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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Regional Executive Director of the

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of **Annapolis Valley Regional School Board**, which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2018, and the consolidated statement of operations and accumulated surplus, change in net debt and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, these consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Board as at March 31, 2018 and the results of operations, changes in net debt and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with Canadian public sector accounting standards.

Other Matters

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The current year's supplementary information included in the schedules on pages 6 to 13 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied, only to the extent necessary to express an opinion, in the audit of the financial statements taken as a whole.

Berwick, Nova Scotia July 12, 2018

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Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Consolidated Statement of Financial Position As at March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Financial Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents		
Cash	\$ 7,359,153	\$ 6,862,087
School Based Funds (Note 3)	3,661,481	3,524,914
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	11,020,634	10,387,001
Accounts Receivable		
Province of Nova Scotia	15,864,231	16,479,925
PNS - Teacher's Salary Accrual	1,783,300	2,139,100
Government of Canada	599,433	304,454
Other	555,535	606,230
PNS - Long-Term Service Awards	9,244,958	8,454,882
Total Financial Assets	39,068,091	38,371,592
Capital Assets		
New Book Value of Capital Assets (Note 2)		
Total Financial and Capital Assets	39,068,091	38,371,592
Liabilities		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	2.566,796	1,943,261
Payables and Accruals - Government		, ,
Province of Nova Scotia	67,617	123,238
Municipalities	40,249	30,953
Government of Canada	1,268,437	1,240,981
Other Payables & Accrued Liabilities	2,610,053	2,164,948
Teachers Salary Accruals	1,783,300	2,139,100
Deferred Revenues	2,689,996	3,754,759
Long-Term Service Awards Liability (Note 2)	9,244,958	8,454,882
Long-Term Sick Leave Accrual (Note 7)	14,180,202	14,038,858
Total Liabilities	34,451,608	33,890,980
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Equity - Capital Total Liabilities and Capital Equity	- 34,451,608	33,890,980
	4,616,483	4,480,612
Net (debt)/surplus	4,010,405	4,400,012
Non-Financial assets		
Prepaid expenses	496,664	485,592
Tangible capital assets (Schedule E)	1,247,025	1,201,489
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) end of year	6,360,172	6,167,693
Committed Surplus		
School Based Funds	3,390,467	3,063,903
Non-Financial Assets	1,743,689	1,687,081
Total Committed Surplus	5,134,156	4,750,984
Uncommitted Surplus	\$ 1,226,016	\$ 1,416,709

Trust Funds Under Administration (Note 4) Commitments (Note 5) Contingencies (Note 6)

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

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Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Consolidated Statement of Operations As at March 31, 2018

	2018 Budget		:	2018 Actual	2017 Actual	
Revenue (Schedule A)						
Province of Nova Scotia	\$	123,448,531	\$	123,031,053	\$	118,132,954
Government of Canada		1,017,618		1,223,987		982,570
Municipal Contributions		22,228,600		22,228,644		21,941,959
School Generated Funds (Note 3)		4,000,000		4,367,337		3,408,471
Other Revenues		4,675,472		5,023,458		3,755,315
Total Revenues		155,370,221		155,874,479		148,221,269
Expenses (Schedule B)						
Total Board Governance		358,127		587,386		371,267
Total Regional Management		3,975,292		4,265,041		3,794,517
Total School Management		15,467,112		16,033,803		15,880,971
Total Instruction		79,536,729		79,082,541		76,064,442
Total Student Support		24,067,623		24,433,220		23,219,305
Total Adult Education		566,208		401,282		467,901
Total Property Services		13,566,904		13,169,485		12,412,140
Total Student Transportation		9,498,074		9,302,103		9,099,387
Other Programs		3,460,866		3,486,004		3,048,131
School Generated Funds (Note 3)		4,000,000		4,040,773		3,007,454
Interest Expense		744,780		752,312		744,780
Amortization Expense		128,506		128,050		109,020
Total Expenses	\$	155,370,221	\$	155,682,000	\$	148,219,315
Annual Surplus/(deficit) before unusual items				192,479		1,954
School Board surplus/(deficit) on an expense basis				192,479		1,954
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) beginning of year	•					
Previously Reported				6,167,693		6,165,739
Accumulated surplus/(deficit) end of year				6,360,172		6,167,693
Committed Surplus						
School Based Funds				3,390,467		3,063,903
Non-Financial Assets				1,743,689		1,687,081
Uncommitted Surplus			\$	1,226,016	\$	1,416,709
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Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Debt As at March 31, 2018

