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区 QUARTERLY REPORT UNDER SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED JULY 31, 2011

OR
TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

## FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO

Commission File No. 001-15007

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

## MISSOURI

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

43-1532756
(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

> 2481 Mañana Drive
> Dallas, Texas 75220
> (Address of principal executive offices)
> (Zip Code)
(214) 357-9588
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes $\boxtimes$ No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes 区 No

Indicate by checkmark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.


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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## DAVE \& BUSTER'S, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

 (in thousands, except share amounts)|  | $\frac{\text { July 31, } 2011}{\text { (unaudited) }}$ | $\frac{\text { January 30, } 2011}{\text { (audited) }}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |
| Current assets: |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 34,256 | \$ | 34,407 |
| Inventories | 14,378 |  | 14,231 |
| Prepaid expenses | 8,390 |  | 9,609 |
| Deferred income taxes | 14,676 |  | 7,568 |
| Income tax receivable | 5,861 |  | 5,861 |
| Other current assets | 9,008 |  | 5,015 |
| Assets held for sale (Note 4) | 1,570 |  | - |
| Total current assets | 88,139 |  | 76,691 |
| Property and equipment (net of \$56,970 and \$32,707, accumulated depreciation in 2011 and 2010, respectively) | 302,836 |  | 304,819 |
| Tradenames | 79,000 |  | 79,000 |
| Goodwill | 272,359 |  | 272,626 |
| Other assets and deferred charges | 30,448 |  | 31,406 |
| Total assets | \$ 772,782 | \$ | 764,542 |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities: |  |  |  |
| Current installments of long-term debt (Note 6) | \$ 1,500 | \$ | 1,500 |
| Accounts payable | 20,228 |  | 18,694 |
| Accrued liabilities (Note 5) | 52,618 |  | 59,864 |
| Income taxes payable | 1,489 |  | 1,434 |
| Deferred income taxes | 1,568 |  | 385 |
| Total current liabilities | 77,403 |  | 81,877 |
| Deferred income taxes | 31,762 |  | 24,702 |
| Deferred occupancy costs | 61,572 |  | 59,017 |
| Other liabilities | 12,357 |  | 12,698 |
| Long-term debt, less current installments, net of unamortized discount (Note 6) | 345,417 |  | 346,418 |
| Commitments and contingencies (Note 9) |  |  |  |
| Stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |
| Common stock, $\$ 0.01$ par value, 1,000 authorized; 100 issued and outstanding as of July 31, 2011 and January 30, 2011 | - |  | - |
| Preferred stock, 10,000,000 authorized; none issued | - |  | - |
| Paid-in capital | 245,414 |  | 244,792 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | 414 |  | 195 |
| Accumulated deficit | $(1,557)$ |  | $(5,157)$ |
| Total stockholders' equity | 244,271 |  | 239,830 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$ 772,782 | \$ | 764,542 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

DAVE \& BUSTER'S, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, unaudited)

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Thirteen Weeks } \\ & \text { Ended } \\ & \text { July 31, } 2011 \end{aligned}$ |  | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | For the 29 Day Period from May 3, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Successor) |  | (Successor) |  | (Predecessor) |  |
| Food and beverage revenues | \$ | 63,877 | \$ | 45,438 | \$ | 19,113 |
| Amusement and other revenues |  | 64,787 |  | 46,047 |  | 17,318 |
| Total revenues |  | 128,664 |  | 91,485 |  | 36,431 |
| Cost of food and beverage |  | 15,440 |  | 10,856 |  | 4,540 |
| Cost of amusement and other |  | 10,305 |  | 7,963 |  | 2,856 |
| Total cost of products |  | 25,745 |  | 18,819 |  | 7,396 |
| Operating payroll and benefits |  | 31,012 |  | 21,884 |  | 10,501 |
| Other store operating expenses |  | 45,230 |  | 29,919 |  | 14,197 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 8,614 |  | 9,130 |  | 8,446 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |  | 13,225 |  | 8,992 |  | 3,724 |
| Pre-opening costs |  | 1,431 |  | 19 |  | 258 |
| Total operating costs |  | 125,257 |  | 88,763 |  | 44,522 |
| Operating income (loss) |  | 3,407 |  | 2,722 |  | $(8,091)$ |
| Interest expense, net |  | 8,213 |  | 8,777 |  | 1,628 |
| Loss before income tax benefit |  | $(4,806)$ |  | $(6,055)$ |  | $(9,719)$ |
| Income tax benefit |  | $(1,688)$ |  | $(2,625)$ |  | $(3,670)$ |
| Net loss | \$ | $(3,118)$ | \$ | $\underline{(3,430)}$ | \$ | $(6,049)$ |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

DAVE \& BUSTER'S, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (in thousands, unaudited)

|  | Twenty-Six Weeks <br> Ended <br> July 31, 2011 |  | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | For the 120 Day Period from February 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Successor) |  | (Successor) |  | (Predecessor) |  |
| Food and beverage revenues | \$ | 138,139 | \$ | 45,438 | \$ | 90,470 |
| Amusement and other revenues |  | 139,128 |  | 46,047 |  | 87,536 |
| Total revenues |  | 277,267 |  | 91,485 |  | 178,006 |
| Cost of food and beverage |  | 33,392 |  | 10,856 |  | 21,817 |
| Cost of amusement and other |  | 20,652 |  | 7,963 |  | 13,442 |
| Total cost of products |  | 54,044 |  | 18,819 |  | 35,259 |
| Operating payroll and benefits |  | 65,278 |  | 21,884 |  | 43,969 |
| Other store operating expenses |  | 90,335 |  | 29,919 |  | 59,802 |
| General and administrative expenses |  | 17,425 |  | 9,130 |  | 17,064 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |  | 26,295 |  | 8,992 |  | 16,224 |
| Pre-opening costs |  | 2,171 |  | 19 |  | 1,447 |
| Total operating costs |  | 255,548 |  | 88,763 |  | 173,765 |
| Operating income |  | 21,719 |  | 2,722 |  | 4,241 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 16,456 |  | 8,777 |  | 6,976 |
| Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | 5,263 |  | $(6,055)$ |  | $(2,735)$ |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes |  | 1,663 |  | $(2,625)$ |  | (597) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 3,600 | \$ | $\underline{(3,430)}$ | \$ | $\underline{(2,138)}$ |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

DAVE \& BUSTER'S, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

 (in thousands, unaudited)|  | For the Twenty-Six Weeks ended July 31, 2011 |  | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | For the 120 Day Period from February 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Sucessor) |  | (Sucessor) |  | (Predecessor) |  |
| Cash flows from operating activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income (loss) | \$ | 3,600 | \$ | $(3,430)$ | \$ | $(2,138)$ |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |  | 26,295 |  | 8,992 |  | 16,224 |
| Deferred income tax expense (benefit) |  | 1,449 |  | $(3,111)$ |  | $(2,241)$ |
| Loss on disposal of fixed assets |  | 978 |  | 149 |  | 416 |
| Stock-based compensation charges |  | 622 |  | 150 |  | 1,697 |
| Business interruption reimbursement (Note 3) |  | $(1,629)$ |  | $(1,040)$ |  | (210) |
| Other, net |  | 851 |  | 35 |  | (11) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inventories |  | (147) |  | 127 |  | (31) |
| Prepaid expenses |  | 1,219 |  | $(1,432)$ |  | $(1,094)$ |
| Income tax receivable |  | - |  | 8 |  | $(1,856)$ |
| Other current assets |  | $(4,798)$ |  | (976) |  | 729 |
| Other assets and deferred charges |  | 1,106 |  | 2,476 |  | (190) |
| Accounts payable |  | 1,534 |  | (841) |  | (698) |
| Accrued liabilities |  | $(5,535)$ |  | $(7,169)$ |  | $(2,137)$ |
| Income taxes payable |  | 8 |  | 458 |  | 2,886 |
| Deferred occupancy costs |  | 2,560 |  | 765 |  | 86 |
| Other liabilities |  | (341) |  | 210 |  | (137) |
| Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities |  | 27,772 |  | $(4,629)$ |  | 11,295 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Initial investment by Oak Hill |  | - |  | 245,498 |  | - |
| Purchase of Predecessor stock |  | - |  | $(330,803)$ |  | - |
| Capital expenditures |  | $(26,632)$ |  | $(5,089)$ |  | $(12,978)$ |
| Insurance proceeds on Nashville property |  | 798 |  | - |  | - |
| Proceeds from sales of property and equipment |  | 4 |  | - |  | 3 |
| Net cash used in investing activities |  | $(25,830)$ |  | $(90,394)$ |  | $(12,975)$ |
| Cash flows from financing activities: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Repayments of long-term debt, including extinguishment fees |  | - |  | $(237,625)$ |  | - |
| Repayments of senior secured credit facility |  | $(1,125)$ |  | $(2,375)$ |  | (125) |
| Borrowings under senior secured credit facility, net of unamortized discount |  | - |  | 150,500 |  | - |
| Borrowings under senior notes |  | - |  | 200,000 |  | - |
| Debt issuance costs |  | (968) |  | $(12,591)$ |  | - |
| Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities |  | $(2,093)$ |  | 97,909 |  | (125) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents |  | (151) |  | 2,886 |  | $(1,805)$ |
| Beginning cash and cash equivalents |  | 34,407 |  | 14,877 |  | 16,682 |
| Ending cash and cash equivalents | \$ | 34,256 | \$ | $\underline{\text { 17,763 }}$ | \$ | $\underline{14,877}$ |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information: |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash paid (refunds received) for income taxes, net | \$ | 7 | \$ | (942) | \$ | 1,609 |
| Cash paid for interest and related debt fees, net of amounts capitalized | \$ | 17,590 | \$ | 19,442 | \$ | 10,259 |

