efficiency reducing the volume of manual transactions for posting and manual review.	A review of write-offs in total is completed by the Bursar and Controller's office on an annual basis. Discussions and documentation for a work order to automate the write-off process was already in place prior to this audit.	A work order was created to automate the write-off process prior to the audit. IT created the job and Bursar office is in the process of testing it.	A work order was created to automate the write-off process prior to the audit. IT created the job and Bursar office is in the process of testing it.
Dated Issued	8/10/2023					
Risk Category	Financial, Operational					
Risk Level	Medium					
Division	Finance/Business Operations					
Deadline	12/31/2023					
New Deadline	6/30/2024					
Current Status	Deadline Revised					

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	KSU 2023-1057	Job Change Report & Annual Review for Banner Access Banner Access Audit	An annual, centrally facilitated review should be completed by all Data Custodians to confirm access is appropriate.	A new process will be implemented to update Banner access and include a new change job report when a person changes jobs. This process will provide Data Custodians with visibility to identify any inappropriate Banner access. Work will begin in April 2024 and will work towards a defined approach by 6/30/24.		A new process will be implemented to update Banner access and include a new change job report when a person changes jobs. This process will provide Data Custodians with visibility to identify any inappropriate Banner access. Work will begin in April 2024 and will work towards a defined approach by 6/30/24.
Dated Issued	11/17/2023					
Risk Category	IT					
Risk Level	High					
Division	Division of IT, Application Services					
Deadline	6/30/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	on Schedule					

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	KSU 2023-1057	PII Data in Banner Banner Access Audit	Access to view sensitive PII data should be masked or restricted to only those users who require for business purposes.	Solutions to be reviewed that would accomplish this but need to be cognizant of a potential move to Banner SaaS, where customizations are not allowed. Approach to be identified by 6/30/24 by Director of Application Services.		Solutions to be reviewed that would accomplish this but need to be cognizant of a potential move to Banner SaaS, where customizations are not allowed. Approach to be identified by 6/30/24 by Director of Application Services.
Dated Issued	11/17/2023					
Risk Category	IT					
Risk Level	High					
Division	Division of IT, Application Services					
Deadline	6/30/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	On Schedule					

Audit Recommendations Status- FY2024 Q2

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	KSU 2023-1057	SOP for Annual Review of YSU Banner Access	A standard operating procedure for Banner user access review should be created and used by Data Custodians.	An access review process will be identified and formalized over time, as YSU is in the process of forming a new Data Governance/Data Integrity team. Data owners will be identified, standards enforced, and policies will be reviewed by 12/31/24.		An access review process will be identified and formalized over time, as YSU is in the process of forming a new Data Governance/Data Integrity team. Data owners will be identified, standards enforced, and policies will be reviewed by 12/31/24.
Dated Issued	11/17/2023					
Risk Category	IT					
Risk Level	High	Banner Access Audit				
Division	Division of IT, Application Services					
Deadline	12/31/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	On Schedule					

Audit	Info	Recommendation Name	Summary of Recommendation	Summary of Original Response	Prior Status Comment	Current Status Comment
Audit #	KSU 2023-1057	Access for Terminated Users in YSU Banner	Banner access to sensitive transactions should be removed from a user's account when an employee is terminated to prevent fraudulent activity.	Mitigations are in place at multiple levels to ensure no terminated employee gains access after termination. Removing user's security classes is another layer of security and YSU will work towards developing a new process where this can be accomplished in an automated way. This approach is to be identified by 12/31/24 by the Director of Infrastructure Services		Mitigations are in place at multiple levels to ensure no terminated employee gains access after termination. Removing user's security classes is another layer of security and YSU will work towards developing a new process where this can be accomplished in an automated way. This approach is to be identified by 12/31/24 by the Director of Infrastructure Services
Dated Issued	11/17/2023					
Risk Category	IT					
Risk Level	Medium	Banner Access Audit				
Division	Division of IT, Infrastructure Services					
Deadline	12/31/2024					
New Deadline						
Current Status	On Schedule					

Office of Internal Audit

Lindsey Ekstrand, Director, Workforce Acceleration Programs
Workforce Education and Innovation

February 26, 2024
Audit #2024-1057

Dear Ms. Ekstrand:

Internal Audit completed an Information Technology General Controls (ITGC) audit of the Student Information System IT application administered by Workforce Education and Innovation at Youngstown State University.

General Controls are applicable to all applications in the IT environment and can be automated, manual or both. IT applications support many of the university's business processes and require effective general controls to achieve operating objectives.

Internal Audit promotes continuous improvement of preventive, detective, and corrective controls in IT environment. However, management is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective IT General Controls to ensure reliability of IT applications and system data.

Objectives

The primary objective of this ITGC audit is to provide reasonable assurance that General Controls within Workforce Education and Innovation and IT environment are present and operating. Information technology processes are critical to enable Workforce Education and Innovation and IT to process, maintain and report operations. Thus, this review of General Controls in Workforce Education and Innovation and the Student Information System IT application assessed the effectiveness and efficiency of automated and manual IT controls in the following areas:

(1) System access is authorized and appropriate,
(2) Software and hardware are appropriately safeguarded from malicious attack,
(3) Business Continuity plans are in place to continue business operations should application failure occur, and
(4) Change management processes are in place to ensure reliable data, availability, and system functionality.

<u>Scope</u>
The audit scope included Information Technology General Controls in the Student Information Systems application environment as of December 2023.

The above objectives were accomplished using audit procedures including, but not limited to, the following:

- inquiries of management and staff at Workforce Education and Innovation and IT,
- identification and evaluation of operational and financial risks, and
- testing of IT General Controls at Workforce Education and Innovation and IT processes.

An audit of General Controls for applications in an IT environment is performed to provide management with reasonable but not absolute assurance that procedures and transactions are executed in an efficient manner. This internal audit was performed using a risk-based approach that did not include evaluation and testing of every transaction. Thus, assurance cannot be provided that all errors, irregularities, and instances of non-compliance occurring during the audit period were identified.

<u>Control Standards</u>
For each ITGC objective, a control standard was used to assess status levels based on the suitability of the design and effectiveness of controls in place in Workforce Education and Innovation and IT. The following status levels are based on ISO 15504 standard and consist of:

- *Fully Addressed* – The design and effectiveness of controls appear to fully address the ITGC objectives.
- *Partially Addressed* – Gaps were identified in the design or effectiveness of controls when compared to the ITGC objectives.
- *Not Addressed* – Controls are not currently designed to cover the ITGC objectives.
- *Not Applicable* – Objective does not apply and therefore no testing was performed.

Status levels assessed by Internal Audit based on testing results have been validated by Workforce Education and Innovation and IT personnel. If a control is partially addressed or not addressed, weaknesses in general controls were identified in IT processes that need to be strengthened.

<u>Opinion</u>
Based on the results of audit procedures performed, General Controls within Workforce Education and Innovation and IT environment are not all present and operating and **Require Improvement**.

A **Require Improvement Opinion** necessitates that Internal Audit perform follow-up on corrective actions noted in management responses based on timeframes provided.

Internal Audit thanks you and your staff for their time and full cooperation during the audit process. Please call x28617 with any questions regarding this Report.

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Acknowledgement of Responsibility

The Audit Comments include Management's Responses to audit observations and recommendations contained in this Report. These respective responses have been prepared and approved by the following individual(s) who acknowledge responsibilities for directing the implementation of corrective action plans.

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Justin Bettura
Chief Information Security Officer

Date

ITGC Audit – Student Information System
Workforce Education and Innovation
Audit Findings

This below table summarizes the results of the Information Technology General Controls (ITGC) audit findings including the corrective actions to which management has committed.

Summary of Audit Findings – Student Information System			
(Risk Level) IT General Controls #	**ITGC Objective**	**ITGC Recommendation (if applicable)**	**Management Response**
#1 (High) System access is authorized and appropriate	General Controls should include procedures to remove users who no longer require access.	System access testing revealed that some users had access beyond what is necessary for their job function. Recommend removal of access or reduced access for users with inappropriate access. Recommend annual review of users to confirm system access.	**Agree.** The application administrator will review current roles and access and will modify individual account access levels by 3/31/24. Going forward, access will be reviewed annually.
#2 (High) Software & hardware is appropriately safeguarded	General Controls should include procedures to deploy and update anti-virus software regularly, safeguard data on devices, and appropriately configure firewall.	Testing of a sample of users showed inappropriate computer safeguards on devices using the application. All devices of users with elevated access should be YSU managed devices and have appropriate computer safeguards. YSU firewall is configured to protect university resources.	**Agree**. Information Security Engineer will implement appropriate computer safeguards for all YSU managed devices by 12/31/24.
#3 (Medium) Business continuity plan (BCP)	General Controls should include BCPs to continue business operations should an application failure occur, available and tested data backups, and a secure location for application servers and backups.	Data backups and data center controls are provided by the vendor. Business Continuity Plan was not completed. Recommend completing a Business Continuity Plan to document steps required to continue business processes in the event of a system failure.	**Agree**. The application administrator will complete a Business Continuity Plan to ensure proper procedures are in place should a system failure occur by 12/31/24.
#4 (Medium) Change management controls	General Controls should maintain strong change management controls to ensure ongoing application operations and safe and secure application upgrades.	Upgrades to the application are performed by the vendor. Communication of changes to application users should be implemented. Standard Operation Procedures (SOP) should be developed.	**Agree**. The application administrator will complete Standard Operating Procedures for the application and will ensure there is proper communication regarding application updates/changes by 12/31/24.

Audit Findings per ITGC Business Objective
Workforce Education and Innovation – Student Information System

Business Objectives	Status Level
Objective 1: System access is authorized and appropriate	
Access to business sensitive data is restricted to only those who need it to perform business functions	Partially Addressed
Access to FERPA data is restricted to only those who need it to perform business functions	Fully Addressed
Elevated access is restricted	Partially Addressed
Access is appropriate and authorized per application functions/roles/modules	Partially Addressed
Access is appropriately segregated to restrict access to actions that would provide excessive access that may allow fraudulent transactions or conflict of interest situations	Fully Addressed
Objective 2: Software and hardware are appropriately safeguarded from malicious attack	
Anti-virus software and encryption on application servers and client machines	Partially Addressed
Anti-virus software is updated regularly	Partially Addressed
Firewall is appropriately configured to protect the environment	Fully Addressed
Objective 3: Business Continuity plans continue business operations should application failure occur	
Business continuity plans are in place to provide support / instructions during an extended system failure	Partially Addressed
Data backups are available	Fully Addressed
Data backups have been tested to ensure the data can be properly restored following a system failure	Fully Addressed
Servers are in a protected environment, with appropriate environmental conditions and safety features	Fully Addressed
Objective 4: Change Management processes ensure reliable data, availability & system functionality	
Application changes are approved prior to implementation	Fully Addressed
Application changes are tested in a test system prior to implementation	Fully Addressed
Application promotion to production environment is restricted	Not Applicable
Developers cannot promote code changes to production environment	Not Applicable
Test plans exist to test application changes prior to upgrades, incl regression testing to confirm application functionality	Not Applicable
Users are informed of changes prior to implementation and training is available	Not Addressed
The system is available and response time is adequate	Fully Addressed
Current/supported software release is installed	Fully Addressed
SOC report obtained (HECVAT)	Fully Addressed
SOC report reviewed (JECVAT)	Fully Addressed
Business and technical procedures are documented and maintained	Not Addressed
System interfaces are timely and accurate	Fully Addressed
Total ITGC audit tests:	**24**
Partially Addressed or Not Addressed:	8
Fully Addressed:	13
Not Applicable:	**3**

StaRS

Star Rating System
Monitoring transparency in government

Reach for a star... by meeting every Sunshine Law requirement. Then add best practices from the list below to achieve a multiple-star rating

★ Compliant: Meets all Sunshine Law requirements

★★ Compliant, plus 1-2 best practices

★★★ Compliant, plus 3-4 best practices

★★★★ Compliant, plus 5 or more best practices

Name of Entity	County	Audit Period	Compliant	Best Practices (stars are clickable)	Non-Compliant (x's are clickable)
Youngstown State University	Mahoning	07/01/2019 to 06/30/2020	★	★★★	
Youngstown State University	Mahoning	07/01/2020 to 06/30/2021	★	★★★	
Youngstown State University	Mahoning	07/01/2021 to 06/30/2022	★	★★★	
Youngstown State University	Mahoning	07/01/2022 to 06/30/2023	★	★★★	

Best Practices for: Youngstown State University (Mahoning County)

1. ☑ Method to Track Public Records Requests
2. ☑ Standard Request Forms
3. ☑ Public Records Request Acknowledgement
4. ☐ Public Records Custodian Identified and Trained
5. ☐ Prompt Certified Public Records Training
6. ☑ Online Presence – Upcoming Events and Office Operations
7. ☑ Online Presence – Official Documents

This entity received the Highest Achievement in Open and Transparent Government Award

**NOTE: Best practices 4 and 5 apply to elected officials and are not applicable to state universities.*

Source: https://ohioauditor.gov/open/StaRS_results.html

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Mahoning County

Agreed-upon Procedures Report

June 30, 2023

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Independent Accountant's Report
on Applying Agreed-upon Procedures

To Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, Interim President
Youngstown State University

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Youngstown State University's (the "Institution") Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses (the "Statement") under National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Bylaw 20.2.4.17 for the year ended June 30, 2023. The Institution's management is responsible for the Institution's Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses under NCAA Bylaw 20.2.4.17 for Division I.

The Institution has agreed to the procedures performed and acknowledged that they are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of performing testing on certain intercollegiate athletics activity. Additionally, the required agreed-upon procedures are prescribed by the NCAA annually through published instructions, which is deemed as acknowledgment that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. The procedures below are specified in the NCAA's 2023 Agreed-Upon Procedures instructions. No other parties have agreed to and acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report; as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. We make no representation regarding the sufficiency of these procedures, either for the purpose intended or for any other purpose.

An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves performing specific procedures that the engaging party has agreed to and acknowledged to be appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement and reporting on findings based on the procedures performed. As agreed to by the Institution, for the purpose of performing these procedures, exceptions are reported in accordance with the NCAA's 2023 Agreed-Upon Procedures instructions.

Agreed-upon Procedures Related to the Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses

The procedures that we performed and our results are as follows:

<u>Internal Control Structure</u>

A. Related to the Institution's internal control structure:

1) We met with the Institution's VP of finance to identify areas of significant interest and specific agreed-upon procedures related to both internal controls and other specified areas. The discussion did not identify any areas of significant interest or any other agreed-upon procedures.

