LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION

(A COMPONENT UNIT OF LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE)

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 and 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Board of Directors
Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Corporation

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Corporation (Corporation) (a nonprofit corporation) which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Corporation, as of June 30, 2021 and 2020, and the respective changes in its net assets and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Powers & Sullivan LLC

December 15, 2021

Financial Statements

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION

STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

JUNE 30, 2021 AND 2020

		2021		2020
ASSETS				
CURRENT:				
Cash and cash equivalents	$	833	$	313
Investments		2,595,872		2,478,604
Receivables, net of allowance for uncollectibles:				
Due from Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative		-		450
Total current assets		2,596,705		2,479,367
NONCURRENT:				
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation:				
Nondepreciable		2,744,788		2,744,788
Depreciable		15,057,064		15,409,172
Total noncurrent assets		17,801,852		18,153,960
TOTAL ASSETS	$	20,398,557	$	20,633,327
LIABILITIES				
CURRENT:				
Warrants payable	$	-	$	2,500
Accrued interest		29,292		30,931
Bonds and notes payable		533,250		519,000
Total current liabilities		562,542		552,431
NONCURRENT:				
Bonds and notes payable		8,741,250		9,274,500
TOTAL LIABILITIES		9,303,792		9,826,931
NET ASSETS				
Without Donor Restrictions - Unrestricted		11,094,765		10,806,396
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	$	20,398,557	$	20,633,327

See notes to financial statements.

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION
STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND JUNE 30, 2020

WITHOUT DONOR RESTRICTIONS - UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	2021	2020
REVENUE		
Rental income	$ 1,020,000	$ 1,020,000
Reimbursements	417,679	996,854
Interest income	1,776	3,806
Total revenue	1,439,455	2,020,660
EXPENSES		
Depreciation	769,787	769,829
Interest	365,625	386,406
Legal and accounting	15,674	11,628
Total expenses	1,151,086	1,167,863
NET CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	288,369	852,797
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	10,806,396	9,953,599
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	$ 11,094,765	$ 10,806,396

See notes to financial statements.

LOWER PIONEER VALLEY EDUCATIONAL CORPORATION
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2021 AND JUNE 30, 2020

	2021	2020
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Change in net assets	$ 288,369	$ 852,797
Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to net cash from operating activities:		
Depreciation	769,787	769,829
Decrease (Increase) in due from Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative	450	22,884
(Decrease) Increase in accounts payable	(2,500)	(20,834)
(Decrease) Increase in accrued interest	(1,639)	(35,352)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1,054,467	1,589,324
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal payments on bonds and notes	(519,000)	(547,500)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(417,679)	(996,854)
Purchase of investments	(117,268)	(44,722)
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(534,947)	(1,041,576)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	520	248
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	313	65
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF YEAR	$ 833	$ 313
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash paid for interest	$ 365,625	$ 386,406

See notes to financial statements.

NOTE 1 – NATURE OF ACTIVITIES AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Activities

Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Corporation (the Corporation) was organized in 1981 and is composed of representatives from the seven member school systems of the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (the “Collaborative”). The current purpose of the Corporation is to hold title to real estate and other assets to be used for educational purposes by the Collaborative and the member school districts. The Corporation is governed by a seven person Board of Directors who are independent from the Collaborative.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The Corporation's policy is to prepare its financial statements under Financial Accounting Standard’s Board (“FASB”) Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 958 *Not-for-Profit Organizations (FASB ASC 958-205),* as updated by FASB Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*, on an accrual basis of accounting which recognizes revenue when earned rather than when received and records expenses when incurred rather than when paid. Under ASC 958, the Organization is required to report information regarding its financial position and activities based on two classes of net assets as follows:

Net assets without donor restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donor-imposed restrictions or limits as to their use.

Net assets with donor restrictions – Net assets subject to donor-imposed stipulations in which only the earnings can be used to fund various programs.