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

# Dave \& Buster's, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (in thousands, except per share amounts) 

## Note 1: Basis of Presentation

Dave \& Buster's, Inc., a Missouri corporation, owns, operates and licenses high-volume venues that combine dining and entertainment in North America for both adults and families. Our venues operate under the names "Dave \& Buster's" and "Dave \& Buster's Grand Sports Café." As of July 31,2011 , there were 57 company-owned locations in the United States and Canada and one franchise location in Canada. Dave \& Buster's, Inc. operates its business as one operating and one reportable segment. Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday after the Saturday closest to January 31.

Dave \& Buster's, Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dave \& Buster's Holdings, Inc. ("D\&B Holdings"), a Missouri corporation. D\&B Holdings is a wholly owned subsidiary of Dave \& Buster's Entertainment, Inc. (formerly known as Dave \& Buster's Parent, Inc.) ("Entertainment Co."), a Delaware corporation owned by Oak Hill Capital Partners III, L.P., Oak Hill Capital Management Partners III, L.P. (collectively "Oak Hill") and certain members of the Board of Directors and management of Dave \& Buster's, Inc.

Entertainment Co. owns no other significant assets or operations other than the ownership of all the common stock of D\&B Holdings. D\&B Holdings owns no other significant assets or operations other than the ownership of all the common stock of Dave \& Buster's, Inc. References to "Dave \& Buster's," the "Company," "we," "us," and "our" are references to Dave \& Buster's, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

The ownership of Dave \& Buster's by Entertainment Co. commenced on June 1, 2010 when it acquired all of the outstanding common stock of D\&B Holdings from Wellspring Capital Partners III, L.P. and HBK Main Street Investors L.P. The June 1, 2010 acquisition transactions resulted in a change in ownership of $100 \%$ of our outstanding common stock and are collectively referred to as the "Acquisition."

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require operating results for the Company prior to the June 1,2010 Acquisition to be presented as the Predecessor's results in the historical financial statements. Operating results subsequent to the Acquisition are presented as the Successor's results and include all periods including and subsequent to June 1, 2010. There have been no changes in the business operations of the Company due to the Acquisition.

Interim financial statements-The accompanying unaudited financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") in the United States for interim financial information as prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, these financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring accruals, necessary to present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods indicated. The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Operating results for the thirteen and twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 are not necessarily indicative of results that may be expected for any other interim period or for the year ended January 29, 2012. Our quarterly financial data should be read in conjunction with our Annual Audited Consolidated Financial Statements for the year ended January 30, 2011 (including the notes thereto) as contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC.

The financial statements include our accounts after elimination of all significant intercompany balances and transactions. All dollar amounts are presented in thousands, unless otherwise noted, except share amounts.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements-In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an update regarding guidance over the disclosure requirements of fair value measurements. This update adds new requirements for disclosure about transfers into and out of Levels One and Two fair value measurements and also adds additional disclosure requirements about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level Three fair value measurements. The guidance was effective beginning fiscal year 2010 for the disclosure requirements around Levels One and Two measurements. The adoption of this guidance on February 1,2010 , did not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The guidance is effective beginning fiscal year 2011 for the disclosure requirements around Level Three measurements. This new guidance had no impact on the fair value disclosures of the Company, as the Company has no Level Three instruments.

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04, which requires a more uniform framework for fair value measurements and related disclosures between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This guidance also requires the following additional disclosures: (a) for Level Three fair value measurements, quantitative information about unobservable inputs used, a description of the valuation processes used by the entity, and a qualitative discussion about the sensitivity of the measurements to changes in the unobservable inputs; (b) for an entity's use of a nonfinancial asset that is different from the asset's highest and best use, the reason for the difference; (c) for financial instruments not measured at fair value but for which disclosure of fair value is required, the fair value hierarchy level in which the fair value measurements were determined; and (d) the disclosure of all transfers between Level One and Level Two of the fair value hierarchy. This guidance will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December $15,2011$. The Company does not believe implementation of this guidance will have a material effect on its disclosure.

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc. <br> Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

In June 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income, which eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Companies can elect to present items of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. There are no changes to the accounting for items within comprehensive income. This standard impacts presentation only and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011.

Significant accounting policies-There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC for the year ended January 30, 2011.

## Note 2: Acquisition by Oak Hill

The Acquisition described in Note 1 resulted in a change in ownership of $100 \%$ of the Company's outstanding common stock. The purchase price paid in the Acquisition has been "pushed down" to the Company's financial statements and is allocated to record the acquired assets and liabilities assumed based on their fair value.

In the first quarter of fiscal 2011, an adjustment was made to decrease goodwill by $\$ 267$. The decrease to goodwill is due primarily to an increase in deferred tax assets as a result of finalization of income tax basis.

## Note 3: Casualty loss

On May 2, 2010, flooding occurred in Nashville, Tennessee, causing considerable damage to our Nashville store and the retail mall where our store is located. The store is covered by up to $\$ 25,000$ in property and business interruption insurance subject to an overall deductible of one thousand dollars. We currently anticipate that this store will reopen during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2011.

During the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , we recorded $\$ 1,952$ as a reduction to "Other store operating expenses" in the Consolidated Statement of Operations related to the recovery of business interruption losses from our insurance carrier. The Company received $\$ 1,629$ in fiscal 2010 of the fiscal 2011 recognized business interruption recoveries. The remainder is recorded as a receivable in "Other current assets" in the Company's Consolidated Balance Sheets. Additionally, as of July 31, 2011, we have recorded casualty related receivables of $\$ 1,650$ for property, equipment and inventories and $\$ 599$ for remediation expenses and other costs incurred as a result of the flood. Of the total receivable amount at July $31,2011, \$ 1,077$ is due from insurance carriers and $\$ 1,495$ is due from the landlord. All receivable amounts are expected to be collected. We have not recorded any gains or losses related to amounts included in the insurance receivable. On August 16,2011, we collected $\$ 3,119$ from our insurance carrier as full settlement for amounts receivable for business interruption, remediation expenses, and inventories. This payment includes deferred insurance proceeds of $\$ 1,212$ for future fiscal 2011 business interruption and $\$ 830$ for preopening expenses. These deferred insurance proceeds will be recognized during the applicable future periods.

## Note 4: Assets Held for Sale

On May 2, 2011, the Company closed one of its stores located in Dallas, Texas. The land, building and improvements and certain equipment at this location are owned assets which the Company intends to sell. In accordance with the provisions of Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 360 , Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-lived Assets, we have reclassified assets with a fair value of approximately $\$ 1,570$ from "Property and equipment, net" to "Assets held for sale" on the Consolidated Balance Sheet. Depreciation of assets was ceased as of the date they were reclassified as "Assets held for sale."

The Company performed an assessment of the carrying value of the assets related to the closed location to determine if any impairment loss should be recognized in accordance with ASC 360. As a result of our assessment, we recognized a $\$ 105$ impairment loss on assets classified as "Assets held for sale" and recognized an additional loss of $\$ 95$ for assets that were disposed of during the quarter. We believe the carrying value of the assets, as adjusted, classified as "Assets held for sale" approximates their fair value based on an independent broker's estimated net sales price of the assets.

Evaluations performed by the Company indicate that some of the business from the closed store will migrate to other Dave \& Buster's locations within the Dallas market. Therefore, the historical operating results of the closed location will continue to be reported within "Operating income" in the Company's Consolidated Statements of Operations.