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Youngstown State University

2) We met with the director of intercollegiate athletics and inquired about the general control environment over intercollegiate athletic finances, the level of control consciousness in the Institution, the competence of personnel, and the protection of records and equipment. The discussion did not identify any weaknesses in controls, and the general control environment is thought to be strong, with competent and consistent personnel year over year.

3) We obtained the audited financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023 and any additional reports regarding internal controls, if the Institution was audited independent of these agreed-upon procedures, and any corrective action taken in response to comments concerning the internal control structure.

4) We obtained any documentation of the accounting systems and procedures unique to the intercollegiate athletics department.

5) Cash disbursements and athletic employee payroll are addressed in connection with the audit of the Institution's financial statements. The following control environment and accounting systems are (a) unique to intercollegiate athletics and (b) have not been addressed in connection with the audit of the Institution's financial statements. We performed the following procedures:

   i. We selected one game and tested the ticket collection receipting process by comparing the total receipts for the game to the reconciliation and documentation of the related cash deposit amount with the bank.

   Result: We noted no exceptions. We selected one football game during the year and agreed the total receipts for the event on game day to deposit slips of the related cash deposit amount. Since there were minimal gate sales for the game, we selected four additional days of cash deposits made by the Institution's box office and tied general ledger activity to bank statements in order to verify the cash deposit process.

   The ticket cash receipt amounts for the transactions were as follows:

Event Date	Sporting Event	Ticket Sales Amount	Deposit Amount	Deposit Date
9/10/2022	Football vs. University of Dayton	$ 4,301	$ 4,301	9/10/2022

Date of Revenue	Amount	Deposit Amount	Deposit Date
9/6/2022	$ 54	$ 54	9/7/2022
9/7/2022	770	770	9/8/2022
9/8/2022	531	531	9/9/2022
9/9/2022	336	336	9/9/2022

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Youngstown State University

NCAA Reporting

B. **Procedure:** We obtained the information submitted to the NCAA, including the financial data detailing operating revenues, expenses, and capital related to the Institution's intercollegiate athletics program that was submitted to the NCAA, and agreed the amounts to the Statement included in the agreed-upon procedures for the reporting period.

Result: We noted no discrepancies.

C. **Procedure for Grants-in-Aid:** We agreed the sports sponsored reported in the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System to the Calculation of Revenue Distribution Equivalencies Report (CRDE) from Compliance Assistant (CA) or equivalent supporting calculations from the Institution. The NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System populates the sports from the NCAA Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form as they are reported by the Institution between May and August. We compared current year Grants-in-Aid revenue distribution equivalencies to prior year reported equivalencies per the Membership Financial Report submission. We inquired and documented an explanation for any variance greater than +/- 4% in the results.

Grants-in-Aid	2021-2022 Total	2022-2023 Total	% Change	Explanation of Variance per Management
Baseball	11.56	10.75	-7.01%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered
Men's Basketball	16.07	14.51	-9.71%	Decrease in roster size due to COVID-19 eligibility
Men's Swimming and Diving	8.99	9.55	6.23%	Newer program, growing rapidly
Men's Tennis	4.27	3.83	-10.30%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered
Men's Track, Outdoor	15.50	14.51	-6.39%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered
Women's Basketball	15.04	13.87	-7.78%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered
Women's Golf	6.08	5.57	-8.39%	Decrease in roster size
Women's Bowling	6.14	5.09	-17.10%	Decrease in roster size
Women's Softball	12.02	9.87	-17.89%	Decrease in roster size
Women's Soccer	12.30	12.95	5.28%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered
Women's Swimming and Diving	10.61	14.23	34.12%	Increase in roster size
Women's Tennis	6.72	7.70	14.58%	Increase in roster size
Women's Track, Indoor	-	0.67	100.00%	Aid for these athletes has traditionally been included with outdoor track.
Women's Track, Outdoor	22.23	17.54	-21.10%	Changes in scholarship amounts offered

Result: We noted the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System information provided by management was in draft form, and management represented there would be no changes to the final submission. With the draft provided by management, we noted no discrepancies.

D. **Procedure for Sports Sponsorship:** We obtained the Institution's Sports Sponsorship and Demographics Form report for the reporting year. We validated that the countable sports reported by the Institution meet the minimum requirements set forth in Bylaw 20.10.6.3 related to the number of contests and the number of participants in each contest that is counted toward meeting the minimum contest requirement. We compared current year number of sports sponsored to prior year reported total per the Membership Financial Report submission. We inquired and documented an explanation for any variance in the results.

Result: We noted the Membership Financial Reporting System information provided by management was in draft form, and management represented there would be no changes to the final submission. With the draft provided by management, we noted no discrepancies.

E. **Procedure for Pell Grants:** We agreed the total number of Division I student-athletes who, during the academic year, received a Pell Grant award (e.g., Pell Grant recipients on full athletic aid, Pell Grant recipients on partial athletic aid, and Pell Grant recipients with no athletic aid) and the total dollar amount of these Pell Grants reported in the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System to a report, generated out of the Institution's financial aid records, of all student-athlete Pell Grants. We compared current year Pell Grants total to prior year reported total per the Membership Financial Report submission. We inquired and documented an explanation for any variance greater than +/- 20 grants in the results

   Result: We noted the Membership Financial Reporting System information provided by management was in draft form, and management represented there would be no changes to the final submission. The total number of Pell Grants in 2022 and 2023 was 123 and 122, respectively. We agreed the total number of student-athletes who received a Pell Grant award during the academic year and the total dollar amount of the Pell Grants to be reported in the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System to the reports generated from the Institution's financial aid records and noted no discrepancies.

<u>Notes, Disclosures, and Other Procedures</u>

F. **Athletics-Related Capital Assets and Expenditures Procedure:** We obtained the Institution's policies and procedures for acquiring, approving, depreciating, and disposing of intercollegiate athletics-related assets, as described in Note 2. We obtained a schedule of athletics-related capital expenditures made by athletics, the Institution, and affiliated organizations during the period. We agreed the schedule to the Institution's general ledger. We selected a sample of one transaction to validate existence of the transaction and accuracy of recording and recalculated totals.

   Result: We selected the 2023 40-lb. washer addition for $25,215.70 and agreed it to the purchase order and the invoice dated February 16, 2023. We agreed total institutional property, plant, and equipment to the Institution's audited financial statements. We noted no exceptions.

G. **Athletics-Related and Total Institutional Debt Procedure:** We obtained repayment schedules for all outstanding intercollegiate athletics-related debt maintained by the Institution during the reporting period. We recalculated annual maturities (consisting of principal and interest) provided in the schedules obtained and agreed the total annual maturities to supporting documentation and the Institution's general ledger, as applicable. The repayment schedule is disclosed in Note 3. We agreed the total outstanding athletics-related debt and total institutional debt to supporting documentation and the Institution's audited financial statements, if available, or the Institution's general ledger.

   Result: We agreed all outstanding intercollegiate debt to the repayment schedule in Note 3. We agreed total institutional debt to the Institution's audited financial statements. We noted no exceptions.

H. **Excess Transfers to Institution Procedure:** Management represented that this step is not applicable, as there were no excess transfers to the Institution during the reporting period.

I. **Conference Realignment Expenses Procedure:** Management represented that this step is not applicable, as there were no conference realignment expenses during the reporting period.

J. **Procedure:** Changes in loan, endowment, or plant funds related to intercollegiate athletics shall not be included in the Statement.

1) We obtained and disclosed significant additions to restricted funds related to intercollegiate athletics, as well as significant changes to endowment and plant funds. Significant is defined as exceeding 10 percent of total revenues or expenses in the Statement.

2) We obtained and disclosed the value of endowments at the fiscal year-end that are dedicated to the sole support of athletics. We agreed the fair market value of the schedule to supporting documentation, the general ledger and the audited financial statements, if available. We agreed the total fair market value of athletics dedicated endowments and institutional endowments to supporting documentation, the Institution's general ledger and/or audited financial statements, if available.

3) We obtained and disclosed the value of all pledges at the fiscal year-end that support athletics.

4) We obtained and disclosed the athletics department fiscal year-end fund balance.

Result: We noted no significant contributions to disclose in Note 1 and disclosed all other items in Note 4.

Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses

K. **Procedure:** We obtained the Statement for the reporting period, prepared by management, and agreed all amounts back to the Institution's general ledger.

Result: We noted no exceptions.

L. **Procedure:** We agreed each revenue and expense amount from the Statement to prior year amounts and budget estimates. We compared each revenue and expense account over 10% of total revenues and expenses, respectively, to prior period amounts and budget estimates. We obtained and documented any variations exceeding 10% of total revenues or expenses.

Result: There were no variances that met the thresholds for required disclosure.

M. **Procedure:** We performed additional procedures on the following revenue and expense categories unless the specific reporting category is less than 4% of total revenues or expenses.

Result: See procedures below.

Revenues

N. **Procedure:** We agreed each revenue category reported in the Statement during the reporting period to supporting schedules provided by the Institution.

   Result: The supporting schedules provided by the Institution agreed to the Statement without exception.

   1) **Ticket Sales Procedure:** Ticket sales were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

   2) **Student Fees Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

   3) **Direct State or Other Governmental Support Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

   4) **Direct Institutional Support Procedure:** We agreed a sample of one direct institutional support recorded by the Institution during the reporting period with the institutional supporting budget transfers documentation and other corroborative supporting documentation and recalculated totals.

      Result: We agreed the direct institutional support recorded for board-approved transfers to the journal entry recorded and the intercollegiate athletics operating budget. We noted no exceptions.

   5) **Less - Transfers to Institution Procedure:** Transfers to the Institution were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

   6) **Indirect Institutional Support Procedure:** Indirect institutional support was less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

   7) **Guarantees Procedure:** Guarantees were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

   8) **Contributions Procedure:** We obtained supporting documentation for each contribution of moneys, goods, or services received directly by an intercollegiate athletics program from any affiliated or outside organization, agency or group of individuals that constitutes 10 percent or more of all contributions received for intercollegiate athletics during the reporting periods. We disclosed the source and dollar value of these contributions in the report.

      Result: No contributions greater than 10 percent of all contributions were identified.

   9) **In-Kind Procedure:** In-kind revenues were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

   10) **Compensation and Benefits Provided by a Third Party Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

11) **Media Rights Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

12) **NCAA Distributions Procedure:** We agreed the amounts recorded in the revenue and expense reporting to general ledger detail for NCAA distributions and other corroborative supporting documents and recalculated totals.

    Result: A listing of NCAA distributions was obtained and tied to the recorded amount. Supporting communications from the Horizon League or NCAA were reviewed, supporting each NCAA distribution. We noted no exceptions.

13) **Conference Distributions and Conference Distributions of Football Bowl Generated Revenue Procedure:** Conference distributions and conference distributions of football bowl generated revenue were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

14) **Program Sales, Concessions, Novelty Sales and Parking Procedure:** Program sales, concessions, novelty sales and parking were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

15) **Royalties, Licensing, Advertisements and Sponsorships Procedure:** Royalties, licensing, advertisements and sponsorships were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

16) **Sports Camp Revenues Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

17) **Athletics Restricted Endowment and Investment Income Procedure:** Athletics restricted endowment and investment income were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

18) **Football Bowl Revenues Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this revenue category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

19) **Other Revenues Procedure:** Other revenues were less than 4% of total revenues, so additional procedures were not performed.

<u>Expenses</u>

O. **Procedure:** We agreed each expense category reported in the Statement during the reporting period to supporting schedules provided by the Institution.

   Result: The supporting schedules provided by the Institution agreed to the Statement without exception.

To Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, Interim President
Youngstown State University

We performed the following procedures for the indicated expense category:

1) **Athletic Student Aid Procedures:** We selected a sample of 40 students from the listing of institutional student aid recipients during the reporting period (no less than 10% of the total student-athletes for institutions who have used the NCAA's CA software to prepare athletic aid detail, with a maximum sample size of 40, and no less than 20% of total student-athletes for institutions who have not, with a maximum sample size of 60).

   a. We obtained individual student account detail for each selection and agreed total aid in the Institution's student system to student detail in CA or the institution report that ties directly to the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System.

   b. We performed a check of each student selected to ensure that their information was reported accurately in either the CA software or entered directly into the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System using the following criteria:

      i. The equivalency value for each student-athlete in all sports, including head-count sports, needs to be converted to a full-time equivalency value. The full-time equivalency value is calculated using the athletic grant amount reported on the Calculation of Revenue Distribution Equivalencies Report from CA as the numerator and the full grant amount which is the total cost for tuition, fees, books, room and board for an academic year as the denominator. If using the NCAA CA software, this equivalency value should already be calculated on the CRDE report labeled "Revenue Distribution Equivalent Award."

      ii. Grants-in-aid is calculated by using the revenue distribution equivalencies by sport and in aggregate. (Athletic grant amount divided by the full grant amount.)

      iii. Other expenses related to attendance (also known as cost of attendance) should not be included in grants-in-aid revenue distribution equivalencies. Only tuition, fees, room, board, and course-related books are countable for grants-in-aid revenue distribution per Bylaw 20.02.10.

      iv. Full grant amount should be entered as a full year of tuition, not a semester or quarter.

      v. Student-athletes are to be counted once, regardless of multiple sport participation, and should not receive a revenue distribution equivalency greater than 1.00.

      vi. Athletics grants are valid for revenue distribution purposes only in sports in which the NCAA conducts championships competition, emerging sports for women and football bowl subdivision football.

      vii. Grants-in-aid are valid for revenue distribution purposes in NCAA sports that do not meet the minimum contests and participants' requirements of Bylaw 20.10.6.3.

      viii. Institutions providing grants to student-athletes listed on the CRDE as "Exhausted Eligibility (fifth-year)" or "Medical" receive credit in the grants-in-aid component.

ix. The athletics aid equivalency cannot exceed maximum equivalency limits. However, the total revenue distribution equivalency can exceed maximum equivalency limits due to exhausted eligibility and medical equivalencies (reference Bylaw 15.5.3.1).

x. If a sport is discontinued and the athletic grant(s) are still being honored by the Institution, the grant(s) are included in student-athlete aid for revenue distribution purposes.

xi. All equivalency calculations should be rounded to two decimal places.

xii. If a selected student received a Pell Grant, ensure that the value of the grant is not included in the calculation of equivalencies or the total dollar amount of student athletic aid expense for the Institution.

xiii. If a selected student received a Pell Grant, ensure that the student's grant was included in the total number and total value of Pell Grants reported for revenue distribution purposes in the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System.

c. We recalculated totals for each sport and overall.