	2018		 2017
Net (debt)/surplus beginning of year	\$	4,480,612	\$ 4,675,225
Changes in the Year			
Surplus/(Deficit), on an Expense Basis Acquisition of tangible capital assets		192,479 (175,641)	1,954 (273,865)
Disposal of assets Amortization of tangible capital asset		2,055 128,050	109,020
(Increase) Decrease in prepaid expenses		(11,072)	 (31,722)
Net (debt)/surplus end of year	\$	4,616,483	\$ 4,480,612

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows As at March 31, 2018

	2018	2017
Operating Transactions		
Annual surplus	\$ 6,360,172	\$ 6,167,693
Change in prepaid expenses	(11,072)	(31,722)
Change in deferred revenue	(1,064,762)	1,491,950
Change in accounts receivable	(62,866)	4,311,221
Change in accounts payable	693,971	(1,672,731)
Change in long-term debt	931,420	(424,163)
Cash Provided by Operating Transactions	6,846,862	9,842,248
Acquistion of tangible capital assets	(175,641)	(273,865)
Loss on disposal of assets	2,055	
Amortization of tangible capital assets	128,050	109,020
	(45,536)	(164,845)
Increase in cash and cash equivalents	6,801,326	9,677,403
Previous Year's Surplus	(6,167,693)	(6,165,739)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	10,387,001	6,875,337
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 11,020,634	\$ 10,387,001

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Revenue			
Province of Nova Scotia:			
Operating Restricted Capital Other Recoveries Teachers Salary Accrual Total Province of Nova Scotia	\$ 76,103,300 39,704,032 113,400 5,388,699 - 2,139,100 123,448,531	\$ 91,277,069 23,626,626 113,400 6,056,735 173,923 1,783,300 123,031,053	\$ 90,028,798 23,492,924 113,400 2,100,932 257,800 2,139,100 118,132,954
<u>Government of Canada:</u>			
National Defence IA Northern Development Secretary of State	748,149 269,469	87,705 825,903 310,378	- 816,318 166,252
Total Government of Canada	1,017,618	1,223,987	982,570
Municipal contributions:			
Mandatory	22,228,600	22,228,644	21,941,959
Total Municipal Contributions	22,228,600	22,228,644	21,941,959
School Generated Funds:			
School Generated (Note 3)	4,000,000	4,367,337	3,408,471
Total School Generated	4,000,000	4,367,337	3,408,471

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule A - Supplementary Details of Revenues For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Other Revenues:			
Board Generated - Other	597,802	685,355	468,666
Other Revenue - Schools	1,205,631	1,137,514	1,096,294
Tuition - Students	1,035,625	874,769	559,317
Registration	1,537,952	1,797,195	1,173,615
Interest/Investments	70,000	122,374	73,907
Recoveries - Non-governmental	200,000	189,892	181,377
Non-Government Grants	-	190,175	201,286
Gain (loss) on sale of assets	-	(1,055)	-
Donations	28,462_	27,238	853
Total Other Revenues	4,675,472	5,023,457	3,755,315
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 155,370,221</u>	\$ 155,874,479	\$ 148,221,269