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## Dave \& Buster's, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

## Note 5: Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

|  | July 31, 2011 | January 30, 2011 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
|  | $\$ 10,575$ | 9,966 |
| Deferred amusement revenue | 9,820 | 11,304 |
| Cempensation and benefits | 7,165 | 5,909 |
| Amusement redemption liability | 5,201 | 4,842 |
| Interest | 3,805 | 6,079 |
| Property taxes | 3,499 | 3,174 |
| Deferred gift card revenue | 3,096 | 3,683 |
| Sales and use taxes | 2,345 | 2,625 |
| Other | 7,112 | 12,282 |
| Total accrued liabilities | $\underline{52,618}$ | $\underline{\$ 1}$ |

## Note 6: Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt consisted of the following:

|  | July 31, 2011 | January 30, 2011 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Senior secured credit facility-revolving | \$ | \$ | - |
| Senior secured credit facility-term | 148,125 |  | 149,250 |
| Senior notes | 200,000 |  | 200,000 |
| Total debt outstanding | 348,125 |  | 349,250 |
| Unamortized debt discount | $(1,208)$ |  | $(1,332)$ |
| Less current installments | 1,500 |  | 1,500 |
| Long-term debt, less current installments, net of unamortized discount | \$ 345,417 | \$ | 346,418 |

Senior Secured Credit Facility-Our senior secured credit facility provides (a) a $\$ 150,000$ term loan facility with a maturity date of June 1,2016 , and (b) a $\$ 50,000$ revolving credit facility with a maturity date of June 1,2015 . The $\$ 50,000$ revolving credit facility includes (i) a $\$ 20,000$ letter of credit sub-facility (ii) a $\$ 5,000$ swingline sub-facility and (iii) a $\$ 1,000$ (in US Dollar equivalent) sub-facility available in Canadian dollars to the Canadian subsidiary. The revolving credit facility will be used to provide financing for general purposes. Virtually all of the Company's assets are pledged as collateral for the senior secured credit facility. As of July 31,2011 , we had no borrowings under the revolving credit facility, borrowings of $\$ 148,125$ ( $\$ 146,917$, net of discount) under the term facility and $\$ 5,895$ in letters of credit outstanding. We believe that the carrying amount of our term credit facility approximates its fair value because the interest rates are adjusted regularly based on current market conditions.

The interest rates per annum applicable to loans, other than swingline loans, under our senior secured credit facility are set periodically based on, at our option, either (1) the greatest of (a) the defined prime rate in effect, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect plus $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ and (c) a Eurodollar rate, which is subject to a minimum (or, in the case of the Canadian revolving credit facility, a Canadian prime rate or Canadian cost of funds rate), for one-, two-, three- or six-months (or, if agreed by the applicable lenders, nine or twelve months) or, in relation to the Canadian revolving credit facility, $30-, 60-, 90-$ or 180 -day interest periods chosen by us or our Canadian subsidiary, as applicable in each case (the "Base Rate"), plus an applicable margin or (2) a defined Eurodollar rate plus an applicable margin. Swingline loans bear interest at the Base Rate plus the applicable margin.

The senior secured credit facility requires compliance with financial covenants including a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio test and a maximum leverage ratio test. The Company is required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.05:1.00 and a maximum leverage ratio of 5.00:1.00 as of July 31,2011 . The financial covenants will become more restrictive through the fourth quarter of fiscal 2014. In addition, the senior secured credit facility includes negative covenants restricting or limiting, D\&B Holdings, Dave \& Buster's and its subsidiaries' ability to, among other things, incur additional indebtedness, pay dividends, make capital expenditures and sell or acquire assets.

On May 13, 2011, the Company executed an amendment (the "Amendment") to the senior secured credit facility. The Amendment reduced the applicable term loan margins and LIBOR floor used in setting interest rates, as well as limited the Company's requirement to meet the covenant ratios, as stipulated in the Amendment, until such time as we make a draw on our revolving credit facility or issue letters of credit in excess of \$12,000. Oak Hill Advisors LP (an affiliate of Oak Hill) is one of twenty-two creditors participating in the term loan portion of our senior secured credit facility. As of July 31, 2011, Oak Hill Advisors LP held approximately $9.4 \%$, or $\$ 13,965$, of our total term loan obligation. The Company was in compliance with the debt covenants as of July 31 , 2011.

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc. <br> Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

Our senior secured credit facility also contains certain customary representations and warranties, affirmative covenants and events of default, including payment defaults, breaches of representations and warranties, covenant defaults, cross-defaults and cross-acceleration to certain indebtedness, certain events of bankruptcy, certain events under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended from time to time ("ERISA"), material judgments, actual or asserted failures of any guarantee or security document supporting the senior secured credit facility to be in full force and effect and a change of control. If an event of default occurs, the lenders under the senior secured credit facility would be entitled to take various actions, including acceleration of amounts due under the senior secured credit facility and all other actions permitted to be taken by a secured creditor.

Senior notes-Our senior notes are general unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Company and mature on June 1, 2018. Interest on the notes is paid semi-annually and accrues at the rate of $11.0 \%$ per annum. On or after June 1,2014 , the Company may redeem all, or from time-to-time, a part of the senior notes at redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) ranging from $105.5 \%$ to $100.0 \%$ plus accrued and unpaid interest on the senior notes. Prior to June 1, 2013, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $40.0 \%$ of the original principal amount of the notes using the proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price of $111.0 \%$ of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. As of July 31 , 2011 , our $\$ 200,000$ of senior notes had an approximate fair value of $\$ 219,500$ based on quoted market price. The Company's senior notes are considered to be Level One instruments as defined by GAAP.

The senior notes restrict the Company's ability to incur indebtedness, outside of the senior secured credit facility, unless the consolidated coverage ratio exceeds 2.00:1.00 or other financial and operational requirements are met. Additionally, the terms of the notes restrict the Company's ability to make certain payments to affiliated entities. The Company was in compliance with the debt covenants as of July 31, 2011.

Other Information-On February 22, 2011, Entertainment Co. issued principal amount \$180,790 of 12.25\% Senior Discount Notes. The notes will mature on February 15,2016 . No cash interest will be paid on the notes prior to maturity. Entertainment Co. received net proceeds of $\$ 100,000$, which it used to pay debt issuance costs and repurchase a portion of its common stock from its stockholders. Entertainment Co. did not retain any proceeds from the note issuance. Entertainment Co. is the sole obligor of the notes. Neither D\&B Holdings, Dave \& Buster's, Inc. nor any of their subsidiaries are guarantors of these notes. However, neither D\&B Holdings nor Entertainment Co. have any material assets or operations separate from Dave \& Buster's, Inc.

Future debt obligations-The following table sets forth our future debt principal payment obligations as of July 31 , 2011 (excluding repayment obligations under the revolving portion of our senior secured credit facility).

|  | Debt Outstanding <br> at July 31, 2011 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1 year or less | $\$, 500$ |
| 2 years | 1,500 |
| 3 years | 1,500 |
| 4 years | 1,500 |
| 5 years | 142,125 |
| Thereafter | 200,000 |
| Total future payments | $\$ \mathbf{3 4 8 , 1 2 5}$ |

The following tables set forth our recorded interest expense, net:

|  | Thirteen <br> Weeks <br> Ended <br> July 31, <br> 2011 | For the 62 Day <br> Period from <br> June 1, 2010 to <br> August 1, 2010 | For the 29 Day <br> Period from <br> May 3, 2010 to <br> May 31, 2010 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (Successor) |  |  |  |

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

$\left.\begin{array}{lrr|r|c}\begin{array}{c}\text { For the 120 Day } \\ \text { Period from }\end{array} \\ \text { February 1, 2010 } \\ \text { to May 31, 2010 }\end{array}\right\}$

## Note 7: Income Taxes

We use the asset/liability method for recording income taxes, which recognizes the amount of current and deferred taxes payable or refundable at the date of the financial statements as a result of all events that are recognized in the financial statements and as measured by the provisions of enacted tax laws. We also recognize liabilities for uncertain income tax positions for those items that meet the "more likely than not" threshold.

In fiscal 2011, we have estimated the income tax provision for the twenty-six week period ended July 31, 2011, based on our estimated year-to-date effective tax rate. We estimated the income tax benefit for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010, based on an annualized effective tax rate. As a result of the evaluation of our forecasted fiscal 2011 operating results and available FICA tips credits, we believe using the estimated year-to-date effective rate approach best reflects the income tax benefit related to the interim periods presented as of July 31,2011 , as we expect our FICA tips credit and other credits to exceed our forecasted financial net income.