Result: The total amount of the countable aid from the squad list tied to the amount shown on the Statement within an insignificant amount. As the Institution utilizes the CA software, we selected 10%, or 40 students. We noted differences during the recalculation of revenue distribution per student for 1 student and a difference in recalculation of contributable aid for 4 students.

For 1 student tested who received a Pell Grant, the total value of Pell Grant received did not agree to the total value of Pell Grant reported for revenue distribution purposes in the NCAA Membership Financial Reporting System.

To Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, Interim President
Youngstown State University

The student accounts tested are summarized below:

Student Tested	Total Contributable Aid Recalculated	Total Contributable Aid Reported	Revenue Distribution Recalculation	Revenue Distribution Reported	Difference
1	$ 5,300	5,300	0.25	0.25	-
2	9,500	9,500	0.34	0.34	-
3	15,489	15,489	0.79	0.79	-
4	25,500	25,500	1.00	1.00	-
5	24,716	24,716	1.00	1.00	-
6	22,024	22,024	1.00	1.00	-
7	9,126	9,126	0.45	0.45	-
8	3,000	3,000	0.15	0.15	-
9	20,670	20,670	1.00	1.00	-
10	23,657	23,657	1.00	1.00	-
11	17,200	17,200	0.87	0.85	0.02
12	7,425	7,425	0.37	0.37	-
13	17,964	17,964	0.86	0.86	-
14	6,952	6,952	0.34	0.34	-
15	11,000	11,000	0.53	0.53	-
16	10,597	10,597	0.53	0.53	-
17	6,000	6,000	0.19	0.19	-
18	22,101	21,790	1.00	1.00	-
19	2,000	2,000	0.10	0.10	-
20	9,000	9,000	0.45	0.45	-
21	23,716	23,716	1.00	1.00	-
22	22,716	22,716	1.00	1.00	-
23	18,000	18,000	0.83	0.83	-
24	1,000	1,000	0.05	0.05	-
25	10,313	10,313	0.49	0.49	-
26	13,000	13,000	0.60	0.60	-
27	12,191	12,191	0.59	0.59	-
28	9,588	9,588	0.48	0.48	-
29	10,000	10,000	0.47	0.47	-
30	14,250	14,250	0.70	0.70	-
31	9,200	9,200	0.37	0.37	-
32	16,000	16,000	0.74	0.74	-
33	12,474	12,474	0.61	0.61	-
34	21,000	21,000	0.88	0.88	-
35	21,931	21,917	1.00	1.00	-
36	17,101	17,101	0.87	0.87	-
37	13,211	12,850	0.67	0.67	-
38	22,461	22,540	1.00	1.00	-
39	2,000	2,000	0.10	0.10	-
40	22,141	22,141	1.00	1.00	-

2) **Guarantees Procedure:** Guarantees were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

3) **Coaching Salaries, Benefits, and Bonuses Paid by the Institution and Related Entities Procedure:** We obtained and inspected a listing of coaches employed by the Institution and related entities during the reporting period. We selected a sample of five coaches' contracts that includes football and men's and women's basketball from the above listing. We agreed the financial terms and conditions of each selection to the related coaching salaries, benefits, and bonuses recorded by the Institution and related entities in the Statement during the reporting period. We obtained and inspected payroll summary registers for each selection. We agreed related payroll summary registers to the related coaching salaries, benefits, and bonuses paid by the Institution and related entities expense recorded by the Institution in the Statement during the reporting period and recalculated totals. We agreed the totals recorded to any employment contracts executed for the sample selected.

   Result: We selected five coaches' contracts that included men's basketball, football, women's basketball, baseball, and women's track and field. We agreed the financial terms and conditions of each to the related coaching salaries, benefits, and bonuses recorded by the Institution on the payroll detail. We agreed payroll detail totals to the Statement and recalculated totals. We noted no exceptions.

4) **Coaching Salaries, Benefits, and Bonuses Paid by a Third Party Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this expense category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

5) **Support Staff/Administrative Compensation, Benefits and Bonuses Paid by the Institution and Related Entities Procedure:** We selected a sample of one support staff/administrative personnel employed by the Institution and related entities during the reporting period. We obtained and inspected payroll summary registers for the selection. We agreed related payroll summary registers to the related support staff/administrative salaries, benefits and bonuses paid by the Institution and related entities expense recorded by the Institution in the Statement during the reporting period. We also recalculated totals.

   Result: We selected one support staff/administrative personnel, a coordinator. We noted no exceptions.

6) **Support Staff/Administrative Compensation, Benefits, and Bonuses Paid by a Third Party Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this expense category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

7) **Severance Payments Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this expense category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

8) **Recruiting Procedure:** Recruiting was less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

9) **Team Travel Procedure:** We obtained documentation of the Institution's team travel policies. We agreed to existing institutional- and NCAA-related policies. We obtained general ledger detail and agreed to the total expenses reported. We recalculated totals.

   Result: We noted no exceptions.

10) **Sports Equipment, Uniforms and Supplies Procedure:** We obtained general ledger detail and agreed to the total expenses reported. We selected a sample of one transaction and agreed to supporting documentation. We recalculated totals.

    Result: We selected a transaction paid on September 9, 2022 for football equipment totaling $65,394.71 and agreed it to the purchase order, the invoice, and the check. We noted no exceptions.

11) **Game Expenses Procedure:** Game expenses were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

12) **Fund Raising, Marketing and Promotion Procedure:** Fund raising, marketing and promotion were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

13) **Sports Camp Expenses Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this expense category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

14) **Spirit Groups Procedure:** Spirit groups expenses were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

15) **Athletic Facilities Debt Service, Leases and Rental Fees Procedure:** Athletic facilities debt service, leases and rental fees were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

16) **Direct Overhead and Administrative Expenses Procedure:** Direct overhead and administrative expenses were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

17) **Indirect Institutional Support Procedure:** We tested this with the revenue section – Indirect Institutional Support.

18) **Medical Expenses and Insurance Procedure:** Medical expenses and insurance were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

19) **Memberships and Dues Procedure:** Memberships and dues were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

20) **Student-Athlete Meals (non-travel) Procedure:** Student-athlete meals (non-travel) were less than 4% of total expenses, so additional procedures were not performed.

21) **Football Bowl Expenses Procedure:** No amounts were reported for this expense category; therefore, additional procedures were not performed.

22) **Other Operating Expenses Procedure:** We obtained general ledger detail and compared to the total expenses reported. We selected a sample of one transaction to validate existence of the transaction and accuracy of recording and recalculated totals.

Result: We selected a transaction paid on May 4, 2023 for team catering totaling $2,610 and agreed it to the invoice, purchase card detail, and payment of purchase card statement. We noted no exceptions.

Related to Affiliated and Outside Organizations not Under the Institution's Accounting Control

P. In preparation for our procedures related to the Institution's affiliated and outside organizations we:

1) Obtained from management a list of any affiliated and outside organizations that meet any of the following criteria:

   i. Booster organizations established by or on behalf of an intercollegiate athletics program

   ii. Independent or affiliated foundations or other organizations that have as a principal, or one of their principal purposes, the generating or maintaining of grants-in-aid or scholarships funds, gifts, endowments, or other moneys, goods or services to be used primarily by the intercollegiate athletics program

   iii. Alumni organizations that have as a principal, or one of their principal purposes, the generating of moneys, goods or services for or on behalf of an intercollegiate athletics program and that contribute moneys, goods or services directly to an intercollegiate athletics program, booster group, or independent or affiliated foundation as previously noted.

2) We requested documentation on the Institution's practices and procedures for monitoring the internal controls in place and financial activities of these organizations. We inquired of management on the procedures for gathering information on the nature and extent of affiliated and outside organization activity for or on behalf of the Institution's intercollegiate athletics program. We obtained and inspected audited financial statements of the organization and any additional reports regarding internal controls and any corrective action taken in response to comments concerning the control environment that were provided to us by management.

   Result: We inquired of management as to whether they had identified any affiliated or outside organizations that meet the above criteria. Management provided a listing and indicated that the Penguin Club was the only outside organization that had expenses for or on behalf of the Institution's intercollegiate athlete program. Additionally, we noted the Penguin Club does not have audited financial statements, and the control environment is the same as that of the Institution. As a result, no additional procedures were performed on the Penguin Club's activity.

To Dr. Helen K. Lafferty, Interim President
Youngstown State University

We were engaged by the Institution 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 (AICPA). We were not engaged to, and did not, conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Institution's Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses under National Collegiate Athletic Association Bylaw 20.2.4.17. 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 the Institution 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 for the information and use of Youngstown State University and the National Collegiate Athletic Association and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

Columbus, Ohio
December 21, 2023

Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses

Year Ended June 30, 2023

Operating Revenues	Football	Men's Basketball	Women's Basketball	Other Sports	Non-Program Specific	Total
Ticket Sales	$ 300,051	$ 279,050	$ 19,664	$ -	$ -	$ 598,765
Guarantees	550,000	100,000	-	-	-	650,000
Contributions	527,993	14,472	7,488	179,825	899,495	1,629,273
In-Kind Contributions	-	-	-	8,470	-	8,470
Direct State or Other Governmental Support	-	-	-	-	-	-
Direct Institutional Support	-	-	-	-	15,829,765	15,829,765
Less - Transfers Back to Institution	-	-	-		(36,713)	(36,713)
Indirect Institutional Support	-	-	-		46,942	46,942
NCAA Distributions	-	-	-	-	1,544,775	1,544,775
Conference Distributions	-	-	-	23,140	104,194	127,334
Broadcast Television, Radio and Internet Rights	-	-	-	-	-	-
Program Sales, Concessions, Novelty Sales and Parking	258,709	1,091	444	-	-	260,244
Royalties, Licensing, Advertisements and Sponsorships	383,790	168,000	-	-	172,054	723,844
Sports Camp Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment and Investment Income	-	-	-	-	3,148	3,148
Other	-	20,711	-	9,925	163,380	194,016
Total Operating Revenues	2,020,543	583,324	27,596	221,360	18,727,040	21,579,863
Operating Expenses						
Athletic Student Aid	1,584,280	354,014	367,507	2,847,403	328,688	5,481,892
Guarantees	225,000	107,000	16,500	-	-	348,500
Coaching Salaries, Benefits and Bonuses Paid by the Institution	1,495,085	783,826	551,425	1,679,857	-	4,510,193
Support Staff/Administrative Compensation, Benefits and Bonuses Paid by the Institution	-	-	-	-	3,449,054	3,449,054
Recruiting	100,055	88,468	46,175	64,511	-	299,209
Team Travel	583,724	302,060	134,203	1,332,357	-	2,352,344
Sports Equipment, Uniforms and Supplies	309,165	58,253	46,691	389,292	124,592	927,993
Game Expenses	109,304	185,536	80,360	146,430	14,405	536,035
Fund Raising, Marketing and Promotion	-	-	440	280	222,963	223,683
Sports Camp Expenses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Athletic Facilities Debt Service, Leases and Rental Fees	-	-	-	59,719	90,378	150,097
Direct Overhead and Administrative Expenses	-	-	-	-	542,244	542,244
Spirit Groups	-	-	-	-	83,614	83,614
Medical Expenses and Insurance	-	-	-	-	307,122	307,122
Memberships and Dues	-	-	-	8,303	27,197	35,500
Student-Athlete Meals (non-travel)	97,119	-	-	31,158	-	128,277
Other Operating Expenses	104,366	73,741	39,502	106,312	1,417,881	1,741,802
Total Operating Expenses	4,608,098	1,952,898	1,282,803	6,665,622	6,608,138	21,117,559
Excess of Revenues (Under) Over Expenses	**$ (2,587,555)**	**$ (1,369,574)**	**$ (1,255,207)**	**$ (6,444,262)**	**$ 12,118,902**	**$ 462,304**

See notes to Intercollegiate Athletics Program Statement of Revenues and Expenses.

Note 1 - Contributions

The University received no individual contributions of moneys, goods, or services directly by the Institution's intercollegiate athletics program from any affiliated or outside organization, agency, or individuals (e.g., contributions by corporate sponsors) that constitute 10 percent or more of all contributions received for intercollegiate athletics during the year ended June 30, 2023.

Note 2 - Intercollegiate Athletics-Related Assets

Property and equipment are recorded at cost or, if donated, the fair value at the time of donation. Expense for maintenance and repairs is charged to current expense as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method. No depreciation is recorded on land. Expenses for major renewals and betterments that extend the useful lives of the assets are capitalized. Estimated service lives range from 5 to 40 years depending on class.

The current year capitalized additions and deletions to facilities during the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Current Year Additions	Current Year Deletions
Construction in Progress	$ 129,729	$ -
Equipment	112,454	18,075
Buildings	10,830	-
Building Improvements	1,472,356	-
Improvements - Other	-	-
Total Athletics Facilities	$ 1,725,369	$ 18,075
Other Institutional Facilities	$ 14,674,431	$ 1,892,275

The total estimated book values of property, plant, and equipment, net of depreciation, of the Institution as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Estimated Book Value
Athletically Related Property, Plant, and Equipment Balance	$ 21,586,932
Institution's Total Property, Plant, and Equipment Balance	$ 232,127,268

Note 3 - Intercollegiate Athletics-Related Debt

The annual debt service and debt outstanding for the Institution as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

	Annual Debt Service	Debt Outstanding
Athletically Related Facilities	$ 90,378	$ 2,328,834
Institution's Total	$ 3,554,174	$ 64,148,837

The repayment schedule for all outstanding intercollegiate athletics debt maintained by the Institution for the years ending June 30 is as follows:

	Total Intercollegiate Athletics Debt
2024	$ 8,713
2025	161,396
2026	204,546
2027	212,429
2028	220,727
2029-2034	1,521,023
	$ 2,328,834

Note 4 - Restricted and Endowment and Plant Funds

During the year, the Institution had no significant change in loan, endowment, or plant funds related to intercollegiate athletics.

In addition, at June 30, 2023, the Institution had $70,630 of endowments and $0 in pledges receivable dedicated to the sole support of athletics not reported in the Statement. The athletics department’s fund balance is $1,409,400 at June 30, 2023.