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenses For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	2018 Budget		2018 Actual		2017 Actual	
Expenses:						
Board Governance:						
Board Members	\$ 2	230,088	\$	459,724	\$	247,664
Board Secretary		57,553		57,176		57,728
NSSBA & Other		70,486		70,486		65,875
Total Board Governance	;	358,127		587,386		371,267
Regional Management:						
Management Services	1,2	290,427		1,256,678		1,242,297
Financial Services	1,7	188,186		1,074,513		1,149,657
Human Resources Services	ę	952,557		781,113		835,389
Communication Services		86,054		82,933		83,065
ITS - Regional		158,068		1,069,803		484,109
Total Regional Management	3,9	975,292		4,265,041		3,794,517
School Management & Support:						
School Management	10,4	175,290		10,737,025		10,653,491
Program & Curriculum Support	3,9	976,787		4,342,766		4,194,024
ITS - Site Specific	1,0	015,035		954,013		1,033,456
Total School Management	15,4	467,112		16,033,803		15,880,971
Instructional & School Services:						
Instruction	76,7	785,824		76,611,506		73,618,983
Guidance Services	2,7	176,725		1,956,951		1,934,301
Library Services		574,180		514,084		511,158
Total Instruction	79,	536,729		79,082,542		76,064,442
Student Support:						
Program Management	11,1	164,453		11,022,904		11,039,860
Instruction		369,584		10,735,725		10,229,380
Program & Curriculum Support	2,5	533,586		2,674,590		1,950,065
Total Student Support	24,0	067,623		24,433,220		23,219,305

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule B - Supplementary Details of Expenses For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	2018 Budget	2018 Actual	2017 Actual
Adult Education:			
Program Management	_	-	-
Instruction	566,208	401,282	467,901
Total Adult Education	566,208	401,282	467,901
Property Services:			
Management Services	1,004,490	1,019,856	960,625
Custodial Services	4,910,515	4,614,045	4,630,688
Maintenance Services	7,216,899	7,095,273	6,366,820
Grounds Services	435,000	440,311	454,007
Total Property Services	13,566,904	13,169,485	12,412,140
Student Transportation:			
Management Services	410,130	404,265	485,126
Transportation (Board)	3,732,001	3,684,587	3,580,209
Maintenance (Board)	1,168,325	1,126,287	1,025,118
Transportation (Contract)	4,187,618	4,086,963	4,008,934
Total Student Transportation	9,498,074	9,302,103	9,099,387
Other Programs	3,460,866	3,486,004	3,048,131
School Based Funds (Note 3)	4,000,000	4,040,773	3,007,454
Interest Expense	744,780	752,312	744,780
Amortization Expense	128,506	128,050	109,020
Total Other Expenses	8,334,152	8,407,139	6,909,385
Total	\$ 155,370,221	\$ 155,682,000	\$ 148,219,315