The calculation of tax liabilities involves significant judgment and evaluation of uncertainties in the interpretation of state tax regulations. As a result, we have established accruals for taxes that may become payable in future years due to audits by tax authorities. Tax accruals are reviewed regularly pursuant to accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes. Tax accruals are adjusted as events occur that affect the potential liability for taxes, such as the expiration of statutes of limitations, conclusion of tax audits, identification of additional exposure based on current calculations, identification of new issues, the issuance of statutory or administrative guidance, or rendering of a court decision affecting a particular issue. Accordingly, we may experience significant changes in tax accruals in the future, if or when such events occur.

As of July 31, 2011, we have accrued approximately $\$ 995$ of unrecognized tax benefits, including an additional amount of approximately $\$ 1,038$ of penalties and interest. Future recognition of potential interest or penalties, if any, will be recorded as a component of income tax expense. Because of the impact of deferred income tax accounting, $\$ 976$ of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate.

The Company is a member of a consolidated group that includes Entertainment Co. As of July 31, 2011, the Company owes Entertainment Co. approximately $\$ 72$ of tax related balances. The Company expects to utilize stand-alone net operating loss carry-forwards of approximately $\$ 11,934$ to offset stand-alone taxable income for the fiscal year.

## Note 8: Stockholders' Equity

Accumulated comprehensive income-Comprehensive income consists of net income and other gains and losses affecting stockholders' equity that are excluded from net income. Our comprehensive income (loss) consisted of (in thousands):

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Thirteen Weeks } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { July 31, } 2011 \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ |  | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 (Successor) |  | For the 29 Day Period from May 3, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Successor) |  |  |  |  | cessor) |
| Net loss | \$ | $(3,118)$ | \$ | $(3,430)$ | \$ | $(6,049)$ |
| Unrealized foreign currency translation gain (loss) |  | (26) |  | 182 |  | (147) |
| Total comprehensive loss | \$ | $(3,144)$ | \$ | $\underline{(3,248)}$ | \$ | $(6,196)$ |
|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Twenty-Six } \\ \text { Weeks } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { July 31, } 2011 \end{gathered}$ |  | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { For the } 120 \text { Day } \\ & \text { Period from } \\ & \text { February 1, } 2010 \\ & \text { to May 31, } 2010 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |
|  | (Successor) |  | (Successor) |  | (Predecessor) |  |
| Net Income (loss) | \$ | 3,600 | \$ | $(3,430)$ | \$ | $(2,138)$ |
| Unrealized foreign currency translation gain |  | 219 |  | 182 |  | 49 |
| Total comprehensive income (loss) | \$ | 3,819 | \$ | $(3,248)$ | \$ | $(2,089)$ |

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

Other information-On September 30, 2010, Entertainment Co. repurchased $\$ 1,500$ of its common stock from a former member of management, of which $\$ 1,000$ was paid by the Company on behalf of Entertainment Co. prior to July 31,2011 . The Company has accrued $\$ 500$ for the remaining purchase price.

On February 25, 2011, Entertainment Co. used the majority of the net proceeds it received from the issuance of the senior discount notes discussed in Note 6 to repurchase a portion of its common stock from its stockholders.

On March 23, 2011, Entertainment Co. sold to a member of management seventy-five newly issued shares of its common stock for an aggregate price of $\$ 75$, the value based on an independent third party valuation prepared as of January 30, 2011.

On June 28, 2011, Entertainment Co. repurchased approximately ninety shares of its common stock from a former member of management for approximately $\$ 90$, of which the Company, on behalf of Entertainment Co., paid $\$ 15$. Entertainment Co. is holding the purchased shares as treasury stock.

Subsequent to the transactions described above, Oak Hill controls approximately $95.7 \%$ and certain members of our Board of Directors and management control approximately $4.3 \%$ of the outstanding common stock of Entertainment Co.

## Note 9: Commitments and Contingencies

We are subject to certain legal proceedings and claims that arise in the ordinary course of our business. In the opinion of management, based upon consultation with legal counsel, the amount of ultimate liability with respect to such legal proceedings and claims will not materially affect the consolidated results of our operations or our financial condition.

We lease certain property and equipment under various non-cancelable operating leases. Some of the leases include options for renewal or extension on various terms. Most of the leases require us to pay property taxes, insurance, and maintenance of the leased assets. Certain leases also have provisions for additional percentage rentals based on revenues.

The following table sets forth our lease commitments as of July 31, 2011:

|  | Operating Lease Obligations at July 31, 2011 |
| :---: | :---: |
| 1 year or less | $\overline{\$ 48,067}$ |
| 2 years | 48,509 |
| 3 years | 48,253 |
| 4 years | 47,103 |
| 5 years | 46,139 |
| Thereafter | 248,417 |
| Total future payments | \$486,488 |

The above amounts include lease commitments related to our Nashville store, which has been closed due to damage sustained during the May 2010 floods (see Note 3). Rent payments for this store have been suspended by our landlord until the store re-opens.

We have signed operating lease agreements for future sites located in Braintree, Massachusetts and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, for which the landlord has fulfilled the obligations to commit us to the lease terms and therefore, the future obligations related to these locations are included in the table above.

We currently have one signed lease agreement for a future site. Our commitments under this agreement is contingent upon among other things, the landlord's delivery of access to the premises for construction. Future obligations related to this agreement are not included in the table above.

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## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued) (in thousands, except per share amounts)

## Note 10: Condensed Consolidating Financial Information

The senior notes (described in Note 6) are guaranteed on a senior basis by all domestic subsidiaries of the Company. The subsidiaries' guarantee of the senior notes are full and unconditional and joint and several.

The accompanying condensed consolidating financial information has been prepared and presented pursuant to SEC Regulation S-X Rule 3-10 "Financial Statements of Guarantors and Issuers of Guaranteed Securities Registered or Being Registered." No other condensed consolidating financial statements are presented herein. The results of operations and cash flows from operating activities from the non-guarantor subsidiary were $\$ 17$ and $\$ 1,626$, respectively, for the twenty-six week period ended July 31, 2011 and $\$(149)$ and $\$(2,305)$, respectively, for the twenty-six week period ended August 1,2010 . There are no restrictions on cash distributions from the non-guarantor subsidiary.

July 31, 2011:

|  | Issuer and Subsidiary Guarantors | Subsidiary Non-Guarantors |  | Consolidating Adjustments |  | ConsolidatedDave \& Buster'sInc. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets | \$ 84,679 | \$ | 3,460 | \$ | - | \$ | 88,139 |
| Property and equipment, net | 297,473 |  | 5,363 |  | - |  | 302,836 |
| Tradenames | 79,000 |  | - |  | - |  | 79,000 |
| Goodwill | 272,359 |  | - |  | - |  | 272,359 |
| Investment in sub | 4,099 |  | - |  | $(4,099)$ |  | - |
| Other assets and deferred charges | 30,366 |  | 82 |  | - |  | 30,448 |
| Total assets | $\underline{\underline{\$ 767,976}}$ | \$ | 8,905 | \$ | $(4,099)$ | \$ | 772,782 |
|  | Issuer and Subsidiary Guarantors |  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { sidiary } \\ & \text { uarantors } \end{aligned}$ |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { olidating } \\ \text { ustments } \end{gathered}$ |  | solidated \& Buster's Inc. |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities | \$ 72,642 | \$ | 4,761 | \$ | - | \$ | 77,403 |
| Deferred income taxes | 31,762 |  | - |  | - |  | 31,762 |
| Deferred occupancy costs | 61,527 |  | 45 |  | - |  | 61,572 |
| Other liabilities | 12,357 |  | - |  | - |  | 12,357 |
| Long-term debt, less current installments, net of unamortized discount (Note 6) | 345,417 |  | - |  | - |  | 345,417 |
| Stockholders' equity | 244,271 |  | 4,099 |  | $(4,099)$ |  | 244,271 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | \$767,976 | \$ | 8,905 | \$ | $(4,099)$ | \$ | $\underline{772,782}$ |

January 30, 2011:

|  | Issuer and <br> Subsidiary <br> Guarantors | Subsidiary <br> Non-Guarantors |  | Consolidating Adjustments |  | Consolidated Dave \& Buster's Inc. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Assets: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets | \$ 74,547 | \$ | 2,144 | \$ | - | \$ | 76,691 |
| Property and equipment, net | 299,372 |  | 5,447 |  | - |  | 304,819 |
| Tradenames | 79,000 |  | - |  | - |  | 79,000 |
| Goodwill | 272,626 |  | - |  | - |  | 272,626 |
| Investment in sub | 4,000 |  | - |  | $(4,000)$ |  | - |
| Other assets and deferred charges | 31,328 |  | 78 |  | - |  | 31,406 |
| Total assets | $\underline{\text { \$760,873 }}$ | \$ | 7,669 | \$ | $(4,000)$ | \$ | 764,542 |