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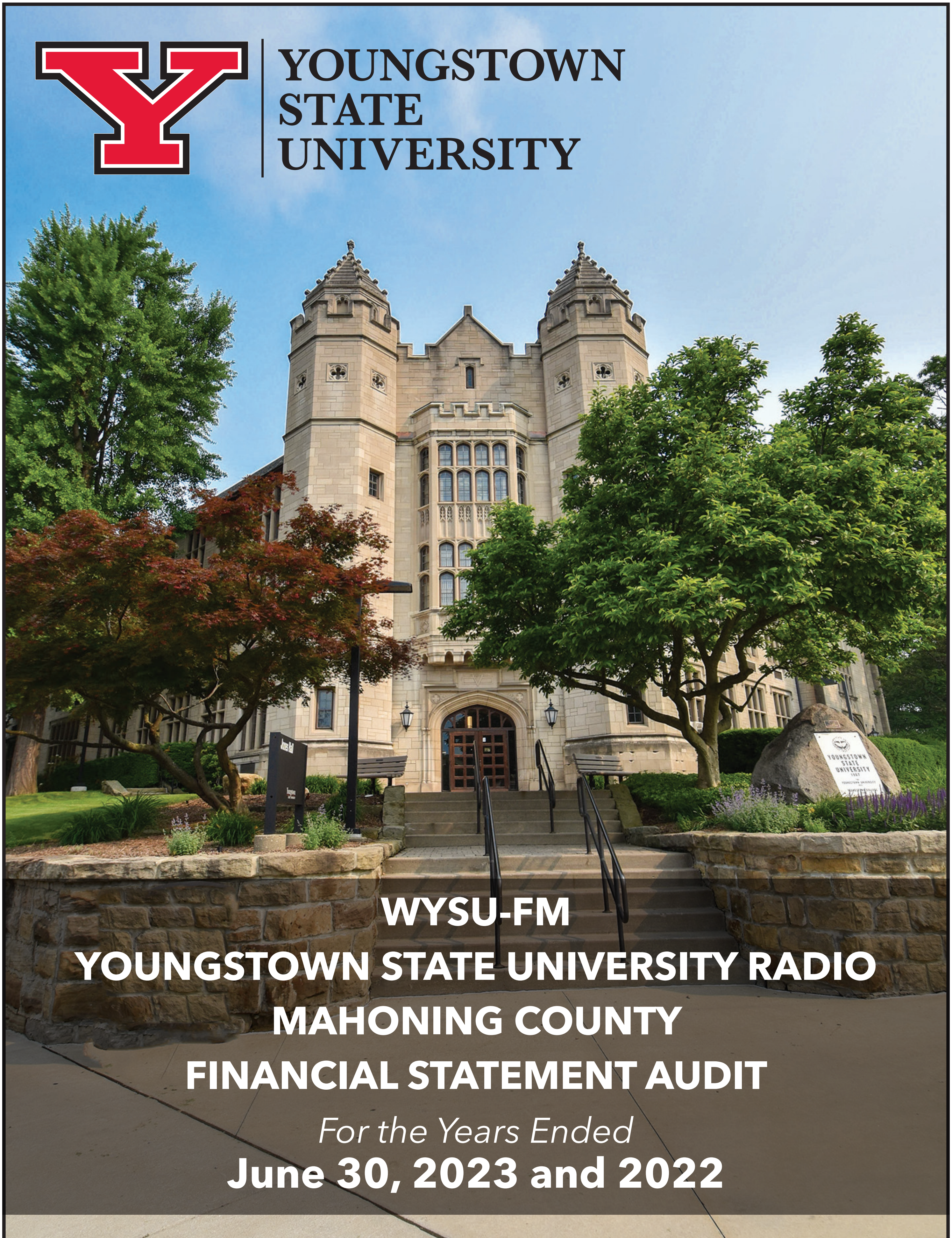

WYSU-FM
YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY RADIO
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

For the Years Ended

June 30, 2023 and 2022

WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

Report on the Audits of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities of WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio (the "Station"), a department of Youngstown State University, as of and for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio's basic financial statements, as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the business-type activities of WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Station and to meet our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audits. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the financial statements of the Station are intended to present the net position, changes in net position, and cash flows of only that portion of Youngstown State University's business-type activities that is attributable to the transactions of the Station. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the net position of Youngstown State University as of June 30, 2023 and 2022 or the changes in net position or the changes in cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Station's ability to continue as a going concern for 12 months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audits of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and, therefore, is not a guarantee that audits conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing audits in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audits
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audits 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 Station's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Station's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audits, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audits.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and other required supplementary information, as identified in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, which 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 audits 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.

To the Board of Trustees
WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 21, 2023 on our consideration of WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, 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 WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio'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 WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Plante & Moran, PLLC

December 21, 2023

Management's Discussion and Analysis (cont.)

The Management's Discussion and Analysis section of the WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio (WYSU-FM or the Station) Financial Report presents an unaudited discussion and analysis of the financial performance of the Station, a non-commercial public radio station operated by Youngstown State University (the University or YSU), during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 with comparative information for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2022 and June 30, 2021. This discussion has been prepared by management and should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and the accompanying notes that follow.

Introduction

The University operates WYSU-FM, a 50,000-watt radio station that serves the Mahoning and Shenango Valley regions with fine arts, news, and information programming from its studios in Melnick Hall. WYSU-FM functions as a department of the Division of University Relations at the University. The Station broadcasts a mix of news and classical music programs on its main analog channel, HD1 (digital) channel, and an internet stream. WYSU-FM also broadcasts classical music on its HD2 channel and second internet stream. The Station broadcasts at 88.5 MHz in Youngstown, Ohio, 90.1 MHz in Ashtabula, Ohio, and 89.7 MHz in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

WYSU-FM is a non-commercial, listener-supported, community-based public radio station committed to being the region's leading source for quality programming. It provides trusted in-depth news, engaging conversation, and music that stimulates the mind and spirit. As one of YSU's most visible daily representatives to the community, WYSU-FM also strives to be a valuable ambassador to the community, providing a forum to promote the artistic and intellectual activities of the University.

Since 1969, public radio WYSU 88.5 FM has been northeast Ohio's and western Pennsylvania's source for the best in news and information programming, music, and entertainment. WYSU-FM is a charter National Public Radio (NPR) affiliate station. Every week thousands of listeners tune to the Station for its eclectic and innovative non-commercial program schedule including engaging news and information, great entertainment, and superb classical, jazz, and folk music – together providing a provocative, culturally rich, and intellectually stimulating journey for WYSU-FM listeners.

Using the Financial Statements

The Station's financial report includes three basic financial statements: the Statement of Net Position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows. These financial statements are prepared in accordance with the financial reporting format required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statements No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments* and No. 35, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for Public Colleges and Universities*, as amended. These statements establish standards for external financial reporting for public colleges and universities and require that financial statements be presented on a basis to focus on the financial condition of the Station, the results of operations, and cash flows of the Station as a whole.

During fiscal year 2018, the Station adopted GASB Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions (OPEB)* and during fiscal year 2015, the Station adopted GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. These statements significantly revised accounting for pension/OPEB costs and assets/liabilities.

Prior to GASBs 68 and 75, the accounting for pension/OPEB costs, was focused on a funding approach, which limited pension/OPEB costs to contributions annually required by law, which may or may not be sufficient to fully fund each pension plan's net pension/OPEB asset/liability.

Under standards required by these statements, the net pension/OPEB asset/liability equals the Station's proportionate share of each pension/OPEB plan's collective present value of estimated future pension/OPEB benefits attributable to employees' past service minus plan assets available to pay these benefits. Pension/OPEB obligations, whether funded or unfunded, are part of the "employment exchange" – that is, the employee is trading his or her labor in exchange for wages, benefits, and the promise of a future pension and OPEB. The unfunded portions of these pension/OPEB promises are a present obligation, part of a bargained-for benefit to the employee, and are reported by the Station as liabilities since the benefit of the exchange was received.

The nature of Ohio's statewide pension systems and state law governing those systems requires additional explanation in order to properly understand the information presented in these statements. The Station is not responsible for certain key factors affecting the balance of these liabilities. In Ohio, the employee shares the obligation of funding pension benefits with the employer. Both employer and employee contribution rates are capped by the State statute. A change in these caps requires action by both Houses of the General Assembly and approval of the Governor. Benefit provisions are also determined by State statute. The employee enters the employment exchange with the knowledge that the employer's promise is limited not by contract but by law. The employer enters the exchange also knowing that there is a specific, legal limit to its contribution to the pension system. In Ohio, there is no legal means to enforce the unfunded liability of the pension system against the public employer. State law operates to mitigate the obligation of the public employer to the employee because all parties enter the employment exchange with notice as to the law. The pension system is responsible for the administration of the plan.

Most long-term liabilities have set repayment schedules or, in the case of compensated absences (i.e. sick and vacation leave), are satisfied through paid time-off or termination payments. There is no repayment schedule for the net pension/OPEB assets/liabilities. Changes in pension/OPEB benefits, contribution rates, and return on investments affect the balances of the net pension/OPEB assets/liabilities, but are outside the control of the public employer. In the event that contributions, investment returns, and other changes are insufficient to keep up with required payments, State statute does not assign/identify the responsible party for the unfunded portion. Due to the unique nature of how the net pension/OPEB assets/liabilities are satisfied, these assets and liabilities are separately identified within the noncurrent asset and long-term liability sections of the Statement of Net Position.

In accordance with GASBs 68 and 75, the Station's statements, prepared on an accrual basis of accounting, include an annual pension/OPEB expense for the proportionate share of each pension plan's change in net pension/OPEB asset/liability.

Overall key presentation elements of the financial statements include:

- Assets and liabilities are categorized as either current or noncurrent. Current assets and liabilities will be consumed or fulfilled within one year.
- Revenues and expenses are categorized as either operating or non-operating. Significant recurring sources of the Station's revenues, including the general appropriation from the University and membership revenue are considered non-operating, as defined by GASB Statement No. 35.
- Capital assets are reported net of accumulated depreciation.

The Statement of Net Position

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial position of the Station at the end of the fiscal year and includes all assets (current and noncurrent), deferred outflows of resources, liabilities (current and noncurrent), deferred inflows of resources, and net position of the Station. Current assets are classified as such if they are available to satisfy current liabilities, which are generally defined as being due within one year of the date of the Statement of Net Position. Net position is one indicator of the financial condition of the Station, while the change in net position is an indicator of whether the overall financial condition has improved or worsened during the year.

A summarized comparison of the Station's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position at June 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 follows:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Assets			
Current assets	$ 1,817,531	$ 1,932,895	$ 1,923,766
Noncurrent assets			
Capital assets, net	85,518	103,465	121,412
Other assets	254,478	309,052	326,672
Total Noncurrent assets	339,996	412,517	448,084
Total Assets	2,157,527	2,345,412	2,371,850
Deferred Outflows of Resources	297,600	67,296	49,715
Liabilities			
Current liabilities	46,517	39,925	40,761
Noncurrent liabilities	715,483	223,708	388,089
Total Liabilities	762,000	263,633	428,850
Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,674	325,410	349,636
Net Position			
Net investment in capital assets	85,518	103,465	121,412
Restricted	286,451	274,847	317,286
Unrestricted	1,315,484	1,445,353	1,204,381
Total Net Position	$ 1,687,453	$ 1,823,665	$ 1,643,079

Total assets, consisting primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, pledges receivable, investments, and capital assets, decreased $187,885 or 8% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. Current assets decreased $115,364 or 6% between fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023 primarily due to a decrease in cash and cash equivalents. Noncurrent assets decreased $72,521 or 18% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. The decrease was attributed to a decrease in the net OPEB asset of $68,809 and a decrease in net capital assets of $17,947 which represents the recording of fiscal year 2023 depreciation offset by an increase in endowment investments of $14,235 due to favorable market conditions.

Total assets, consisting primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, pledges receivable, investments, and capital assets, decreased $26,438 or 1% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. Current assets increased $9,129 or 0.47% between fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022 primarily due to an increase in cash and cash equivalents. Noncurrent assets decreased $35,567 or 8% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. The decrease was attributed to a combination of a decrease in endowment investments of $43,678 due to unfavorable market environment in fiscal year 2022 and a decrease in net capital assets of $17,947 which represents the recording of fiscal year 2022 depreciation offset by an increase in the net OPEB asset of $26,058.

See Note 2 for additional information on cash and cash equivalents, Note 3 for investments, and Note 4 for capital assets.

Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period, but do not require further exchange of goods or services; whereas deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period. The following table summarizes balances at:

Deferred Outflows of Resources	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Related to pension	$ 255,639	$ 65,605	$ 28,697
Related to OPEB	41,961	1,691	21,018
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	$ 297,600	$ 67,296	$ 49,715

Deferred Inflows of Resources	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Related to pension	$ 1,067	$ 248,059	$ 195,976
Related to OPEB	4,607	77,351	153,660
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	$ 5,674	$ 325,410	$ 349,636

Included in deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources are items relating to pensions and OPEB. Certain elements impacting the change in the net pension/OPEB assets/liabilities have a longer-term perspective than the current year, therefore, to reduce volatility these elements are amortized over a closed period of specified duration. These include differences between expected and actual experience, changes of assumptions, net differences between projected and actual earnings of investments, and changes in the proportionate share of contributions. These elements can be reflected as either a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources.

Deferred outflows of resources increased $230,304 or 342% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. Deferred outflows of resources related to pension increased $190,034 or 290% primarily due a $192,483 increase in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments related to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) plan. Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB increased $40,270 or 2,381% primarily due to a $13,639 increase in the changes in assumptions and a $27,735 increase in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB investments related to the OPERS plan.

Deferred inflows of resources decreased $319,736 or 98% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension decreased $246,992 or 100% primarily due to a $233,350 decrease in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments related to the OPERS plan. Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB decreased $72,744 or 94% primarily due to a $26,732 decrease in changes in assumptions and a $32,804 decrease in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB investments related to the OPERS plan.

Deferred outflows of resources increased $17,581 or 35% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. Deferred outflows of resources related to pension increased $36,908 or 129% primarily due a $24,236 increase in the changes in assumptions related to the OPERS plan as well as a $10,009 increase in the differences between expected and actual experience related to the OPERS plan. Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB decreased $19,327 or 92% primarily due to a $21,016 decrease in the changes in assumptions related to the OPERS plan.