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	March 2017	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	March 2018
ARRA Library Trust	\$ 4,208 \$	\$	\$ 89	\$ - 5	\$ 4,297
AVRSB BD Mem Sch Fd	¢ 4,200 (6,747	Ψ	146	600	6,293
Raymond Banks Memorial	11,301	-	240	000	11,541
Barteaux Trust	531	-	10	500	41
Bateman Trust	4,868	_	103	79	4,892
Beals Trust	416,453	_	8,819	8,550	416,722
Beattie Trust	12,083		256	230	12,109
Borden Trust	3,862	-	82	82	3,862
Brannon Trust	551	-	12	02	563
Brazil, Duane Mem	8,043	-	172	500	7,715
Bruce Memorial Award	1,000	-	16	20	996
Carter Trust		-	27	20 500	671
	1,144	-			
Card Trust	50,814	-	1,078 347	1,075	50,817
Charles Eaves Award	16,466	-		-	16,813
	6,953	-	148	147	6,954
Coldwell Trust	5,073	-	108	107	5,074
Cummings Trust	14,839	281	314	500	14,934
Dakin Trust	6,470	-	138	300	6,308
Dalton Trust	18,327	-	387	342	18,372
Daniel Arnold Memorial	8,357	70	162	-	8,589
DeEll Trust	53,993	-	1,146	763	54,376
Dorothy Russell	958	-	23	500	481
Eastern Star	32,505	3,700	679	1,000	35,884
Fairn	43,238	-	928	4,000	40,166
Harvey	4,338	-	92	100	4,330
Haskell Trust	26,070	-	553	1,000	25,623
Hibbard Trust	11,938	-	253	214	11,977
Horton Alumni Trust	-	-	-	-	-
Horton Golden Trust	4,463	-	97	-	4,560
Hudgins Trust	465	-	10	9	466
Inglis Trust	21,196	-	449	297	21,348
IODE Olympic Chapter	79,760	-	1,703	3,750	77,713
IOOF Wolfville	16,925	-	356	112	17,169
Jones - BRES	7,652	-	161		7,813
Jones - BRHS	17,146	-	362	_	17,508
Johnston Trust	30,056	-	641	1,200	29,497
Lightfoot Trust	154	_	3	1,200	157
Lyons Trust	4,762		101		4,863
MacFarlane	30		1	20	4,000
MacNutt Trust	63,883	_	1,353	1.000	64,236
Mitchell Trust	1,833	=	39	38	1,834
MRHS 40th Ann. Trust	24,594	=	524	1,000	24,118
		-			
Neily Trust	447	-	9	9	447
Nixon Trust	6,230	-	132		6,362
Candice Parker Trust	3,948	270	86	500	3,804
Paul Bethune	49,521	-	1,052	1,300	49,273
Harry E. Parker Trust	6,560	300	141	-	7,001
Rena B. Parker Trust	38,665	-	818	812	38,671
Frank Pecora Mem Bursary	1,133	-	27	500	660
Quartermain Trust	21	-	-	-	21
Rainforth Trust	611	-	13	-	624
Sinnott Trust	11,089	-	235	235	11,089
Terri Spinney Mem	69	-	1	-	70
Earle Spicer Trust	27,712	-	588	-	28,300
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Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	March 2017	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	March 2018	
Bill Wade Memorial	9,918	9,000	312	4,500	14,730	
Whitman Memorial	9,143	-	196	-	9,339	
Worthylake Trust	4,717	-	107	1,500	3,324	
Champlain Refresh	(119)	33,900	-	27,967	5,814	
Horton Refresh	84,734	300,000	-	189,988	194,746	
Northeast Kings Refresh	25,912	105,114	-	82,636	48,390	
Pine Ridge Refresh	120	68,106	-	56,440	11,786	
Champlain Capital Fund	12,224	1,596	-	5,057	8,763	
Horton Capital Fund	30,446	16,439	-	-	46,885	
Northeast Kings Capital Fund	9,111	4,946	-	-	14,057	
Pine Ridge Capital Fund	15,804	3,205	-	7,239	11,770	
Total Trusts	1,392,065	546,927	25,845	407,218	1,557,619	
Foundation Total	499,887	225,208	9,007	102,256	631,846	
Total Trusts & Foundation	\$ 1,891,952	\$ 772,135	\$ 34,852	\$ 509,474 \$	2,189,465	

School Generated Funds

	March 2017		Additions Interest		nterest	Disbursements			March 2018	
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Aldershot	\$	34,825 77,597	φ	149,237 110,095	Φ	-	\$	158,568 100,413	\$	25,495 87,280
Annapolis East		,		· · ·		- 50		,		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
AWEC Office Avon View		146,976		157,070		50		118,669		185,427
Berwick		190,188 56,376		297,130 69,636		-		228,898 56,893		258,420 69,119
BRES				· · · · ·		-		30,300		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
BRHS		50,678		61,497		- 68		,		81,875
		86,795		124,600		60		104,970		106,493
Brooklyn		43,146		40,305		-		56,535		26,916
Cambridge		42,490		32,289		-		33,507		41,272
Central Kings		199,819		358,635		-		330,825		227,629
Champlain		18,302		56,512		-		50,212		24,602
Clark Rutherford		5,070		62,974		-		53,012		15,032
Coldbrook		107,775		68,493		-		110,266		66,002
Dr Arthur Hines		17,677		63,604		-		65,351		15,930
Dwight Ross		19,212		29,362		4		30,324		18,254
EMS		68,890		161,062		-		98,613		131,339
Falmouth		28,433		33,013		-		34,425		27,021
Gaspereau		20,541		53,586		-		58,470		15,657
Glooscap		30,559		36,379		-		39,864		27,074
Hantsport		57,067		36,252		54		34,947		58,426
Highbury Education		10,201		4,182		-		5,801		8,582
Horton		269,702		381,871		-		349,007		302,566
KCA		104,859		198,403		231		182,239		121,254
Kings Co Adu l t High		6,559		871		-		2,616		4,814
Kingston Dist		42,579		72,427		-		63,722		51,284
LE Shaw		20,278		31,253		-		28,182		23,349
Lawrencetown		55,375		33,130		-		40,338		48,167
Lawrencetown Ed. Ctr.		22,635		65,161		-		62,539		25,257
MRHS		183,213		194,508		375		200,217		177,879