## Dave \& Buster's, Inc.

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (continued)

 (in thousands, except per share amounts)|  | Issuer and Subsidiary Guarantors | Subsidiary Non-Guarantors |  | Consolidating Adjustments |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Consolidated } \\ \text { Dave \& Buster's } \end{gathered}$Inc. |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Liabilities and stockholders' equity: |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current liabilities | \$ 78,232 | \$ | 3,645 | \$ | - | \$ | 81,877 |
| Deferred income taxes | 24,702 |  | - |  | - |  | 24,702 |
| Deferred occupancy costs | 58,993 |  | 24 |  | - |  | 59,017 |
| Other liabilities | 12,698 |  | - |  | - |  | 12,698 |
| Long-term debt, less current installments, net of unamortized discount (Note 6) | 346,418 |  | - |  | - |  | 346,418 |
| Stockholders' equity | 239,830 |  | 4,000 |  | $(4,000)$ |  | 239,830 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders' equity | $\underline{\underline{\$ 760,873}}$ | \$ | 7,669 | \$ | $(4,000)$ | \$ | 764,542 |

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## ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (dollars in thousands).

The following discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10K for the year ended January 30, 2011. Our Annual Report is available on our website. Unless otherwise specified, the meanings of all defined terms in Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations ("MD\&A") are consistent with the meanings of such terms as defined in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. This discussion contains forward-looking statements. Please see "Forward-Looking Statements" for a discussion of the risks, uncertainties, and assumptions relating to our forward-looking statements. All dollar amounts are presented in thousands.

## General

We are a leading owner and operator of high-volume venues that combine dining and entertainment in North America for both adults and families. Founded in 1982, the core of our concept is to offer our guest base the opportunity to "Eat Drink Play" all in one location, through a full menu of high-quality food and beverage items combined with an extensive assortment of entertainment attractions, including skill and sports-oriented redemption games, state-of-theart video games, interactive simulators and other traditional games. Our guests are primarily a balanced mix of men and women aged 21 to 39 , and we are also an attractive venue for families with children and teenagers. We believe we appeal to a diverse customer base by providing a highly customizable experience in a dynamic and fun setting.

As of July 31, 2011, we owned and operated 57 stores in 24 states and Canada. In addition, there is one franchised store operating in Canada. Our stores average 48,000 square feet, range in size between 16,000 and 66,000 square feet and are open seven days a week, with hours of operation typically from 11:30 a.m. to midnight on weekdays and 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on weekends.

## Acquisition by Oak Hill

On June 1, 2010, Dave \& Buster's Entertainment, Inc. (formerly known as Dave \& Buster's Parent, Inc. and originally named Games Acquisition Corp.) ("Entertainment Co."), a newly-formed Delaware corporation owned by Oak Hill Capital Partners III, L.P. and Oak Hill Capital Management Partners III, L.P. (collectively, the "Oak Hill Funds" and together with their manager, Oak Hill Capital Management, LLC, and its related funds, "Oak Hill Capital Partners"), acquired all of the outstanding common stock (the "Acquisition") of Dave \& Buster's Holdings, Inc. (D\&B Holdings) from Wellspring Capital Partners III, L.P. and HBK Main Street Investors L.P. In connection therewith, Games Merger Corp. a newly-formed Missouri corporation and an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Dave \& Buster's Entertainment, Inc., merged (the "Merger") with and into D\&B Holdings' wholly-owned, direct subsidiary, Dave \& Buster's, Inc. (with Dave \& Buster's, Inc. being the surviving corporation in the Merger).

The Acquisition resulted in a change in ownership of $100 \%$ of the Company's outstanding common stock. The purchase price paid in the Acquisition has been "pushed down" to the Company's financial statements and is allocated to record the acquired assets and liabilities assumed based on their fair value.

Subsequent to filing the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2011, an adjustment was made to decrease goodwill by $\$ 267$. The decrease to goodwill is due primarily to an increase in deferred tax assets as a result of finalization of income tax basis.

## Post-Acquisition Activity

On September 30, 2010, Entertainment Co. repurchased $\$ 1,500$ of its common stock from a former member of management, of which $\$ 1,000$ was paid by the Company on behalf of Entertainment Co. prior to July 31, 2011. The Company has accrued $\$ 500$ for the remaining purchase price.

On February 25, 2011, Entertainment Co. used the majority the net proceeds it received from the issuance of the senior discount notes discussed in Note 6 of our Consolidated Financial Statements to repurchase a portion of its common stock from its stockholders.

On March 23, 2011, Entertainment Co. sold to a member of management seventy-five newly issued shares of its common stock for an aggregate price of $\$ 75$, the value based on an independent third party valuation prepared as of January 30, 2011.

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On June 28, 2011 , Entertainment Co. repurchased approximately ninety shares of its common stock from a former member of management for approximately $\$ 90$, of which the Company, on behalf of Entertainment Co. paid $\$ 15$. Entertainment Co. is holding the purchased shares as treasury stock.

Subsequent to the transactions described above, Oak Hill controls approximately $95.7 \%$ and certain members of our Board of Directors and management control approximately $4.3 \%$ of the outstanding common stock of Entertainment Co.

## Expense Reimbursement Agreement

We entered into an expense reimbursement agreement with Oak Hill Capital Management, LLC, concurrently with the consummation of the Acquisition. Pursuant to this agreement, Oak Hill Capital Management, LLC provides general advice to us in connection with our long-term strategic plans, financial management, strategic transactions and other business matters. The expense reimbursement agreement provides for the reimbursement of certain expenses of Oak Hill Capital Management, LLC. The initial term of the expense reimbursement agreement expires in June 2015 and after that date, such agreement will renew automatically on a year-to-year basis unless one party gives at least 30 days' prior notice of its intention not to renew.

## Presentation of Operating Results

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States require operating results of the Company prior to the June 1, 2010 Acquisition to be presented as the Predecessor's results in the historical financial statements. Operating results subsequent to the Acquisition are presented as the Successor's results and include all periods including and subsequent to June 1, 2010. There have been no changes in the business operations of the Company due to the Acquisition.

Our fiscal year ends on the Sunday after the Saturday closest to January 31. All references to the second quarter of 2011 relate to the 13 -week period ended July 31, 2011 of the Successor. All references to the second quarter of 2010 relate to the combined 62-day period ended August 1,2010 of the Successor and 29-day period ended May 31, 2010 of the Predecessor. All references to the year-to-date fiscal year 2011 period relate to the 26 -week period ended July 31 , 2011 of the Successor. All references to the year-to-date fiscal year 2010 period relate to the combined 62 day period ended August 1,2010 of the Successor and 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 of the Predecessor.

We have prepared our discussion of second quarter 2010 and year-to-date fiscal year 2010 results of operations by combining the Predecessor and Successor results of operations and cash flows and comparing the combined data to the results of second quarter 2011 and year-to-date fiscal year 2011. The results for the Successor period include the impacts of applying purchase accounting. However, we believe that the discussion of our combined operational results is appropriate as we highlight operational changes as well as purchase accounting related items.

## Overview

We monitor and analyze a number of key performance measures in order to manage our business and evaluate financial and operating performance. These measures include:

Revenue-Revenues consist of food and beverage revenues as well as amusement and other revenues. Beverage revenues refer to alcoholic beverages. For the thirteen weeks ended July 31,2011 , we derived $35.4 \%$ of our total revenue from food sales, $14.2 \%$ from beverage sales, $49.4 \%$ from amusement sales and $1.0 \%$ from other sources. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , we derived $35.0 \%$ of our total revenue from food sales, $14.8 \%$ from beverage sales, $49.2 \%$ from amusement sales and $1.0 \%$ from other sources. Our revenues are primarily influenced by the number of stores in operation and comparable store revenue. Comparable store revenue growth reflects the change in year-over-year revenue for the comparable store base and is an important measure of store performance. We define the comparable store base to include those stores open for a full 18 months as of the beginning of each fiscal year. Percentage changes have been calculated based on an equivalent number of weeks in both the current and comparison periods. Comparable store sales growth can be generated by an increase in guest traffic counts or by increases in average dollars spent per guest.

We continually monitor the success of current food and beverage items, the availability of new menu offerings, the menu price structure and our ability to adjust prices where competitively appropriate. With respect to the beverage component, we operate fully licensed facilities, which means that we offer full beverage service, including alcoholic beverages throughout each store.