Deferred inflows of resources decreased $24,226 or 7% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. Deferred inflows of resources related to pension increased $52,083 or 27% due to a $91,885 increase in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments offset by a $28,442 decrease in change in proportionate share of contributions to the OPERS plan and a $11,360 decrease in the differences between expected and actual experience. Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB decreased $76,309 or 50% due to a $41,413 decrease in changes in assumptions, a $28,143 decrease in the differences between expected and actual experience and a $16,788 decrease in the change in proportionate share of contributions related to the OPERS plan offset by a $10,035 increase in the net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB investments related to the OPERS plan.

See Note 6 for additional information on employee benefit plans.

Total liabilities consisting of accounts payable, payroll liabilities, unearned revenue, compensated absences, net pension liability, and net OPEB liability increased $498,367 or 189% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. This was due to an increase in the net pension liability of $478,319 or 260%, an increase in accounts payable of $10,224 or 274% and recording a net OPEB liability of $13,964.

Total liabilities consisting of accounts payable, payroll liabilities, unearned revenue, compensated absences, net pension liability, and net OPEB liability decreased $165,217 or 39% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022 and was primarily due to a decrease in the net pension liability of $166,183 or 48%.

See Note 5 for additional information on compensated absences and Note 6 for information on employee benefit plans.

Net position represents the residual interest in the Station's assets after deferred outflows of resources are added, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources are deducted. The following is a recap of total net position segregating the unrestricted net position relating to the impact of the GASBs 68 and 75.

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Net investment in capital assets	$ 85,518	$ 103,465	$ 121,412
Restricted - nonexpendable	108,153	108,153	108,153
Restricted - expendable	178,298	166,694	209,133
Unrestricted	1,699,499	1,818,316	1,811,392
Total net position without GASBs 68 and 75	2,071,468	2,196,628	2,250,090
GASB 68	(407,405)	(366,112)	(517,120)
GASB 75	23,390	(6,851)	(89,891)
Total Net Position	$ 1,687,453	$ 1,823,665	$ 1,643,079

Overall, the Station's total net position decreased $136,212 or 8% from $1,823,665 at June 30, 2022 to $1,687,453 at June 30, 2023. This was primarily due to a decrease of $129,869 in unrestricted net position. Excluding net position attributed to GASBs 68 and 75, net position decreased $125,160 or 6% from $2,196,628 at June 30, 2022 to $2,071,468 at June 30, 2023. The net investment in capital assets consists of equipment net of accumulated depreciation. The $17,947 or 17% decrease from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 was due to current year depreciation expense. Restricted nonexpendable net position consists primarily of endowment funds held by the University in the name of the Station. Changes in this category are driven by additions or deductions to the endowment corpus. During fiscal year 2023, there were no changes. Restricted expendable net position is subject to externally imposed restrictions governing their use. Changes in this category are due to the timing of revenues and expenses in funds provided by donors and grantors. Restricted expendable net position increased $11,604 or 7% primarily due to the allocation of unrealized investment gains in the Station's endowment fund. Unrestricted net position is not subject to externally imposed restrictions and is designated for future operations. Unrestricted net position decreased $118,817 or 7% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023 primarily due to decreases in revenue from membership receipts, general appropriations from the University and in-kind support from the Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC) coupled with increases in management, broadcasting and fundraising expenses.

Overall, the Station's total net position increased $180,586 or 11% from $1,643,079 at June 30, 2021 to $1,823,665 at June 30, 2022. This was primarily due to an increase of $240,972 in unrestricted net position. Excluding net position attributed to GASBs 68 and 75, net position decreased $53,462 or 2% from $2,250,090 at June 30, 2021 to $2,196,628 at June 30, 2022. The net investment in capital assets consists of equipment net of accumulated depreciation. The $17,947 or 15% decrease from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022 was due to current year depreciation expense. Restricted nonexpendable net position consists primarily of endowment funds held by the University in the name of the Station. Changes in this category are driven by additions or deductions to the endowment corpus. During fiscal year 2022, there were no changes. Restricted expendable net position is subject to externally imposed restrictions governing their use. Changes in this category are due to the timing of revenues and expenses in funds provided by donors and grantors. Restricted expendable net position decreased $42,439 or 20% primarily due to the allocation of unrealized investment losses in the Station's endowment fund. Unrestricted net position is not subject to externally imposed restrictions and is designated for future operations. Unrestricted net position increased $6,924 or 0.38% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022.

The Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

These statements present the operating results and the non-operating revenues and expenses of the Station. Operating revenues are generated by an annual Community Service Grant (a portion of which is restricted) from the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and an annual grant from the BEMC, which is administered by the eTech Ohio Commission. In addition, in-kind support is received from BEMC and includes support for transmission of Radio Reading Service Programming. Operating revenues also include contributions from area businesses (program underwriting). Operating expenses are incurred to vendors and employees for providing goods or services for the overall operations of the Station. Net non-operating revenues include the general appropriation from the University, donated facilities and administrative support from the University, membership revenue, net revenue from fund raising, private gifts, and net investment income.

A summary of the Station's revenues, expenses, and changes in net position follows:

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Total Operating Revenues	$ 378,196	$ 411,184	$ 371,228
Total Operating Expenses	1,404,713	1,069,547	583,260
Operating Loss	(1,026,517)	(658,363)	(212,032)
Net Non-operating Revenues	890,305	838,949	1,006,407
Change in Net Position	(136,212)	180,586	794,375
Net Position at Beginning of the Year	1,823,665	1,643,079	848,704
Net Position at End of the Year	$ 1,687,453	$ 1,823,665	$ 1,643,079

The Station's total operating revenues decreased $32,988 or 8% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. The decrease was primarily the result of an decrease of $31,422 in revenue from in-kind contributions.

The Station's total operating revenues increased $39,956 or 11% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. The increase was primarily the result of an increase of $36,282 in revenue from in-kind contributions.

The following is a recap of total operating expenses with the impact of the GASBs 68 and 75 pension expense accruals segregated.

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2021
Program Services	$ 801,922	$ 776,940	$ 678,597
Support Services	591,739	526,655	389,933
Operating Expenses without GASBs 68 and 75 accruals	1,393,661	1,303,595	1,068,530
GASB 68 pension expense accruals	41,293	(151,008)	(157,330)
GASB 75 OPEB expense accrual	(30,241)	(83,040)	(327,940)
Total Operating Expenses	$ 1,404,713	$ 1,069,547	$ 583,260

Excluding the impact of GASBs 68 and 75, total operating expenses increased $90,066 or 7% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. Program services increased $24,982 or 3% due to an increase in broadcasting expense attributed to software upgrades to the broadcast automation system. Support services increased $65,084 or 12% due to an increase in management and general expenses related to the increase in institutional support from the University as well as an increase in fundraising expenses attributed to the billboard campaign.

Pension expense attributed to GASB 68 increased $192,301 from ($151,008) in fiscal year 2022 to $41,293 in fiscal year 2023; whereas OPEB expense attributed to GASB 75 increased $52,799 from ($83,040) in fiscal year 2022 to ($30,241) in fiscal year 2023. These expenses are the result of changes in the deferred outflows/inflows and liabilities/assets related to pension/OPEB. The Station has no control over the factors affecting these changes.

Excluding the impact of GASBs 68 and 75, total operating expenses increased $235,065 or 22% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. Program services increased $98,343 or 14% primarily due to increases in programming and production expense and broadcasting expense related to the increase in in-kind support from BEMC. In addition, the increase is attributed to an increase in program information expense due to hiring an employee at the end of fiscal year 2021 to fill the program information position which was left vacant in March 2021. Support services increased $136,722 or 35% primarily attributed to an increase in management and general expenses related to the increase in institutional support from the University.

Pension expense attributed to GASB 68 increased $6,322 from ($157,330) in fiscal year 2021 to ($151,008) in fiscal year 2022; whereas OPEB expense attributed to GASB 75 increased $244,900 from ($327,940) in fiscal year 2021 to ($83,040) in fiscal year 2022. These expenses are the result of changes in the deferred outflows/inflows and liabilities/assets related to pension/OPEB. The Station has no control over the factors affecting these changes.

See Note 6 for additional information on pension plans and other post-employment benefits (OPEB).

Total net non-operating revenues increased $51,356 or 6% from fiscal year 2022 to fiscal year 2023. The general appropriation from the University decreased $22,917 or 6% between fiscal year 2022 and fiscal year 2023, primarily due to current year payroll expenses being redistributed to the WYSU-FM Cares Act fund. Donated facilities and administrative support from the University increased $46,159 or 23% due to an increase in institutional support from the University, the result of an increase in pension and OPEB expenses attributed to GASBs 68 and 75 in fiscal year 2023. Membership income decreased $30,746 or 11% due to a decline in the number of donors and a decline in the average donation per donor in fiscal year 2023 compared to fiscal year 2022. Investment income, net of investment expense increased $58,735 or 179% which is attributed to the recognition of realized and unrealized gains in the Station's endowment fund due to favorable market conditions.

Total net non-operating revenues decreased $167,458 or 17% from fiscal year 2021 to fiscal year 2022. The Station did not receive federal appropriations in fiscal year 2022 resulting in a decrease of $166,757 or 100%. The general appropriation from the University increased $77,027 or 24% between fiscal year 2021 and fiscal year 2022, primarily due to payroll increases resulting from all positions being fully-staffed in fiscal year 2022 compared to fiscal year 2021 as well as a vacation and sick leave payout to an employee due to retirement. Donated facilities and administrative support from the University increased $114,079 or 136% due to an increase in institutional support from the University, the result of an increase in total operating expenses in fiscal year 2022. Membership income increased $24,661 or 10%, the result of two, month-long fundraising initiatives. The Station did not receive any bequests or large gifts in fiscal year 2022 as compared to fiscal year 2021 resulting in a decrease in private gifts of $110,928 or 99%. Investment income, net of investment expense decreased $105,540 or 145% which is attributed to the recognition of unrealized losses in the Station's endowment fund due to unfavorable market conditions.

Economic Factors for the Future

As one of Youngstown State University's most visible campus and community entities, WYSU-FM reaches over 25,000 weekly listeners in eight counties in Ohio and three in Pennsylvania, as well as many other listeners throughout the country and around the world through its streaming services and smartphone applications. WYSU remains dedicated to its goals of providing high quality and reliable service, expanding its audience, developing and securing external funding sources and representing the YSU community positively. With the continued support of the University's Board of Trustees, administration, and dedicated staff, as well as the generous loyalty of the Station's listener-members, the support of businesses, non-profit organizations, and foundations, management believes the Station is well positioned to continue its favorable financial position and level of excellence into the future.

Continued downturned trends in both the national and regional economies have led to challenges in increasing external funding to pre-pandemic levels. A nation-wide downturn in the number of households contributing to charities as well as a downturned regional economy with a declining population have resulted in a decrease in listeners and listeners' support. To address these issues, the Station implemented two month-long, "soft" fundraising initiatives which offered an alternative to the traditional donor drive model. The Station also enhanced the marketing of its vehicle donation program by implementing a billboard campaign throughout the service area.In the coming year, the Station plans to work more closely with the YSU Foundation to pursue major and planned gifts as well as the YSU social media, marketing, and events staff to increase the Station's capabilities in all areas.

The Station recognizes the need to continuously enhance, upgrade and develop new technologies in order to provide continuous and reliable service to its audience. In the current year, the broadcast automation system was upgraded to the latest software and the website was renewed and refreshed on a new cloud server. Major projects in the planning phase include making significant repairs to the primary antenna and upgrading the digital production and broadcast audio system. Completion of these endeavors will allow the Station to continue to help listeners in their life-long learning pursuits, satisfy their intellectual curiosity, make more informed decisions, lead more fulfilling lives, become better and more involved citizens, and help make northeast Ohio and western Pennsylvania a better place to live.

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Statements of Net Position at June 30, 2023 and 2022

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 1,803,030	$ 1,918,160
Interest receivable	628	292
Accounts receivable (net of allowance of $200 in 2023 and $0 in 2022)	5,553	4,116
Pledges receivable (net of allowance of $1,591 in 2023 and $1,174 in 2022)	8,320	10,327
Total Current Assets	1,817,531	1,932,895
Noncurrent Assets		
Endowment investments	254,478	240,243
Net OPEB asset	-	68,809
Capital assets, net	85,518	103,465
Total Noncurrent Assets	339,996	412,517
Total Assets	2,157,527	2,345,412
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows related to pension	255,639	65,605
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	41,961	1,691
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	297,600	67,296
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	13,950	3,726
Payroll liabilities	15,143	18,911
Unearned revenue	9,171	7,642
Compensated absences	8,253	9,646
Total Current Liabilities	46,517	39,925
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Compensated absences	39,542	40,050
Net pension liability	661,977	183,658
Net OPEB liability	13,964	-
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	715,483	223,708
Total Liabilities	762,000	263,633
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows related to pension	1,067	248,059
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	4,607	77,351
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	5,674	325,410
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	85,518	103,465
Restricted, nonexpendable	108,153	108,153
Restricted, expendable - grant and endowment	178,298	166,694
Unrestricted	1,315,484	1,445,353
Total Net Position	$ 1,687,453	$ 1,823,665

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position for the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
REVENUES		
Operating Revenues		
Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant	$ 117,105	$ 126,402
In-kind contributions	142,642	174,064
Broadcast Education Media Commission grant	33,570	33,570
Underwriting revenue	84,879	77,148
Total Operating Revenues	378,196	411,184
EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses		
Program Services		
Programming and production	484,842	430,677
Broadcasting	223,247	187,335
Program information	78,855	42,509
Traffic and continuity	20,140	10,254
Support Services		
Management and general	346,932	252,069
Fund raising and membership development	79,506	43,289
Underwriting	33,322	24,155
Clerical	119,922	61,312
Depreciation	17,947	17,947
Total Operating Expenses	1,404,713	1,069,547
Operating Loss	(1,026,517)	(658,363)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
General appropriation from the University	378,222	401,139
Donated facilities and administrative support from the University	244,292	198,133
Membership revenue	240,977	271,723
Private gifts	875	750
Investment income, net of investment expense	25,939	(32,796)
Net Nonoperating Revenues	890,305	838,949
Change in Net Position	(136,212)	180,586
NET POSITION		
Net Position at Beginning of the Year	1,823,665	1,643,079
Net Position at End of the Year	$ 1,687,453	$ 1,823,665