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule D - Supplementary Details of Trusts and School Based Funds For the Year Ended March 31, 2018

	March 20	17	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	March 2018
New Minas	5	5,438	42,001	-	32,341	65,099
Northeast Kings	20	1,119	359,298	-	294,516	265,901
Pine Ridge	ç	7,607	82,939	-	89,421	91,125
Port Williams	2	8,043	42,213	-	31,138	39,118
Somerset	2	0,418	66,398	-	70,051	16,765
St Mary's	5	5,614	40,191	-	33,075	62,731
Three Mile Plns	2	8,335	40,717	-	35,433	33,620
WHEC	1	4,554	13,835	-	14,998	13,391
West Hants	7	3,891	128,075	-	141,794	60,172
West Kings	28	2,398	312,961	369	361,118	234,610
Windsor Adu l t High		8,945	2,581	-	2,179	9,347
Windsor El	2	6,943	20,806	-	22,669	25,080
Windsor Forks	4	6,309	35,227	-	35,540	45,996
Wolfville School	10	6,472	195,409	-	146,784	155,097
Total School Generated Funds	\$ 3,06	3,903 \$	4,366,186	\$ 1,151	\$ 4,040,773	\$ 3,390,467

Annapolis Valley Regional School Board Schedule E - Supplementary Details of Tangible Capital Assets As of March 31, 2018

Costs of Tangible Asset(s)

			Building		
	Buildings	Vehicles	Betterments	2018	2017
Opening Costs	\$ 427,951	\$ 890,019	\$ 1,024,654	\$ 2,342,624	\$ 2,068,759
Additions	-	175,641	-	175,641	273,865
Disposals	-	(188,466)		(188,466)	
Closing Costs	427,951	877,194	1,024,654	2,329,799	2,342,624
Accumlated Amortization(s)					
Opening Balance	158,235	720,129	262,771	1,141,135	1,032,115
Disposals	-	(186,411)	-	(186,411)	-
Amortization Expense	13,486	76,470	38,094	128,050	109,020
Closing Balance	171,721	610,188	300,865	1,082,774	1,141,135
Note Book Value (NBV)	256,230	267,006	723,789	1,247,025	1,201,489
Opening Balance, April 1, 2017	269,716	169,890	761,883	1,201,489	1,036,643
Closing Balance, March 31, 2018	256,230	267,006	723,789	1,247,025	1,201,489
Increase (decrease)					
In Net Book Value	\$ (13,486)	\$ 97,116	\$ (38,094)	\$ 45,536	\$ 164,846

1. Nature of Operations

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board is an independent legal entity with an elected board as required under the Education Act. The Board provides educational services from grade primary to grade 12 at public schools within the Annapolis Valley. The Board is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act and is exempt from income tax and can issue official receipts to donors.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared to conform in all material respects to Canadian generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the Public Sector Accounting and Auditing Handbook for Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments, of the Public Sector Accounting Board. These consolidated financial statements have been prepared using the following significant accounting policies:

Revenues

Revenues are recorded on an accrual basis. The main components of revenue are funding from the Province of NS, Government of Canada and Municipal Contributions. The Board receives contributions by volunteer support in the delivery of certain programs within the schools. Due to the difficulty in determining or estimating the value of these contributions, contributed services are not quantified and recognized in these financial statements.

The Board recognizes as revenue provincial government transfers representing the year over year change in accrued benefit obligations as the transfer has been authorized.

Expenses

Expenses are recorded on the accrual basis. Provisions are made for probable losses on accounts receivable, and for contingent liabilities when it is likely that a liability exists and the amount can be reasonably determined.

Pension Liabilities

The Board contributes to Registered Retirement Savings Plans and Registered Pension Plans on behalf of the non-teaching employees. The Board's teachers are members of a pension plan established by the Province of Nova Scotia as required by the Teachers' Pension Act. The Province of Nova Scotia and the Nova Scotia Teachers' Union are responsible for funding this plan.