None of the Corporation’s net assets were subject to donor restrictions.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of reporting cash flows, the Corporation considers all highly liquid investments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Contributions and Revenues

The Corporation has adopted the provisions of FASB’s ASC 958-605, Accounting for Contributions Received. Contributions received are recorded as unrestricted, or permanently restricted support depending on the existence or nature of any donor restrictions. When a restriction expires, restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets. For the years ending June 30, 2021 and 2020, the Corporation received 100% of its revenues from the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. All revenue was unrestricted at the time of receipt.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of 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 reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Accordingly, the actual results could differ from those estimates.

Accounts Receivable

The Corporation had receivable balances due from the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative as of June 30, 2020. The Corporation considers invoices older than 30 days to be delinquent. Interest is not charged on past due accounts. The Corporation did not have any receivables as of June 30, 2021.

Management reviews the receivable balance for collectability and records an allowance for doubtful accounts based on historical information and current economic trends. No allowance for doubtful accounts was recorded at June 30, 2021 or 2020, as management believes all accounts are fully collectible.

Property and Equipment

Property and equipment with a useful life greater than one year is stated at cost. The Corporation's policy is to capitalize property and equipment costing $5,000 or more. Depreciation is calculated on a straight line basis based on the following estimated useful lives:

Building and Improvements	20-40 years

Tax Status

The Corporation is a tax-exempt organization under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(c) (3) and, therefore, has no provision for federal or state income taxes.

Fair Value Measurements

The Corporation reports required types of financial instruments in accordance with the fair value standards. These standards require an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs (such as quoted prices in active markets) and minimize the use of unobservable inputs (such as appraisals or valuation techniques) to determine fair value. Fair value standards also require the organization to classify these financial instruments into a three-level hierarchy, based on the priority of inputs to the valuation technique or in accordance with net asset value practical expedient rules, which allow for either Level 2 or Level 3 depending on lock up and notice periods associated with the underlying funds.

Instruments measured and reported at fair value are classified and disclosed in one of the following categories:

Level 1 – Quoted prices are available in active markets for identical instruments as of the reporting date. Instruments, which are generally included in this category, include listed equity and debt securities publicly traded on a stock exchange.

Level 2 – Pricing inputs are other than quoted in active markets, which are either directly or indirectly observable as of the reporting date, and fair value is determined through the use of models or other valuation methodologies.

Level 3 – Pricing inputs are unobservable for the instrument and include situations where there is little, if any, market activity for the instrument. The inputs into the determination of fair value require significant management judgment or estimation.

In some instances the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy and is based on the lowest level of input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Market price is affected by a number of factors, including the type of instrument and the characteristics specific to the instrument. Instruments with readily available active quoted prices or for which fair value can be measured from actively quoted prices generally will have a higher degree of market price observability and a lesser degree of judgment used in measuring fair value. It is reasonably possible that change in values of these instruments will occur in the near term and that such changes could materially affect amounts reported in these financial statements.

At June 30, 2021, and 2020, the Corporation had a Repurchase Agreement to fully collateralize the Corporation's assets above the Federal Depository Insurance limits. See Note 3 for more information.

Advertising

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred. There were no advertising expenses incurred for the years ended June 30, 2021, or 2020.

Fundraising Activities

The Corporation had no fundraising activities for the years ended June 30, 2021, and 2020.

Insurance

The Corporation is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Corporation carries commercial insurance.

NOTE 2 – LIQUIDITY AND AVAILABILITY

Financial assets available for expenditure within one year consisted of the following at June 30:

	2021	2020
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 833	$ 313
Investments	2,595,872	2,478,604
Due from Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative	-	450
Total	$ 2,596,705	$ 2,479,367

NOTE 3 – CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Corporation maintains its cash deposits in one checking account. At June 30, 2021, and 2020, the Corporation's carrying balance for deposits totaled $833 and $313, respectively, and the bank balance totaled $833, and $313 respectively, all of which was covered under Federal Depository Insurance.

Investments

As of June 30, 2021, the Corporation had an investment of with a fair value of $2,737,047 in an overnight Repurchase Agreement (REPO). Under the terms of the REPO, the bank collects funds in excess of an agreed upon amount and invests the monies in a REPO. Investments are fully collateralized by U.S. Government securities. As of June 30, 2021, the carrying value of the REPO is $2,595,872. The difference between the carrying value and the fair value of the investment is un-cleared checks. The REPO is classified as level 3 of the fair value hierarchy since the investments are not readily tradeable and may be valued using non-observable information and assumptions.