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows
for the Years Ended June 30, 2023 and 2022

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2022
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Corporation for Public Broadcasting grant	$ 117,105	$ 126,402
Broadcast Educational Media Commission grant	33,570	33,570
Underwriting support	85,421	73,161
Payments to suppliers	(462,594)	(412,154)
Payments to employees	(379,680)	(365,885)
Payments for benefits	(141,951)	(129,676)
Total Cash Flows Used in Operating Activities	(748,129)	(674,582)
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities		
General appropriation from the University	378,222	401,139
Membership receipts	242,534	276,057
Private gifts	875	750
Total Cash Flows Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	621,631	677,946
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Interest on investments	14,809	43,262
(Purchase) sale of investments	(3,441)	(32,499)
Total Cash Flows Provided by Investing Activities	11,368	10,763
Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(115,130)	14,127
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year	1,918,160	1,904,033
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	$ 1,803,030	$ 1,918,160
Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Used in Operating Activities		
Operating loss	$ (1,026,517)	$ (658,363)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation	17,947	17,947
Donated facilities and administrative support from the University	244,292	198,133
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable, net`	(987)	782
Net OPEB asset	68,809	(26,058)
Accounts payable, payroll liabilities, compensated absences, and unearned revenue	6,084	967
Net pension/OPEB liability	492,283	(166,183)
Deferred outflows-pension and OPEB	(230,304)	(17,581)
Deferred inflows-pension and OPEB	(319,736)	(24,226)
Net Cash Flows Used in Operating Activities	$ (748,129)	$ (674,582)

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

Note 1 – Organization and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organization and Basis of Presentation

WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio (WYSU-FM or the Station) is operated as a department of the Division of University Relations at Youngstown State University (the University or YSU) and is subject to the policies established by the University's Board of Trustees. The Station reports annually to the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

The financial statements of the Station are intended to present the financial position, the changes in financial position and cash flows, of only that portion of the activities of Youngstown State University that is attributable to the transactions of the Station. They do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of Youngstown State University as of June 30, 2023 and 2022, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The financial statements of the Station have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as prescribed by the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

As required by the GASB, resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes into the following four net position categories:

- Net investment in capital assets - Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

- Restricted, nonexpendable - Resources subject to externally imposed stipulations that they be maintained permanently by the Station. Such resources include the Station's permanent endowment funds.

- Restricted, expendable - Resources whose use by the Station is subject to externally imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of the Station pursuant to those stipulations or that expire by the passage of time. Such resources include the restricted portion of the CPB's Radio Community Service Grant, donations and endowment earnings.

- Unrestricted - Resources that are not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Unrestricted resources may be designated for specific purposes by action of management, Board of Trustees or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties. Substantially all unrestricted resources are designated for Station programs, initiatives and capital projects.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared using the economic resource measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. The Station reports as a business-type activity, as defined by the GASB. Business-type activities are those that are financed in whole or in part by fees charged to external parties for goods or services.

Cash and Cash Equivalents - The Station considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates fair value and excludes amounts restricted by board designation or whose use is limited.

Investments **-** Investments are reported at fair value based on quoted market prices. Changes in unrealized gains (losses) on the carrying value of investments are reported as a component of investment income in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. Restricted investments are comprised of endowment corpus and related spending funds.

Endowment Policy – Under Ohio law set forth in the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act (UPMIFA), as adopted in Ohio in 2009, the Board acts in a fiduciary capacity as trustee of its endowment funds. UPMIFA requires that the Board exercise its fiduciary duties prudently and consider both the charitable purposes and needs of the University and the purposes of the specific endowment regarding current expenditures and preservation of the purchasing power of the funds. The University Endowment Fund consists of 90 named funds, which includes the Station's endowment. Each named fund is assigned a number of shares in the University Endowment Fund based on the value of the gifts to that named fund. The University's endowment spending policy states that annual distributions each fiscal year are set to 5% of the twelve-quarter average of the market value for the preceding twelve calendar quarters ended September 30. Distributions greater than the calculated amount require written justification and Board of Trustees' approval.

Accounts Receivable - Accounts receivable consist of underwriting charges for various Station programs and amounts due from private sources in connection with reimbursement of allowable expenses under the applicable Station grants and contracts. Also included are gifts received by the Youngstown State University Foundation (YSUF or Foundation) in the month of June on behalf of the Station, in accordance with a development services agreement between the University and the Foundation. Accounts are recorded net of allowance for uncollectible accounts.

Pledges Receivable – The University has a development services agreement with the Foundation. As part of the agreement, non-fundraising pledges are recorded by the Foundation and payments on those pledges are collected by the Foundation and remitted to the Station on a monthly basis. Pledges receivable consist of transactions relating to fundraising activities. The Station receives pledges of financial support from corporations, foundations and individuals. Revenue is recognized when a pledge representing an unconditional promise to pay is received and all eligibility requirements have been met. In the absence of a conditional pledge, revenue is recognized when the gift is received. Pledges are recorded net of an allowance for uncollectible amounts and are discounted to net present value.

Capital Assets **-** Capital assets are comprised of equipment and stated at cost or acquisition value at date of gift. The capitalization threshold for equipment is $5,000. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. The estimated useful life for equipment is 3 to 7 years. The antenna and tower are depreciated over 10 years.

When capital assets are sold, or otherwise disposed of, the carrying value of such assets and any accumulated depreciation is removed from asset accounts and net investment in capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the capital asset or materially extend the capital asset's life are expensed when incurred.

Unearned Revenue - Unearned revenue includes certain underwriting amounts received prior to the end of the fiscal year that relate to the subsequent accounting period. Unearned revenue at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 were $9,171 and $7,642, respectively.

Compensated Absences - Accumulated unpaid vacation and sick leave benefits are recorded as required by the GASB. The Station uses the termination method to accrue sick leave compensated absences on the Statement of Net Position. Station employees earn vacation and sick leave benefits based, in part, on length of service. Vacation pay is fully vested when earned. Upon separation from service, employees are paid accumulated vacation and sick pay based upon the nature of the separation (death, retirement, or termination). Certain limitations have been placed on hours of vacation and sick leave that employees may accumulate and carry over for payment at death, retirement or termination. Unused hours exceeding these limitations are forfeited.

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources – Deferred outflows of resources represent the consumption of resources that are applicable to a future reporting period, but do not require further exchange of goods or services. Deferred inflows of resources represent the acquisition of resources that are applicable to a future resource period. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources in the Station's financial statements relate to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS) pension/OPEB plan.

Pensions/OPEB – For purposes of measuring the net pension/OPEB asset/liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions/OPEB, pension/OPEB expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the pension/OPEB plans, and additions to/deductions from their fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the pension/OPEB plan, which use the economic resources measurement focus and the full 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.

Corporation for Public Broadcasting Community Service Grants - The Corporation for Public Broadcasting is a private, nonprofit grantmaking organization responsible for funding more than

1,000 television and radio stations. CPB distributes annual Community Service Grants (CSGs) to qualifying public broadcasting entities. CSGs are used to augment the financial resources of public broadcasting entities and thereby to enhance the quality of programming and expand the scope of public broadcasting services. Each CSG may be expended over one or two federal fiscal years as described in the Communications Act, 47 United States Code Annotated, Section 396(k)(7). In any event, each grant must be expended within two years of the initial grant authorization. According to the Communications Act, funds may be used at the discretion of recipients for purposes relating primarily to production and acquisition of programming. Also, the grants may be used to sustain activities begun with CSGs awarded in prior years. Certain *General Provisions* must be satisfied in connection with application for and use of the grants to maintain eligibility and meet compliance requirements. These *General Provisions* pertain to the use of grant funds, record keeping, audits, financial reporting, mailing lists, and licensee status with the Federal Communications Commission. The CSGs are reported on the accompanying financial statements as increases in unrestricted net position and restricted, expendable net position.

<u>General Appropriation from the University</u> - The general appropriation represents support from the University for salaries and operating expenses not provided through other sources.

<u>Donated Facilities and Administrative Support</u> - Donated facilities and administrative support represent the Station's allocated amounts of institutional support and donated facilities and is recorded as non-operating revenue and expenses in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position. Administrative support is based on the Station's pro-rata share of the University's total salaries, wages and administrative expenses. Donated facilities are the Station's pro-rata share of the University's total plant expenses along with calculated occupancy costs.

<u>Income Taxes</u> **-** The Internal Revenue Service has ruled that the University's income is generally exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 115 of the Internal Revenue Code. The University is subject to tax on unrelated business income.

<u>Measurement Focus and Financial Statement Presentation</u> **-** Operating revenues and expenses result from providing programming, production and broadcasting support for the Station. The principal operating revenues include two grants, one from the CPB and one from the Broadcast Educational Media Commission (BEMC), along with underwriting revenue from area businesses. Principal operating expenses include programming, production, broadcasting, fundraising and management services and support. The principal non-operating revenues are the general appropriation from the University and membership support.

<u>Release of Restricted Funds</u> - When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted resources are available, it is the Station's policy to apply restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as needed.

<u>Management's Estimates</u> - The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to

make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and disclosures in the notes to financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Adoption of New Accounting Pronouncements – In fiscal year 2023, the provisions of the following GASB Statements became effective:

- GASB Statement No. 91, *Conduit Debt Obligations*, issued May 2019. As a result of the adoption of GASB Statement No. 95, the requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2021. The primary objectives of this Statement are to provide a single method of reporting conduit debt obligations by issuers and eliminate diversity in practice associated with commitments extended by issuers, arrangements associated with conduit debt obligations, and related note disclosures.

- GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements*, issued March 2020. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The primary objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by addressing issues related to public-private and public-public partnership arrangements.

- GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*, issued May 2020. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements for government end users.

- GASB Statement No. 99, *Omnibus 2022*, issued April 2022. The requirements of this statement are effective immediately, with the exception of requirements related to leases, PPPs and SBITAs effective June 30, 2023; and the requirements related to financial guarantees and the classification and reporting of derivative instruments effective June 30, 2024. The Statements enhances comparability in accounting and financial reporting and improves the consistency of authoritative literature.

Adoption of above standards had no impact on the statements as a whole as there were no subscription-based information technology arrangements for the Station.

Upcoming Accounting Pronouncements – As of the report date, the GASB issued the following statements not yet implemented by the Station:

- GASB Statement No. 100, *Accounting Changes and Error Corrections-an amendment of GASB Statement No. 62*, issued June 2022. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2023. The primary objective of this Statement is to enhance accounting and financial reporting requirements for accounting changes and error corrections to provide more understandable, reliable, relevant, consistent, and comparable information for making decisions or assessing accountability.

- GASB Statement No. 101, *Compensated Absences*, issued June 2022. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences.

The Station has not yet determined the effect these Statements will have on the Station's financial statements and disclosures.

Note 2 – Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement presentation purposes, the Station's cash in banks has been combined with the University's cash equivalents and temporary investments.
Depository funds held in the name of the University are secured by a pool of securities with a value of at least 105% of the total value of monies on deposit at the depository bank. All collateral, both specific and pooled, is held by the Federal Reserve Bank or by a designated trustee as agent for the public depositories used by the University.

The University's cash and cash equivalents at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 consisted of the following:

	2023	2022
Carrying Amount (Cash and cash equivalents)	$ 20,392,242	$ 29,097,272
FDIC Insured	$ 571,114	$ 750,000
Uninsured but collateralized by pools of securities pledged by the depository banks	1,668,881	1,263,509
Uninsured but assets held in name of YSU not pledged as collateral elsewhere	18,274,158	27,757,496
Bank Balance	$ 20,514,153	$ 29,771,005

The difference in carrying amount and bank balance is caused by items in transit and outstanding checks. The University's deposits held in safekeeping by a bank, as trustee or escrow agent, included in cash totaled $8,808 at June 30, 2023 and $47,230 at June 30, 2022, which approximates market. These deposits, including interest on the investments, are retained in the trust for projects funded by bond proceeds and payment of principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness.

The Station's cash and cash equivalents are included in these totals and were $1,803,030 and $1,918,160 at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively.

Credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the University's deposits may not be returned to the University. At June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, all uncollateralized or uninsured deposits of the University are exposed to credit risk. The University's investment policy and asset allocation guidelines facilitate the management and monitoring of credit risk.

Note 3 - Investments

The University's investment policy authorizes the University to invest non-endowed and endowed University funds in compliance with provisions of the Ohio Revised Code including House Bill 524, Section 3345.05 of the Ohio Revised Code, and all other applicable laws and regulations.

In accordance with the Policies of the Board of Trustees of the University, investment types are not specifically limited but shall be made with care, skill, prudence, and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character and with like aims. Furthermore, investments shall be managed for the use and benefit of the University in a diversified portfolio that focuses, over time, on the preservation of capital, minimization of cost and risk, and maintenance of required levels of liquidity in the overall portfolio to meet cash flow requirements.

The University utilizes an investment advisor and investment managers for endowment funds. University endowment investments were $13,620,238 as of June 30, 2023 and $12,287,093 as of June 30, 2022. The Station's restricted investments represent WYSU-FM's endowment fund, which includes endowment corpus and undistributed investment earnings. Investment income is allocated to the Station's endowment fund on a monthly basis based on the value of WYSU-FM's endowment fund in relation to the total value of the University's endowments. The fair value of the Station's endowment investments was $254,478 as of June 30, 2023 and $240,243 as of June 30, 2022.

The Station's investments measured and reported at fair value are classified according to the following hierarchy:

> Level 1 – Investments reflect prices quoted in active markets.
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> Level 2 – Investments reflect prices that are based on a similar observable asset either directly or indirectly, which may include inputs in markets that are not considered to be active.
>
> Level 3 – Investments reflect prices based upon unobservable sources.

The categorization of investments within the hierarchy is based upon the pricing transparency of the instrument and should not be perceived as the particular investment's risk.

Assets classified in Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued directly from a primary external pricing vendor. Level 2 inputs are valued using a matrix pricing model.