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Our stores also offer an extensive array of amusements and entertainment options, with typically over 150 redemption and simulation games. We also offer traditional pocket billiards and shuffleboard. Redemption games offer our guest the opportunity to win tickets that can be redeemed for prizes in the "Winner's Circle," ranging from branded novelty items to high-end home electronics. Our redemption games include basic games of skill, such as skeeball and basketball, as well as competitive racing, and individual electronic games of skill. We review the amount of game play on existing amusements in an effort to match amusements availability with guest preferences. We intend to continue to invest in new games as they become available and prove to be attractive to guests. Our unique venue allows us to provide our customers with value driven food and amusement combination offerings such as our "Eat \& Play Combo." The "Eat \& Play Combo" allows customers to purchase a variety of entrée and game card pairings at various fixed price levels. We also offer "Half-Price Game Play Wednesdays," which allows guests to play virtually all of our games for one-half of the regular price on Wednesdays.

We believe that special events business is a very important component of our revenue because a significant percentage of our guests attending a special event are visiting a Dave \& Buster's for the first time. This is a very advantageous way to introduce the concept to new guests. Accordingly, a considerable emphasis is placed on the special events portion of our business.

Cost of products-Cost of products includes the cost of food, beverages and the "Winner's Circle" redemption items. For the thirteen weeks ended July 31 , 2011 , the cost of food products averaged $24.3 \%$ of food revenue and the cost of beverage products averaged $23.9 \%$ of beverage revenue. The amusement and other cost of products averaged $15.9 \%$ of amusement and other revenues. For the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011, the cost of food products averaged $24.4 \%$ of food revenue and the cost of beverage products averaged $23.6 \%$ of beverage revenue. The amusement and other cost of products averaged $14.8 \%$ of amusement and other revenues. The cost of products is driven by product mix and pricing movements from third-party suppliers. We continually strive to gain efficiencies in both the acquisition and use of products while maintaining high standards of product quality.

Operating payroll and benefits-Operating payroll and benefits consist of wages, employer taxes and benefits for store personnel. We continually review the opportunity for efficiencies principally through scheduling refinements.

Other store operating expenses-Other store operating expenses consist primarily of store-related occupancy, supply and outside service expenses, utilities, repair and maintenance and marketing and promotional costs.

Liquidity and cash flows-The primary source of cash flow is from our operating activities and availability under the revolving credit facility.
Store-level variability, quarterly fluctuations, seasonality, and inflation-We have historically operated stores varying in size and have experienced significant variability among stores in volumes, operating results and net investment costs. Our new locations typically open with sales volumes in excess of their run-rate levels, which we refer to as a "honeymoon" effect. We expect our new store volumes and margins to be lower in the second full year of operations than in their first full year of operations, and to grow in line with the rest of our comparable store base thereafter. As a result of the substantial revenues associated with each new store, the timing of new store openings will result in significant fluctuations in quarterly results.

We also expect seasonality to be a factor in the operation or results of the business in the future with higher first and fourth quarter revenues associated with the spring and year-end holidays. These quarters will continue to be susceptible to the impact of severe weather on customer traffic and sales during that period. Our third quarter, which encompasses the end of the summer vacation season, has historically had lower revenues as compared to the other quarters.

We expect that volatile economic conditions will continue to exert pressure on both supplier pricing and consumer spending related to entertainment and dining alternatives. Although there is no assurance that our cost of products will remain stable or that federal or state minimum wage rates will not increase beyond amounts currently legislated, the effects of any supplier price increases or minimum wage rate increases are expected to be partially offset by selected menu price increases where competitively appropriate.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected data, in thousands of dollars and as a percentage of total revenues (unless otherwise noted) for the periods indicated. All information is derived from the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

|  | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Thirteen Weeks } \\ & \text { Ended } \\ & \text { July 31, } 2011 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  |  | 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | 29 Day Period from <br> May 3, 2010 <br> to May 31, 2010 |  | Thirteen Weeks Ended August 1, 2010 |  |  | Thirteen Weeks Ended August 1, 2010 |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Successor) |  |  | (Successor) |  | (Predecessor) |  | (Combined) |  |  | (Pro forma)(1) |  |  |
| Food and beverage revenues | \$ | 63,877 | 49.6\% | \$45,438 | 49.7\% | \$19,113 | 52.5\% | \$ | 64,551 | 50.5\% | \$ | 64,551 | 50.5\% |
| Amusement and other revenues |  | 64,787 | 50.4 | 46,047 | 50.3 | 17,318 | 47.5 |  | 63,365 | 49.5 |  | 63,365 | 49.5 |
| Total revenues |  | 128,664 | 100.0 | 91,485 | 100.0 | 36,431 | 100.0 |  | 127,916 | 100.0 |  | 127,916 | 100.0 |
| Cost of food and beverage (as a percentage of food and beverage revenues) |  | 15,440 | 24.2 | 10,856 | 23.9 | 4,540 | 23.8 |  | 15,396 | 23.9 |  | 15,396 | 23.9 |
| Cost of amusement and other (as a percentage of amusement and other revenues) |  | 10,305 | 15.9 | 7,963 | 17.3 | 2,856 | 16.5 |  | 10,819 | 17.1 |  | 10,819 | 17.1 |
| Total cost of products |  | 25,745 | 20.0 | 18,819 | 20.6 | 7,396 | 20.3 |  | 26,215 | 20.5 |  | 26,215 | 20.5 |
| Operating payroll and benefits |  | 31,012 | 24.1 | 21,884 | 23.9 | 10,501 | 28.8 |  | 32,385 | 25.3 |  | 32,385 | 25.3 |
| Other store operating expenses |  | 45,230 | 35.2 | 29,919 | 32.7 | 14,197 | 39.0 |  | 44,116 | 34.5 |  | 44,304 | 34.6 |
| General and administrative expenses ${ }^{(2)}$ |  | 8,614 | 6.7 | 9,130 | 10.0 | 8,446 | 23.2 |  | 17,576 | 13.8 |  | 7,877 | 6.2 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense |  | 13,225 | 10.3 | 8,992 | 9.8 | 3,724 | 10.2 |  | 12,716 | 9.9 |  | 12,892 | 10.1 |
| Pre-opening costs |  | 1,431 | 1.1 | 19 | 0.0 | 258 | 0.7 |  | 277 | 0.2 |  | 277 | 0.2 |
| Total operating costs |  | 125,257 | 97.4 | 88,763 | 97.0 | 44,522 | 122.2 |  | 133,285 | $\underline{104.2}$ |  | 123,950 | 96.9 |
| Operating income (loss) |  | 3,407 | 2.6 | 2,722 | 3.0 | $(8,091)$ | (22.2) |  | $(5,369)$ | (4.2) |  | 3,966 | 3.1 |
| Interest expense, net |  | 8,213 | 6.3 | 8,777 | 9.6 | 1,628 | 4.5 |  | 10,405 | 8.1 |  | 8,383 | 6.6 |
| Loss before income tax benefit |  | $(4,806)$ | (3.7) | $(6,055)$ | (6.6) | $(9,719)$ | (26.7) |  | $(15,774)$ | (12.3) |  | $(4,417)$ | (3.5) |
| Income tax benefit |  | $(1,688)$ | (1.3) | $(2,625)$ | (2.9) | $(3,670)$ | (10.1) |  | $(6,295)$ | (4.9) |  | $(1,763)$ | (1.4) |
| Net loss | \$ | (3,118) | $(2.4) \%$ | $\underline{\text { ( } 3,430)}$ | (3.7)\% | $\underline{\text { (6,049) }}$ | $\underline{(16.6)} \%$ |  | $(9,479)$ | (7.4) $\%$ |  | $(2,654)$ | (2.1) $\%$ |
| Change in comparable store sales ${ }^{(3)}$ |  |  | 1.9\% |  |  |  |  |  |  | (4.8)\% |  |  |  |

${ }^{(1)}$ The supplemental unaudited pro forma statement of operations for the thirteen weeks ended August 1,2010 gives effect to the Acquisition and related transactions as if such transactions took place on February 1, 2010. This unaudited pro forma information should not be relied upon as necessarily being indicative of the historical results that would have been obtained if the Acquisition had actually occurred on that date, nor the results that may be obtained in the future. Pro forma amounts reflect additional expenses incurred had the Acquisition occurred at the time as indicated above, and consists primarily of interest, depreciation and amortization, and income tax expense. Additionally, pro forma amounts exclude certain transaction related expenses and the associated income tax benefits.
(2) General and administrative expenses during the 62-day period ended August 1, 2010 of the Successor and the 29-day period ended May 31 , 2010 of the Predecessor includes $\$ 4,100$ and $\$ 4,120$ of transaction costs, respectively. The Predecessor period also includes $\$ 1,378$ acceleration of stock-based compensation charges related to the Predecessor's stock option plan.
${ }^{(3)}$ "Comparable store sales" (year-over-year comparison of stores operating at the end of the fiscal period and open at least 18 months as of the beginning of each of the fiscal years) is a key performance indicator used within the industry and is indicative of acceptance of our initiatives as well as local economic and consumer trends.