Net Debt

Net Debt represents the direct liabilities of the Board less financial assets.

Financial Instruments

Cash and cash equivalents are recorded at cost which approximates market value. The Board's financial instruments consist of cash and cash equivalents, receivables, payable and accruals and other liabilities. It is management's opinion that the Board is not exposed to significant interest, currency or credit risks arising from these financial instruments. The fair value of these financial instruments approximates their carrying values.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents included cash on hand, balances with banks, short term deposits and bank balances held by schools.

2. Summary of significant accounting policies continued

Non Financial Assets

All capital acquisitions are now recorded using Tangible Capital Asset accounting. All non financial assets previously recorded that do not meet these guidelines have been removed from these statements.

All tangible capital assets purchased by the Board are recorded as assets and amortized based on the Province of Nova Scotia's tangible capital asset accounting policy thresholds. The thresholds and amortization rates are as follows:

Buildings	\$250,000	Amortization	5%	Declining Balance
Vehicles	\$ 15,000	Amortization	35%	Declining Balance
Building betterments	\$150,000	Amortization	5%	Declining Balance

Prepaid Expenses are cash disbursements for goods or services, other than Tangible Capital Assets and inventories of supplies, of which some or all will provide economic benefits in one or more future periods. The prepaid amount is recognized as an expense in the year the goods or service is used or consumed.

Accumulated Deficit/Surplus

Accumulated Deficit/Surplus represents the liabilities of the School Board less financial assets, and non financial assets. This represents the accumulated balance of net deficit/surplus arising from the operations of the Board.

Use of Estimates

In preparing the Board's financial statements, management is required to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts by fund of revenue and expenditure. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. School Based Funds

The Board is required to include in its financial statements the financial activities of its school sites. To meet this requirement, the Board has instituted a new school based funds policy to promote appropriate internal controls, provided each site with a standard computer based accounting system and established common reporting standards for school based funds. The following is a summary of these financial activities, a site by site listing is provided in Schedule D.

March 31, 2017	Additions	Interest	Disbursements	Schedule D - SBF	Deferred Revenue	March 31, 2018
\$3,063,903	\$4,366,186	\$1,151	\$4,040,773	\$3,390,467	\$271,014	\$3,661,481

(Student Council Funds are included in the School Based Funds totals. Cafeteria funds are no longer school based and are administered in the regional Financial System)

4. Trust funds

The Annapolis Valley Regional School Board manages a number of trust funds primarily for the generation of scholarships and awards. A summary of the trusts and their activity is found in Schedule D of these financial statements. Effective April 1, 1997, the Board incorporated the activities of the former Kings County District School Board Foundation. These are now carried as a separate Trust Account.

5. Contractual Obligations

Contract	Vendor	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Contracted School Bus Transportation Services	Stock Transportation	\$3,847,190	\$3,943,369	\$1,222,522	-
Regional Office Rent	Western Kings Health Society	\$310,261	\$78,068	-	-
West Hants Education Centre and Windsor Adult High Rent	BioMedica Diagnostics Inc.	\$22,992	\$14,450	-	-
NSSPI Photocopier	Xerox Canada	\$196,788	\$202,692	\$208,772	\$215,036
Totals		\$4,366,120	\$4,238,579	\$1,431,294	\$215,036

6. Contingency

There is a claim outstanding against the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board. The outcome of this claim is not determinable and therefore no amount has been recorded in the accounts of the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board. Any settlement resulting from the resolution of this claim will be treated as a charge to operations in the period the settlement occurs.

7. Accumulated sick leave liability

The Board has recognized in these consolidated financial statements, the liability associated with accumulated sick leave earned by teaching and non-teaching staff. The Board has recorded a corresponding receivable from the Province of Nova Scotia which has assumed responsibility for the liability up to March 31, 2018.