NOTE 4 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets consist of the following:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 2,744,788	$ -	$ -	$ 2,744,788
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings	23,837,717	417,679	-	24,255,396
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(8,428,545)	(769,787)	-	(9,198,332)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	15,409,172	(352,108)	-	15,057,064
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	$ 18,153,960	$ (352,108)	$ -	$ 17,801,852

NOTE 5 – COMMITMENTS

Front Street Building Renovation

The Corporation completed the renovation of the building they own at 72 Front Street in West Springfield to be utilized to house the Collaborative's Municipal Medicaid Reimbursement program. The project was funded through the voted use of fund balance of the Collaborative totaling $405,000. The project's total costs were approximately $396,000. The Collaborative plans to repurpose the excess funding.

Brush Hill Bistro Roof Replacement Project and Modular Classrooms Renovations

In 2021, the Collaborative's board voted to approve the use of fund balance in the amount of $550,000 to fund costs associated with a roof replacement project at the Brush Hill Bistro as well as renovations to modular classrooms. Approximately $418,000 was expended and capitalized in 2021.

NOTE 6 – LONG-TERM DEBT

During fiscal year 2016, the Corporation borrowed $12,075,000 through Massachusetts Development Finance Agency Revenue bonds (the bond). The bond was used to finance $1,087,267 toward the purchase of a new Wilbraham garage; to refund $10,457,000 of an existing Massachusetts Development bond; to refund $444,733 which was the outstanding balance of the Agawam Garage Note; and to fund $86,000 in issuance costs on the new bond. The current refunding was executed to transition from a variable rate bond to a bond which carries a fixed interest rate and to remove the 2 garages that were sold and modular classrooms from the collateral asset listing on the loan. The modular classrooms in Agawam and East Longmeadow were previously used as collateral and are no longer in use and have been relinquished to the respective communities. The garages in Wilbraham and Ludlow that were previously on the collateral listing were sold as part of the transition to the new Wilbraham Garage. The new bond has a fixed interest rate of 3.79%, with payments made monthly until September 2025, at which time there is a final balloon payment of $6,940,000. At the end of 2021, the Corporation had $9,274,500 of outstanding debt related to this issuance.

The Corporation had the following long-term financing activity during 2021:

Project	Interest Rate (%)	Outstanding at June 30, 2020	Issued	Redeemed	Outstanding at June 30, 2021
Massachusetts Development Bond............	3.79%	$ 9,793,500	$ -	$ 519,000	$ 9,274,500

Annual principal maturities are as follows for the years ending June 30:

Year	Principal	Interest	Total
2022.............	$ 533,250	$ 342,333	$ 875,583
2023.............	550,500	321,835	872,335
2024.............	568,500	301,476	869,976
2025.............	584,250	278,831	863,081
2026.............	7,038,000	66,770	7,104,770
Total.............	$ 9,274,500	$ 1,311,245	$ 10,585,745

NOTE 7 – RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Corporation leases various facilities to the Collaborative for use in their programs. The Corporation recorded rental income of $1,020,000 per year for the years ended June 30, 2021, and 2020.

New operating leases for various facilities were effective July 1, 2017, and under the terms, all of the operating leases will expire on June 30, 2022, with various options for extensions, in which the Corporation plans to exercise. Based on the current operating lease agreements, future operating lease payments to be received by the Corporation total $1,020,000, and are scheduled to be received in 2022.

During 2021, and 2020, The Collaborative also remitted reimbursements to the Corporation totaling $417,679 and $996,854, respectively. Current year reimbursement payments received related to the Brush Hill Bistro roof replacement project as well as modular classroom renovations.

NOTE 8 – CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

The Corporation derives its revenue from the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative through a series of operating leases in which the Corporation leases facilities to the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative. The leases were extended as of July 1, 2017, and currently expire on June 30, 2022. The Corporation believes that it has no significant concentration of credit risk beyond its basis of origin as Lessor to the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative.

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Corporation has evaluated subsequent events through December 15, 2021, which is the date that the financial statements were available to be issued.