As of June 30, 2023, the Station had the following investments measured at fair value:

	Fair Value Measurement			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. Government Obligations	$ -	$ 35,760	$ -	$ 35,760
Corporate Bonds	-	22,253	-	22,253
Foreign Bonds	-	3,433	-	3,433
Bond Mutual Funds	5,017	-	-	5,017
Common Stock	150,732	-	-	150,732
Equity Mutual Funds	37,283	-	-	37,283
Totals	$ 193,032	$ 61,446	$ -	$ 254,478

As of June 30, 2022, the Station had the following investments measured at fair value:

	Fair Value Measurement			
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
U.S. Government Obligations	$ -	$ 14,415	$ -	$ 14,415
Corporate Bonds	-	26,428	-	26,428
U.S. Government Bonds	-	3,604	-	3,604
Bond Mutual Funds	11,772	-	-	11,772
Common Stock	145,586	-	-	145,586
Equity Mutual Funds	38,438	-	-	38,438
Totals	$ 195,796	$ 44,447	$ -	$ 240,243

As of June 30, 2023, the Station had the following investments and maturities using the segmented time distribution method:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)			
Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10
U.S. Government Obligations	$ 35,760	$ 31,273	$ 4,487	$ -	$ -
Corporate Bonds	22,253	8,230	14,023	-	-
Foreign Bonds	3,433	-	3,433	-	-
Bond Mutual Funds	5,017	5,017	-	-	-
Common Stock	150,732	150,732	-	-	-
Equity Mutual Funds	37,283	37,283	-	-	-
Totals	$ 254,478	$ 232,535	$ 21,943	$ -	$ -

All callable stocks were assumed to mature in less than one year.

As of June 30, 2022, the Station had the following investments and maturities using the segmented time distribution method:

		Investment Maturities (in Years)			
Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than 1	1-5	6-10	More than 10
U.S. Government Obligations	$ 14,415	$ 4,805	$ 9,610	$ -	$ -
Corporate Bonds	26,428	2,883	23,545	-	-
Foreign Bonds	3,604	-	3,604	-	-
Bond Mutual Funds	11,772	11,772	-	-	-
Common Stock	145,586	145,586	-	-	-
Equity Mutual Funds	38,438	38,438	-	-	-
Totals	$ 240,243	$ 203,484	$ 36,759	$ -	$ -

All callable stocks were assumed to mature in less than one year.

As of June 30, 2023, investments had the following quality credit ratings:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Unrated
Corporate Bonds	$ 22,253	$ 4,633	$ -	$ 10,509	$ 7,111	$ -
Foreign Bonds	3,433	-	-	3,433	-	-
Bond Mutual Funds	5,017	171	-	-	4,806	40
Totals	$ 30,703	$ 4,804	$ -	$ 13,942	$ 11,917	$ 40

As of June 30, 2022, investments had the following quality credit ratings:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Aaa	Aa	A	Baa	Unrated
Corporate Bonds	$ 26,428	$ 4,934	$ -	$ 14,113	$ 7,381	$ -
Foreign Bonds	3,604	-	-	3,604	-	-
Bond Mutual Funds	11,772	6,746	-	-	4,968	58
Totals	$ 41,804	$ 11,680	$ -	$ 17,717	$ 12,349	$ 58

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. The University's investment policy and asset allocation guidelines facilitate the management and monitoring of its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk - Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. Credit quality, as commonly expressed in terms of credit ratings issued by nationally recognized statistical rating organizations such as Moody's Investors Services, Standard & Poor's or Fitch rating provides a current depiction of potential variable cash flows and credit risk. The University's investment policy and asset allocation guidelines contain provisions to manage credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk - Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the University will not be able to recover the value of investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. Investments that are both unregistered and uninsured are exposed to custodial credit risk if investments are held by the counterparty or are held by the counterparty's trust department or agent but not in the name of the University. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University had no exposure to custodial credit risk. The University does not address custodial credit risk in its investment policy and asset allocation guidelines.

Concentration of Credit Risk – Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributed to the magnitude of investment in a single issuer. As of June 30, 2023, $5,091,372 or 7% of the University's portfolio was held in an intermediate bond fund and $6,082,117, or 8% was held in a short-term bond fund. As of June 30, 2022, $5,113,700 or 7% was held in an intermediate bond fund and $5,343,570 or 8% was held in a short-term bond fund.

Foreign Currency Risk - Foreign currency risk is the risk that changes in exchange rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment or deposit. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University had no material exposure to foreign currency risk. The University does not address foreign currency risk in its investment policy and asset allocation guidelines.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Depreciable assets:				
Antenna and tower	$ 552,979	$ -	$ -	$ 552,979
Studio and broadcast equipment	133,032	-	-	133,032
Total cost	686,011	-	-	686,011
Less: Accumulated depreciation	582,546	17,947	-	600,493
Capital assets, net	$ 103,465	$ (17,947)	$ -	$ 85,518

Capital assets activity for the year ended June 30, 2022 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
Depreciable assets:				
Antenna and tower	$ 552,979	$ -	$ -	$ 552,979
Studio and broadcast equipment	133,032	-	-	133,032
Total cost	686,011	-	-	686,011
Less: Accumulated depreciation	564,599	17,947	-	582,546
Capital assets, net	$ 121,412	$ (17,947)	$ -	$ 103,465

Note 5 – Compensated Absences

Compensated Absences at June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022 were as follows:

	2023	2022
Beginning Balance	$ 49,696	$ 44,520
Additions	-	5,177
Reductions	1,901	-
Ending Balance	47,795	49,696
Less: current portion	8,253	9,646
Compensated Absences, noncurrent portion	$ 39,542	$ 40,050

Note 6 – Employee Benefit Plans

Plan Descriptions

The Station participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS), statewide, cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement system governed by the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) that covers all employees of the Station. The system has multiple retirement plan options available to its members, with three options. The system provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. The system also provides post-employment health care benefits (including Medicare B premiums) to retirees and beneficiaries who elect to receive those benefits.

The retirement system issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the pension and post-employment health care plans. The report may be obtained by contacting:

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
277 East Town Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(800) 222-7377
www.opers.org

Contributions

State retirement law requires contributions by covered employees and their employers, and Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) limits the maximum rate of contributions. The retirement board of the system sets contributions rates within the allowable limits. The adequacy of employer contribution rates is determined annually by actuarial valuation using the entry age normal cost method. Under these provisions, the Station's contribution is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance a portion of the unfunded accrued liability.

Member contributions are set at the maximums authorized by the ORC. The plan's 2023 and 2022 employer and member contribution rates on covered payroll to each system are:

	Employer Contribution Rate					Member Contribution Rate
	Pension	Post-Retirement Healthcare	Death Benefits	Medicare B	Total	Total
OPERS-State/Local	14.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.0%	10.0%

The required and actual contributions to the plans are:

	For the years ended 6/30			
	2023		2022	
	Pension	OPEB	Pension	OPEB
OPERS	$ 51,671	-	$ 50,659	-

Benefits Provided

OPERS

Plan benefits are established under Chapter 145 of the ORC, as amended by Substitute Senate Bill 343 in 2012. The requirements to retire depends on years of service (5 to 30 years) and from attaining the age of 48 to 62, depending on when the employee became a member. Members retiring before age 65 with less than 30 years' service credit receive a percentage reduction in benefit, except for public safety and law enforcement participants. Member retirement benefits are calculated on a formula that considers years of service (5-30 years), age (48-62 years) and final average salary, using a factor ranging from 1 percent to 2.5 percent.

A plan member who becomes disabled before age 60 or at any age, depending on when the member entered the plan, and has completed 60 contributing months is eligible for a disability benefit.

A death benefit of $500 - $2,500 is determined by the number of years of service credit of the retiree. Benefits may transfer to a beneficiary upon death with 1.5 years of service credits with the plan obtained within the last 2.5 years, except for law enforcement and public safety personnel who are eligible immediately upon employment.

Benefit terms provide for annual cost-of-living adjustments to each employee's retirement allowance subsequent to the employee's retirement date. The annual adjustment, if applicable, is 3 percent, or an amount based on the average percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index, capped at 3 percent.

Net Pension Liability, Deferrals, and Pension Expense

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of OPERS. For June 30, 2023, the net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2022. For June 30, 2022, the net pension liability was measured as of December 31, 2021. The total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The University's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of its long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating reporting units, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University's proportionate share of the net pension liability was 0.2371% and 0.2347%, respectively. The amount the University allocated to the Station is based on total retirement contributions for the Station's employees as a percentage of the total retirement contributions for the University. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station's allocation of the University's proportion was 0.9529% and 0.9440%, respectively.

Plan	Measurement Date	Net Pension Liability 2023	Net Pension Liability 2022	Proportionate Share 2023	Proportionate Share 2022	Percent Change 2022-23	Percent Change 2021-22
OPERS	December 31	$ 661,977	$ 183,658	0.002260%	0.002216%	0.000044%	-0.000197%

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station recognized pension expense of $92,964 and ($100,349), respectively. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	2023		2022	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 22,764	$ 821	$ 10,154	$ 5,426
Changes of assumptions	7,441	-	24,823	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	192,483	-	-	233,350
Changes in proportion and differences between University contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,737	246	4,458	9,283
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	27,214	-	26,170	-
Totals	$ 255,639	$ 1,067	$ 65,605	$ 248,059

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources/ (deferred inflows of resources) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30	Amount
2024	$ 30,605
2025	45,224
2026	56,690
2027	94,282
2028	126
Thereafter	431
Totals	$ 227,358

In addition, the contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be included as a reduction of the net pension liability in the next year.

Net OPEB Liability/(Asset), Deferrals, and OPEB Expense

At June 30, 2023, the Station reported a liability for its proportionate share of the net OPEB liability of OPERS. For June 30, 2023, the net OPEB liability was measured as of December 31, 2022. For June 30, 2022, the net OPEB (asset) was measured as of December 31, 2021. The total OPEB liability/(asset) used to calculate the net OPEB liability/(asset) was determined by an actuarial valuation dated December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively, rolled forward to the measurement date by incorporating the expected value of health care cost accruals, the actual health care payments, and interest accruals during the year for the defined benefit health care plans.

Typically, the Station's proportion of the net OPEB liability/(asset) would be based on a projection of its long-term share of contributions to the OPEB plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating reporting units, actuarially determined, except as noted below.

For plan years ending December 31, 2022 and 2021, OPERS did not allocate employer contributions to the OPEB plan. Therefore, OPERS' calculation of the employers' proportionate share is based on total contributions to the plan for both pension and OPEB.

At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the University's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset) was 0.2324% and 0.2327%, respectively. The amount the University allocated to the Station is based on total retirement contributions for the Station's employees as a percentage of the total retirement contributions for the University. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station's allocation of the University's proportion was 0.9529% and 0.944%, respectively.

	Measurement	Net OPEB Liability (Asset)		Proportionate Share		Change	Change
Plan	Date	2023	2022	2023	2022	2022-23	2021-22
OPERS	December 31	$ 13,964	$ (68,809)	0.002215%	0.002197%	0.000018%	-0.000203%

For the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station recognized OPEB expense of ($30,241) and ($83,040), respectively. At June 30, 2023 and 2022, the Station reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources.

	2023		2022	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ -	$ 3,483	$ -	$ 10,437
Changes of assumptions	13,639	1,122	-	27,854
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on OPEB investments	27,735	-	-	32,804
Changes in proportion and differences between University contributions and proportionate share of contributions	587	2	1,691	6,256
University contributions subsequent to the measurement date	-	-	-	-
Totals	$ 41,961	$ 4,607	$ 1,691	$ 77,351

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

Year Ended June 30	Amount
2024	$ 4,579
2025	10,729
2026	8,648
2027	13,398
2028	-
Thereafter	-
Totals	$ 37,354

In addition, if applicable, the contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be included as a reduction of the net OPEB liability in the next year.

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability and OPEB liability/(asset) is based on the results of an actuarial valuation and were determined using the following actuarial assumptions for the Station's current year.

	OPERS
Valuation date - Pension	December 31, 2022
Valuation date - OPEB	December 31, 2021
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age
Cost of living	2.05% - 3.00%
Salary increases, including inflation	2.75% - 10.75%
Inflation	2.75%
Investment rate of return - Pension	6.90%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Investment rate of return - OPEB	6.00%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Health care cost trend rates	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036
Experience study date	Period of 5 years ended December 31, 2020
Mortality basis	Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

The following are actuarial assumptions for the University's prior year:

	OPERS
Valuation date - Pension	December 31, 2021
Valuation date - OPEB	December 31, 2020
Actuarial cost method	Individual entry age
Cost of living	2.05% - 3.00%
Salary increases, including inflation	2.75% - 10.75%
Inflation	2.75%
Investment rate of return - Pension	6.90%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Investment rate of return - OPEB	6.00%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Health care cost trend rates	5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034
Experience study date	Period of 5 years ended December 31, 2020
Mortality basis	Pre-retirement mortality rates are based on 130% of the Pub-2010 General Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for State and Local Government divisions and 170% of the Pub-2010 Safety Employee Mortality tables (males and females) for the Public Safety and Law Enforcement divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates are based on 115% of the PubG-2010 Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. Post-retirement mortality rates for disabled retirees are based on the PubNS-2010 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables (males and females) for all divisions. For all of the previously described tables, the base year is 2010 and mortality rates for a particular calendar year are determined by applying the MP-2020 mortality improvement scales (males and females) to all of these tables.

Pension Discount Rate
The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at contractually required rates for all plans. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current active and inactive employees. 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. The discount rates used to measure the total pension liability for OPERS were 6.90 percent for both the plan years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

OPEB Discount Rate
The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at contractually required rates for all plans. Plans that project fiduciary net position to be insufficient to make all projected future benefit payments for current active and inactive employees used a blended discount rate between the long-term expected rate of return on plan investments and a 20-year municipal bond rate applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability/(asset).