The non-teaching accumulated sick leave actuarial valuation was prepared by Morneau Shepell based on data from March 31, 2015 that was extrapolated to March 31, 2017. All assumptions used in the Sick Leave valuation have been chosen by the Province. The discount rate to be used in the calculations was 3.42% per annum at March 31, 2018. A rate of 3.59% per annum was used as at March 31, 2017. Salary increases were assumed to be 1% at April 1, 2016 and 2% at April 1, 2017, 2.5% at April 1, 2018 and 3.5% at April 1, 2019. Retirement age was assumed to be 10% at age 59, 20% at age 60, 10% at age 61-64, 50% at age 65-69 and 100% at age 70.

The teaching accumulated sick leave actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. based on valuation as at July 31, 2014 and extrapolated to March 31, 2017. The Province provided the information for the assumptions. The discount rate was set at 3.71% as of March 31, 2016, 3.59% as of March 31, 2017 and 3.42% for March 31, 2018. The retirement for 2016-17 and 2017-18 was estimated to be 50% at the Rule of 85 with the remainder at earlier of 35 years of credited services, age 62 with 10 years credited service, and age 65 with 2 years credited service. Withdrawal prior to retirement was set at 5% per annum in the first 2 years of employment. The salary increases were assumed to be 0% on April 1, 2016, 1% on April 1, 2017, 1.5% on April 1, 2018, .05% on March 31, 2019 and 2.0% per year from April 1, 2019. Expected sick leave utilization is 7.6 days per school year for males and 8.8 days per year for females. The expected net sick leave accrual for a full time employee is 20 days less expected current year sick leave used (12.4 days for males and 11.2 days for females).

7. Accumulated sick leave liability continued

Non-Teaching - Accumulated Sick Leave

Non-Teaching - Accumulated Sick Leave	2018		 2017	
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year Current service cost Interest on obligation Impact of plan amendment Other (past service, transfers, etc) Less: sick leave taken Actuarial (gains) losses Closing benefit obligation, end of year	\$	1,573,749 208,503 53,645 - (245,567) - 13,354 1,603,684	\$ 1,494,735 196,748 53,163 - (241,933) - 71,036 1,573,749	
Pension assets, at market related values Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		- (1,603,684)	 - (1,573,749)	
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		229,816	240,562	
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(1,373,868)	\$ (1,333,187)	
Teachers -Accumulated Sick Leave				
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year Current service cost Interest on obligation Impact of plan amendment Other (past service, transfers, etc) Less: sick leave taken Actuarial (gains) losses Closing benefit obligation, end of year	\$	11,225,805 694,000 386,095 (875,000) - - (2,624,700) 8,806,200	\$ 10,933,197 663,300 392,708 (875,000) - - 111,600 11,225,805	
Pension assets, at market related values		-	-	
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(8,806,200)	(11,225,805)	
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses Accrued benefit asset (liability)		(4,000,134) (12,806,334)	 (1,479,866) (12,705,671)	
Total Sick Leave Liability	\$	(14,180,202)	\$ (14,038,858)	

8. Service Awards

During the 2000-2001 and the 2013-2014 fiscal years the Province of Nova Scotia assumed full responsibility for accumulated liability associated with teaching and non-teaching employee retirement allowances. School boards are responsible only for the current service cost of this benefit. The projected liability is offset by a corresponding receivable from the Province. The amount of the projected liability has been determined by the Nova Scotia Department of Finance, based on an actuarial valuation.

The non teachers retiring allowance actuarial valuation was prepared by Morneau Shepell based on data from March 31, 2015, extrapolated to March 31, 2018. All assumptions used in the Service award valuation have been chosen by the Province. The discount rate to be used in the calculations was 3.42% per annum at April 1, 2017. A rate of 3.59% per annum was used as at March 31, 2017. Salary increases were assumed to be 1% at April 1, 2016 and 2% at April 1, 2017, 2.5% at April 1, 2018 and 3.5% at April 1, 2019. Retirement age was assumed to be 10% at age 59, 20% at age 60, 10% at age 61-64, 50% at age 65-69 and 100% at age 70.

CUPE members who have a frozen benefit as at July 16, 1998 are entitled to a payment upon retirement of the frozen amount reduced to reflect the proportion by which unused sick time at retirement is less than unused sick time at July 16, 1998.

CUPE members with 15 years of service at April 1, 2015, including those with the frozen benefit noted above, are entitled to a payment upon retirement of 1 week's pay, 2 week's pay if they have 30 years of service at April 1, 2015.