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## Thirteen Weeks Ended July 31, 2011 Compared to Thirteen Weeks Ended August 1, 2010

## Revenues

Total revenues were $\$ 128,664$ for the thirteen weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 91,485$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 36,431$ for the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). During the second quarter of fiscal 2011, our revenue mix was $49.6 \%$ for food and beverage and $50.4 \%$ for amusement and other. For the Successor period of fiscal 2010, our revenue mix was $49.7 \%$ for food and beverage and $50.3 \%$ for amusement and other, whereas during the Predecessor period, the mix was $52.5 \%$ for food and beverage and $47.5 \%$ for amusement and other. The following discussion of revenues has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the fiscal 2010 unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010 .

Total revenues increased $\$ 748$, or $0.6 \%$, in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma revenues of second quarter of 2010 .
The increased revenues were derived from the following sources:

| Comparable stores | $\$ 2,335$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Non comparable stores - operating | $(631)$ |
| Non comparable stores - closure of store in Dallas, Texas | $(784)$ |
| Other | $(172)$ |
| Total | $\$ 748$ |

Comparable store revenue increased $\$ 2,335$, or $1.9 \%$, in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the second quarter of 2010 . Comparable special events revenues, which accounted for $12.5 \%$ of consolidated comparable store revenue in the second quarter of 2011 , increased $\$ 1,103$, or $7.7 \%$, in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the second quarter of 2010 . Comparable walk-in revenues, which accounted for $87.5 \%$ of consolidated comparable store revenue in the second quarter of 2011 , increased $\$ 1,232$, or $1.2 \%$, compared to the second quarter of 2010 .

Sales grew in each component of our business, but the growth was led by amusement revenue. Comparable store amusements and other revenues in the second quarter of 2011 increased by $\$ 2,036$, or $3.4 \%$, to $\$ 62,272$ from $\$ 60,236$ in the second quarter of 2010 . The growth in amusement sales was sparked primarily by strategic investments in new games and game price increases implemented in the third quarter of 2010. Food sales at comparable stores increased by $\$ 232$, or $0.5 \%$, to $\$ 43,771$ in the second quarter of 2011 from $\$ 43,539$ in the second quarter of 2010 . Beverage sales at comparable stores increased by $\$ 67$, or $0.4 \%$, to $\$ 17,673$ in the second quarter of 2011 from $\$ 17,606$ in the second quarter of 2010 .

Non-comparable store revenues decreased by a total of $\$ 1,415$. The non-comparable store revenue decline was driven, in part, by a $\$ 784$ revenue reduction related to the May 2, 2011 closure of a store in Dallas, Texas.

Our revenue mix was $35.4 \%$ for food, $14.2 \%$ for beverage, and $50.4 \%$ for amusements and other for the second quarter of 2011 . This compares to $35.9 \%$, $14.6 \%$, and $49.5 \%$, respectively, for the second quarter of 2010.

## Cost of products

The total cost of products was $\$ 25,745$ for the thirteen weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 18,819$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 7,396$ for the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). The total cost of products as a percentage of total revenues was $20.0 \%, 20.6 \%$, and $20.3 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31 , 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The following discussion of costs of products has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010 .

Cost of food and beverage increased to $\$ 15,440$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma cost of food and beverage of $\$ 15,396$ in the second quarter of 2010 due to the increased sales volume. Cost of food and beverage products, as a percentage of food and beverage revenues, increased 30 basis points to $24.2 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 from $23.9 \%$ for the second quarter of 2010 . Increased cost pressure in most of our food and beverage product offerings was partially offset by reduced poultry costs.

Cost of amusement and other decreased to $\$ 10,305$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma cost of amusement and other of $\$ 10,819$ in the second quarter of 2010 . The costs of amusements and other, as a percentage of amusement and other revenues, decreased 120 basis points to $15.9 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 compared to $17.1 \%$ for the second quarter of 2010 . This decrease is primarily a result of lower costs of certain redemption items as a result of strategic sourcing initiatives, increases in the ticket redemption prices at our Winner's Circle, and select game price increases.

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## Operating payroll and benefits

Operating payroll and benefits were $\$ 31,012$ for the thirteen weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 21,884$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 10,501$ for the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Operating payroll and benefits as a percentage of total revenues was $24.1 \%$, $23.9 \%$, and $28.8 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31 , 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The decrease in operating payroll and benefits, as a percentage of revenues, in both the second quarter of 2011 and the 62 days of the Successor period of fiscal 2010 , compared to the 29 days of the Predecessor period of fiscal 2010 , was driven primarily by a continued focus on labor scheduling and favorable sales leverage. The following discussion of operating payroll and benefits has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010.

Operating payroll and benefits decreased by $\$ 1,373$, or $4.2 \%$, to $\$ 31,012$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma operating payroll and benefits of $\$ 32,385$ in the second quarter of 2010 . The total cost of operating payroll and benefits, as a percent of total revenues, decreased 120 basis points to $24.1 \%$ of revenues in the second quarter of 2011 from $25.3 \%$ of revenues in the second quarter of 2010 . This decrease in the percentage of revenue was primarily driven by the initiatives described above. In addition, benefit costs were lower in the second quarter of 2011 due, in part, to favorable health insurance claims experience.

## Other store operating expenses

Other store operating expenses were $\$ 45,230$ for the thirteen weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 29,919$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 14,197$ for the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Other store operating expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $35.2 \%, 32.7 \%$, and $39.0 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor), respectively. Other store operating expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, were lower in both of the Successor periods in comparison to the Predecessor period primarily as a result of the leveraging impact of higher comparable store sales in the Successor periods, partially offset by increases in occupancy expenses as a result of fair value adjustments related to various leases made in connection with the application of purchase accounting. The increase in other store operating expenses in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 over the Successor period of 2010 was primarily driven by the recognition of $\$ 200$ in casualty losses incurred at our closed store located in Dallas, Texas, which closed during the second quarter of 2011, and increased costs associated with local store marketing initiatives. The following discussion of other store operating expenses has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010.

Other store operating expenses increased by $\$ 926$, or $2.1 \%$, to $\$ 45,230$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma other store operating expense of $\$ 44,304$ in the second quarter of 2010 . The increase in other operating expense was primarily driven by increased charges related to promotional initiatives, additional occupancy expenses related to new store openings, and recognition of an asset impairment related to the closure of a store located in Dallas, Texas, on May 2, 2011. These increases were partially offset by expense reductions associated with the timing of national marketing activities.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel, facilities, and professional expenses for the various departments of our corporate headquarters. General and administrative expenses were $\$ 8,614$ for the second quarter of $2011, \$ 9,130$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 8,446$ for the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $6.7 \%, 10.0 \%$ and $23.2 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The increase in general and administrative costs as a percentage of sales for both the Successor and Predecessor periods of fiscal 2010 is driven primarily by professional fees incurred as a result of the Acquisition of $\$ 4,100$ and $\$ 4,120$, respectively. The Predecessor period also includes $\$ 1,378$ acceleration of stock-based compensation charges related to the Predecessor's stock option plan. The following discussion of general and administrative expenses has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010 .

General and administrative expenses increased by $\$ 737$, or $9.4 \%$, to $\$ 8,614$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma general and administrative expenses of $\$ 7,877$ in the second quarter of 2010 . General and administrative expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, increased 50 basis points to $6.7 \%$ of revenues for the second quarter of 2011 from $6.2 \%$ of revenues in the second quarter of 2010 . This increase was primarily driven by increased professional and consulting fees incurred in the second quarter of 2011.

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## Depreciation and amortization expense

Depreciation and amortization expenses were $\$ 13,225$ for the thirteen weeks ended July $312011, \$ 8,992$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and \$3,724 for the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). Depreciation and amortization expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $10.3 \%, 9.8 \%$ and $10.2 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The following discussion of depreciation and amortization expenses has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010 .