OPERS OPEB Discount Rate **-** The discount rates used to measure the total OPEB liabilities/(assets) were 5.22 percent and 6.00 percent for the plan years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. At December 31, 2022 the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to become insufficient to make all projected future benefit payments for current active and inactive employees. Therefore, a blended rate was used, which consisted of the long-term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments (6.00 percent) for the funded benefit payments and Fidelity Index's 20-Year Municipal GO AA Index of 4.05 percent as of December 31, 2022. At December 31, 2021, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments for current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on OPEB plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total OPEB liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan and OPEB plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of 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. OPERS has two different portfolios of investment, a defined benefit portfolio for pension and health care portfolio for OPEB. As a result, there are different target allocations and long-term expected real rates of return disclosed for each portfolio. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table as of the dates listed below:

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OPERS as of 12/31/22

Investment Category	Pension Portfolio Target Allocation	Pension Portfolio Long-Term expected Real Rate of Return	Health Care Portfolio Target Allocation	Health Care Portfolio Long-Term expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	22.0%	2.62%	34.0%	2.56%
Domestic Equities	22.0%	4.60%	26.0%	4.60%
Real Estate	13.0%	3.27%	0.0%	0.00%
Private Equity	15.0%	7.53%	25.0%	5.51%
International Equity	21.0%	5.51%	2.0%	4.37%
Risk Parity	2.0%	4.37%	6.0%	1.84%
REITs	0.0%	0.00%	7.0%	4.70%
Other Invesments	5.0%	3.27%	0.0%	0.00%
	100.0%		100.0%	

OPERS as of 12/31/21

Investment Category	Pension Portfolio Target Allocation	Pension Portfolio Long-Term expected Real Rate of Return	Health Care Portfolio Target Allocation	Health Care Portfolio Long-Term expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed income	24.0%	1.32%	34.0%	1.07%
Domestic Equities	21.0%	5.64%	25.0%	5.64%
Real Estate	11.0%	5.39%	0.0%	0.00%
Private Equity	12.0%	10.42%	0.0%	0.00%
International Equity	23.0%	7.36%	25.0%	7.36%
Risk Parity	5.0%	2.92%	2.0%	2.92%
REITs	0.0%	0.00%	7.0%	3.71%
Other Invesments	4.0%	2.85%	7.0%	1.93%
	100.0%		100.0%	

Sensitivity of the net pension liability/(asset) to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the Station calculated using the discount rate listed below, as well as what the Station's net pension liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percentage-point lower or 1.00 percentage-point higher than the current rate.

2023 ($ in thousands)

Plan	1% Decrease		Current Discount Rate		1% Increase	
OPERS	5.90%	$ 997	6.90%	$ 662	7.90%	$ 383

2022 ($ in thousands)

Plan	1% Decrease		Current Discount Rate		1% Increase	
OPERS	5.90%	$ 504	6.90%	$ 184	7.90%	$ (83)

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability(asset) to changes in the discount rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability/(asset) of the Station, calculated using the discount rate listed below, as well as what the Station's net OPEB liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1.00 percentage point lower or 1.00 percentage point higher than the current rate:

			2023 ($ in thousands)			
Plan	1% Decrease		Current Discount Rate		1% Increase	
OPERS	4.22%	$ 48	5.22%	$ 14	6.22%	$ (14)

			2022 ($ in thousands)			
Plan	1% Decrease		Current Discount Rate		1% Increase	
OPERS	5.00%	$ (40)	6.00%	$ (69)	7.00%	$ (92)

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability/(asset) to changes in the health care cost trend rate

The following presents the net OPEB liability/(asset) of the Station, calculated using the healthcare cost trend rate listed below, as well as what the Station's net OPEB liability/(asset) would be if it were calculated using a health care cost trend rate that is 1.00 percentage point lower or 1.00 percentage point higher than the current rate:

		2023 ($ in thousands)	
Plan	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
OPERS	$13	$14	$15

		2022 ($ in thousands)	
Plan	1% Decrease	Current Trend Rate	1% Increase
OPERS	($70)	($69)	($68)

Pension plan and OPEB plan fiduciary net position

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

Benefit changes

There were no significant benefit terms changes for the pension or OPEB plan(s) since the prior two measurement dates for OPERS.

Assumption changes

During the measurement period ended December 31, 2022, certain assumption changes were made by the plan. The OPERS OPEB discount rate decreased from 6.00 percent to 5.22 percent, which impacted the annual actuarial valuation for OPEB prepared as of December 31, 2022. During the measurement period ended December 31, 2021, certain assumption changes were made by the plan. The OPERS pension discount rate was reduced from 7.20 percent to 6.90 percent, which impacted the annual actuarial valuation for the pension liability as of December 31, 2021.

Payable to the Pension Plan and OPEB Plan

The Station reported a payable of $9,617 and $8,583 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the OPERS pension plan required for the years ended June 30, 2023 and June 30, 2022, respectively.

Defined Contribution Pension Plan

The Alternative Retirement Plan (ARP) is a defined contribution pension plan, under IRS Section 401(a), and established by Ohio Amended Substitute House Bill 586 (ORC 3305.02) on March 31, 1997, for public institutions of higher education. The University's Board of Trustees adopted the University's plan on December 11, 1998. Full-time employees are eligible to choose a provider, in lieu of OPERS, from the list of nine providers currently approved by the Ohio Department of Insurance and who hold agreements with the University. Employee and employer contributions equal to those required by OPERS are required for the ARP, less any amounts required to be remitted to the state retirement system in which the employee would otherwise have been enrolled.

Eligible employees have 120 days from their date of hire to make an irrevocable election to participate in the ARP. Under this plan, employees who would have otherwise been required to be in OPERS, and who elect to participate in the ARP, must contribute the employee's share of retirement contributions to one of nine private providers approved by the Ohio Department of Insurance. The legislation mandates that the employer must contribute an amount to the state retirement system to which the employee would have otherwise belonged, based on an independent actuarial study commissioned by the Ohio Retirement Study Council and submitted to the Ohio Department of Higher Education. That amount is 2.24 percent and 2.44 percent for OPERS for the years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. If the employee was hired on or after August 2005, the employer contributes 6.00 percent. The employer also contributes what would have been the employer's contribution under OPERS, less the aforementioned percentages, to the private provider selected by the employee. The University plan provides these employees with immediate plan vesting. The ARP does not provide disability benefits, survivor benefits, or postretirement health care. Benefits are entirely dependent on the sum of contributions and investment returns earned by each participant's choice of investment options. OPERS also offers a defined contribution plan and a combined plan with features of both a defined contribution plan and a defined benefit plan. There were no contributions made to the ARP for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2023 and 2022. Contributions were equal to the required contributions for each year.

Note 7 - Related Party

Youngstown State University Foundation is a legally separate nonprofit organization exempt from federal income tax and classified as a public charity. The Foundation is devoted to the support, expansion, and development of educational programs at the University that are useful and beneficial to the students and the community. During fiscal year 2015, the University entered into a development services agreement with the Foundation, wherein the Foundation raises and maintains donations on behalf of the University. The Foundation remits all related funds received on a monthly basis.

The operations of WYSU-FM are supported by general appropriations from the University. The University's support allocation totaled $378,222 and $401,139 in direct support for fiscal years 2023 and 2022, respectively, and $244,292 and $198,133 in indirect administrative support and donated facilities.

Note 8 – Risk Management

WYSU-FM is included in the University's insurance programs. The University is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The University has joined with other state-assisted universities in Ohio to form an insurance pool for the acquisition of commercial property and casualty insurance. The University pays annual premiums to the pool for its property and casualty insurance coverage based on its percentage of the total insurance value to the pool. Future contributions will be adjusted based upon each university's loss history. The University had no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year. Insurance settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years.

Note 9 – Nonfederal Financial Support

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) allocates a portion of its funds annually to public broadcasting entities, primarily based on Nonfederal Financial Support (NFFS). NFFS is defined as the total value of cash and the fair market value of property and services received as either a contribution or a payment and meeting all of the respective criteria for each.

A contribution is cash, property or services given to a public broadcasting entity for general operational purposes. Support received as a contribution by a public broadcasting entity must meet the following criteria to be includable as NFFS: (1) the source may be an entity except the federal government or any other public broadcasting entity; (2) the contribution may take the form of a gift, grant, bequest, donation or appropriation; (3) the purpose must be for the construction or operation of a noncommercial, educational public broadcast station or for the production, acquisition, distribution or dissemination of educational television or radio program and related activities; and (4) the recipient must be a public broadcasting entity on behalf of a public broadcast station. However, to eliminate distortions in the TV CSG grant program precipitated by extraordinary infusions of new capital investments in DTV, all capital contributions received for purposes of acquiring new equipment or upgrading existing or building new facilities regardless of source or form of the contribution are not included in calculating the fiscal year 2023 or fiscal year 2022 NFFS. This change excludes all revenues received for any capital purchases.

A payment is cash, property or services received by a public broadcasting entity from specific sources in exchange for specific services or materials. Support received as a payment by a public broadcasting entity must meet the following criteria to be includable as NFFS: (1) the source must be a state, any agency or political subdivision of a state, an educational institution or organization or a nonprofit entity; (2) the form of the payment must be appropriations or contract payments in exchange for specific services or materials; (3) the purpose must be for any related activity of the public broadcast station; and (4) the recipient must be a public broadcasting entity on behalf of a public broadcast station.

Reported NFFS for the Station was $1,132,504 and $1,161,471 for the radio fund for 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Schedule of the Station's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Plan Years Ended 2014 to 2022

Plan Year	Station's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Station's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Station's covered payroll	Station's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability as a percentage of the employer's covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)					
2022	0.002260%	$ 661,977	$ 368,606	179.59%	76.07%
2021	0.002216%	$ 183,658	$ 342,580	53.61%	93.01%
2020	0.002413%	$ 349,841	$ 362,906	96.40%	87.21%
2019	0.003009%	$ 588,367	$ 450,235	130.68%	82.44%
2018	0.003204%	$ 873,885	$ 473,020	184.74%	78.00%
2017	0.003238%	$ 503,458	$ 464,796	108.32%	79.00%
2016	0.003304%	$ 748,429	$ 461,655	162.12%	80.00%
2015	0.003450%	$ 595,414	$ 462,132	128.84%	80.00%
2014	0.003470%	$ 416,913	$ 445,112	93.66%	84.00%

The plan year ends on December 31 for OPERS.

Schedules of the Station's Pension Contributions

Fiscal Year	Statutorily required contribution	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	Annual contribution deficiency	Station's covered payroll	Conributions recognized by the pension plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contribution as a percent of the employer's covered payroll
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)					
2023	$ 51,671	$ 51,671	$ -	$ 369,079	14.00%
2022	$ 50,659	$ 50,659	$ -	$ 361,850	14.00%
2021	$ 46,172	$ 46,172	$ -	$ 329,801	14.00%
2020	$ 57,331	$ 57,331	$ -	$ 409,509	14.00%
2019	$ 65,665	$ 65,665	$ -	$ 472,860	13.89%
2018	$ 63,928	$ 63,928	$ -	$ 474,256	13.48%
2017	$ 57,269	$ 57,269	$ -	$ 459,488	12.47%
2016	$ 55,912	$ 55,912	$ -	$ 465,061	12.02%
2015	$ 55,579	$ 55,579	$ -	$ 461,406	12.05%

Changes of benefit terms
There were no changes in benefit terms affecting the OPERS plan.

Changes of assumptions
During the plan year ended December 31, 2022, there were no changes to key assumptions.

During the plan year ended December 31, 2021, there were changes to several assumptions for OPERS. The discount rate was reduced from 7.20% to 6.90%. The wage inflation dropped from 3.25% to 2.75%. The projected salary increase range changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%, The experience study changed from the 5-year period ended December 31, 2015 to the 5-year period ended December 31, 2020. The mortality tables used changed from RP2014 to PUB-2010.

During the plan year ended December 31, 2018, the discount rate was reduced from 7.50% to 7.20%. During the plan year ended December 31, 2016, there were changes to several assumptions for OPERS. The wage inflation dropped from 3.75% to 3.25%. The projected salary increase range changed from 4.25%-10.05% to 3.25%-10.75%. The mortality tables used changed from RP-2000 to RP-2014.

Schedules of the Station's Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability (Asset)
Plan Years Ended 2017 to 2022

Plan Year	Stations's proportion of the net OPEB liability (asset)	Station's proportionate share of the net OPEB liability (asset)	Station's covered payroll	Station's proportionate share of the collective net OPEB liability (asset) as a percentage of the employer's	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability (asset)
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)					
2022	0.002215%	$ 13,964	$ 368,606	3.79%	94.79%
2021	0.002197%	$ (68,809)	$ 342,580	20.09%	128.23%
2020	0.002400%	$ (42,751)	$ 362,906	11.78%	115.57%
2019	0.002980%	$ 411,635	$ 450,235	91.43%	47.80%
2018	0.002325%	$ 303,125	$ 473,020	64.09%	46.33%
2017	0.003114%	$ 338,157	$ 464,796	72.76%	54.14%

The plan year ends on December 31 for OPERS.

Schedules of the Station's OPEB Contributions

Fiscal Year	Statutorily required contribution	Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contributions	Annual contribution deficiency	Station's covered payroll	Conributions recognized by the OPEB plan in relation to the statutorily or contractually required employer contribution as a percent of the employer's covered payroll
Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS)					
2023	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 369,079	0.00%
2022	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 361,850	0.00%
2021	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 329,801	0.00%
2020	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 409,509	0.00%
2019	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 472,860	0.00%
2018	$ 2,468	$ 2,468	$ -	$ 474,256	0.52%

Changes of benefit terms
There were no significant changes in benefit terms affecting the OPERS plan for the plan year ended December 31, 2022.

Changes of assumptions
During the plan year ended December 31, 2022, the health care cost trend rate changed to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2036 from 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034 in 2021. In addition, the discount rate was reduced from 6.00% to 5.22%.

During the year ended December 2021, there were changes to several assumptions for OPERS. The experience study changed from the 5-year period ended December 31, 2015 to the 5-year period ended December 31, 2020. The municipal bond rate decreased from 2.00% to 1.84%. Wage inflation decreased 3.25% to 2.75%. The projected salary increase range changed from 3.25%-10.75% to 2.75%-10.75%. Health care cost trend rate decreased from 8.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2035 to 5.50% initial, 3.50% ultimate in 2034.

During the plan year ended December 31, 2020, there were changes to several assumptions for OPERS. The health care cost trend rates decreased from 10.5% initial and 3.50% ultimate to 8.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate. The discount rate increased from 3.16% to 6.00%.

During the plan year ended December 31, 2019, there were changes to several assumptions for OPERS. The health care cost trend rates decreased from 10.00% initial and 3.25% ultimate to 10.50% initial and 3.50% ultimate. The discount rate was reduced from 3.96% to 3.16%.

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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

To Management and the Board of Trustees
WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of the business-type activities of WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio (the "Station"), a department of Youngstown State University, which comprise the basic statement of net position as of June 30, 2023 and the basic statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 21, 2023.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Station'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 Station's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Station'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 Station'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 or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Station's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, 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*.

To Management and the Board of Trustees
WYSU-FM Youngstown State University Radio

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

Plante & Moran, PLLC

December 21, 2023

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