NSGEU members who have a frozen benefit as at November 18, 1998 are entitled to a payment upon retirement of the frozen amount reduced to reflect the proportion by which unused sick time at retirement is less than unused sick time at November 18, 1998.

Non Union members who have a frozen benefit as at December 31, 1998 are entitled to a payment upon retirement of the frozen amount.

The teachers retirement allowance actuarial valuation was prepared by Eckler Ltd. based on valuation as at July 31, 2016 and extrapolated to March 31, 2017. The Province provided the information for the assumptions. The discount rate was set at 3.42% as of April 1, 2017. The retirement for 2016-17 and 2017-18 was estimated to be 50% at the Rule of 85 with the remainder at earlier of 35 years of credited services, age 62 with 10 years credited service, and age 65 with 2 years credited service. The salary increases were assumed to be 1% on April 1, 2017, 1.5% on April 1, 2018, .05% on March 31, 2019 and 2.0% per year from April 1, 2019. No pre-retirement mortality assumed. No termination prior to retirement assumed.

In determining liabilities and current service costs under accounting standard CPA PS 3250, the method required is the projected unit credit method, prorated on service. Under this method, the total benefit payable at retirement is allocated on a pro-rata basis over all years of service. However, with the curtailment of service as at August 1,2015, the benefit is no longer pro-rated (all service has been accrued).

Government Accounting informed the actuary to assume the plan is curtailed effective August 1, 2015 and accrued service for purposes of benefit determination is frozen at that date.

2018

2017

8. Service Awards (continued)

Non-Teachers - Retiring Allowances

		2018		2017
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year Current service cost	\$	184,176	\$	249,448
Interest on obligation		5,952		7,608
Impact of curtailment		77,141		.,
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		2,496		
Less: benefits paid		(20,293)		(76,364)
Actuarial (gains) losses		612		3,484
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		250,084		184,176
Pension assets, at market related values		-		-
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(250,084)		(184,176)
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		(11,865)	_	(21,549)
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(261,949)	\$	(205,724)
Opening benefit obligation, beginning of the year	\$	9,086,349	\$	8,385,084
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Current service cost	Ψ	-	Ψ	-
Interest on obligation		306,622		291,299
Impact of curtailment		-		-
Other (past service, transfers, etc)		187,400		-
Less: benefits paid Actuarial (gains) losses		(535,798) 147,100		(694,934) 1,104,900
Closing benefit obligation, end of year		9,191,673		9,086,349
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Pension assets, at market related values		-		
Funded status - surplus (deficiency)		(9,191,673)		(9,086,349)
Unamortized actuarial (gains) losses		208,664		837,191
Accrued benefit asset (liability)	\$	(8,983,009)	\$	(8,249,158)
Total Retiring Allowance Liability	\$	(9,244,958)	\$	(8,454,882)

During the year, eligible employees (teachers and non-union) were provided an opportunity to elect for an early service payout in lieu of their retirement allowance. This one-time election ended March 29, 2018. The election uptake was 88% for teachers and 97% for non-union. Non-teaching union groups were not eligible in 2017-18. The total amount of early service payouts accrued at March 31, 2018 was \$8.7 million. The impact of these immediate payouts has been reflected in the current year by recognizing a loss on settlement of \$264,541 and previously unamortized losses of \$718,899.

9. Subsequent Event

On April 1, 2018, the Education Reform (2018) Act came into effect. The implementation of this Act dissolved the Annapolis Valley Regional School Board effective April 1, 2018, with all assets and liabilities transferring to a successor entity, known as Annapolis Valley Regional Centre for Education on the same date. The successor entity is a corporation sole, with the Minister of Education and Early Childhood Development as sole director. The Education Reform (2018) Act was passed on March 9, 2018.

10. Teachers Pensions and Benefits

Teachers pension and benefit expenses paid for by the Province of Nova Scotia are now shown as an expense on the financial statements of the Board with an offsetting revenue from the Province of Nova Scotia. This change in accounting policy has been applied retroactively and the prior year Province of Nova Scotia revenue has increased by \$13,270,400 as well as the instruction expenses.