Depreciation and amortization expense includes the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of trademarks with finite lives. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by $\$ 333$, or $2.6 \%$, to $\$ 13,225$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma depreciation and amortization expense of $\$ 12,892$ in the second quarter of 2010 . The increase was driven by higher depreciation associated with new store openings and maintenance capital expenditures. This increase was partially offset by the absence of depreciation related to assets that were fully depreciated prior to the beginning of fiscal 2011.

## Pre-opening costs

Pre-opening costs were $\$ 1,431$ for the thirteen weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 19$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 258$ for the 29 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Pre-opening costs as a percentage of total revenues were $1.1 \%, 0.0 \%$, and $0.7 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The increase in pre-opening costs as a percentage of total revenues in the second quarter of fiscal 2011 is driven primarily by higher pre-opening costs associated with Orlando, a large format store which opened on July 18, 2011. The following discussion of pre-opening costs has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

Pre-opening costs include costs associated with the opening and organizing of new stores or conversion of existing stores, including pre-opening rent, staff training and recruiting, and travel costs for employees engaged in such pre-opening activities. Pre-opening costs increased by $\$ 1,154$ to $\$ 1,431$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma pre-opening costs of $\$ 277$ in the second quarter of 2010 due to shifts in the timing of new store openings. During the second quarter of 2011 , our pre-opening costs consisted primarily of expenses incurred in connection with our Orlando, Florida store, which opened for business on July 18, 2011. During the second quarter of 2010, our pre-opening costs were primarily attributable to our Roseville, California store, which opened for business on May 3, 2010.

## Interest expense

Total net interest expense was $\$ 8,213$ for the thirteen weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 8,777$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 1,628$ for the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). Net interest expense as a percentage of total revenues was $6.3 \%, 9.6 \%$, and $4.5 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The increase in interest expense as a percentage of total revenues in the two Successor periods is driven primarily by increased debt levels as a result of the Acquisition. The Successor period increases were also driven by higher debt cost amortization resulting from the Acquisition and new debt structure. The negative impact of higher debt levels on the two Successor periods interest expense was partially offset by favorable rate variances on the new debt. The Predecessor period was negatively impacted by $\$ 3,000$ in fees associated with a temporary bridge financing agreement, partially offset by the derecognition of $\$ 800$ in previously recognized interest expense related to the termination of our pre-acquisition swap agreement. The following discussion of interest expense has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations of the second quarter of fiscal 2010.

Interest expense includes the cost of our debt obligations including the amortization of loan fees and original issue discounts, adjustments to mark the interest rate swap contracts to fair value (for the Predecessor period only), and any interest income earned. Interest expense decreased by $\$ 170$ to $\$ 8,213$ in the second quarter of 2011 compared to the pro forma net interest expense of $\$ 8,383$ in the second quarter of 2010 .

## Income tax benefits

The income tax benefit was $\$ 1,688$ for the second quarter of fiscal 2011, $\$ 2,625$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 3,670$ for the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). The following discussion of income taxes has been prepared by comparing the second quarter of fiscal 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the second quarter of 2010.

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Benefit for income taxes consisted of an aggregate income tax benefit of $\$ 1,688$ in the second quarter of 2011 , compared to a pro forma income tax benefit of $\$ 1,763$ in the second quarter of 2010 . Our effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate due to changes in the tax valuation allowance, the deduction for FICA tip credits, state income taxes and the impact of certain expenses which are not deductible for income tax purposes.

As a result of our experiencing cumulative losses before income taxes for the three-year period ended July 31, 2011, we have concluded that it is more likely than not that a portion of our federal and state deferred tax assets will not be fully realized. At July 31, 2011, we estimate an increase in our valuation allowance for the year ending January 29,2012 in the amount of $\$ 569$ will be required. The ultimate realization of our deferred tax assets is dependent on the generation of future taxable income during periods in which temporary differences and carryforwards become deductible.

We have previously adopted the accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes. This guidance limits the recognition of income tax benefits to those items that meet the "more likely than not" threshold on the effective date. As of July 31, 2011, we have accrued approximately $\$ 995$ of unrecognized tax benefits and approximately $\$ 1,038$ of penalties and interest. During the thirteen weeks ended July 31, 2011, we decreased our unrecognized tax benefit by $\$ 20$ and increased our accrual for interest and penalties by $\$ 38$. Future recognition of potential interest or penalties, if any, will be recorded as a component of income tax expense. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, $\$ 976$ of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate.

We file income tax returns, which are periodically audited by various federal, state and foreign jurisdictions. We are generally no longer subject to federal, state, or foreign income tax examinations for years prior to fiscal 2006.

The Company is a member of a consolidated group that includes Entertainment Co. As of July 31, 2011, the Company owes Entertainment Co. approximately $\$ 72$ of tax related balances. The Company expects to utilize stand-alone net operating loss carry-forwards of approximately $\$ 11,934$ to offset stand-alone taxable income for the fiscal year.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected data, in thousands of dollars and as a percentage of total revenues (unless otherwise noted) for the periods indicated. All information is derived from the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

|  | Twenty-Six Weeks Ended July 31, 2011 |  | 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | 120 Day Period from February 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  | Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 1, 2010 |  | Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 1, 2010 |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | (Successor) |  | (Successor) |  | (Predecessor) |  | (Combined) |  | (Proforma) ${ }^{(1)}$ |  |
| Food and beverage revenues | \$138,139 | 49.8\% | \$ 45,438 | 49.7\% | \$ 90,470 | 50.8\% | \$ 135,908 | 50.4\% | \$135,908 | 50.4\% |
| Amusement and other revenues | 139,128 | 50.2 | 46,047 | 50.3 | 87,536 | 49.2 | 133,583 | 49.6 | 133,583 | 49.6 |
| Total revenues | 277,267 | 100.0 | 91,485 | 100.0 | 178,006 | 100.0 | 269,491 | 100.0 | 269,491 | 100.0 |
| Cost of food and beverage (as a percentage of food and beverage revenues) | 33,392 | 24.2 | 10,856 | 23.9 | 21,817 | 24.1 | 32,673 | 24.0 | 32,673 | 24.0 |
| Cost of amusement and other (as a percentage of amusement and other revenues) | 20,652 | 14.8 | 7,963 | 17.3 | 13,442 | 15.4 | 21,405 | 16.0 | 21,405 | 16.0 |
| Total cost of products | 54,044 | 19.5 | 18,819 | 20.6 | 35,259 | 19.8 | 54,078 | 20.1 | 54,078 | 20.1 |
| Operating payroll and benefits | 65,278 | 23.5 | 21,884 | 23.9 | 43,969 | 24.7 | 65,853 | 24.4 | 65,853 | 24.4 |
| Other store operating expenses | 90,335 | 32.6 | 29,919 | 32.7 | 59,802 | 33.6 | 89,721 | 33.3 | 90,392 | 33.6 |
| General and administrative expenses ${ }^{(2)}$ | 17,425 | 6.3 | 9,130 | 10.0 | 17,064 | 9.6 | 26,194 | 9.7 | 16,515 | 6.2 |
| Depreciation and amortization expense | 26,295 | 9.5 | 8,992 | 9.8 | 16,224 | 9.1 | 25,216 | 9.4 | 26,241 | 9.7 |
| Pre-opening costs | 2,171 | 0.8 | 19 | 0.0 | 1,447 | 0.8 | 1,466 | 0.5 | 1,466 | 0.5 |
| Total operating costs | 255,548 | 92.2 | 88,763 | 97.0 | 173,765 | 97.6 | 262,528 | 97.4 | 254,545 | 94.5 |
| Operating income | 21,719 | 7.8 | 2,722 | 3.0 | 4,241 | 2.4 | 6,963 | 2.6 | 14,946 | 5.5 |
| Interest expense, net | 16,456 | 5.9 | 8,777 | 9.6 | 6,976 | 3.9 | 15,753 | 5.8 | 16,602 | 6.1 |
| Income (loss) before provision (benefit) for income taxes | 5,263 | 1.9 | $(6,055)$ | (6.6) | $(2,735)$ | (1.5) | $(8,790)$ | (3.2) | $(1,656)$ | (0.6) |
| Provision (benefit) for income taxes | 1,663 | 0.6 | $(2,625)$ | (2.9) | (597) | (0.3) | $(3,222)$ | (1.2) | (607) | (0.2) |
| Net income (loss) | \$ 3,600 | 1.3\% | $\underline{\text { \$ }(3,430)}$ | (3.7) \% | $\underline{\text { \$ }(2,138)}$ | (1.2) $\%$ | \$ (5,568) | (2.0) \% | $\underline{\text { \$ (1,049) }}$ | (0.4) \% |
| Cash provided by (used in): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating activities | \$ 27,772 |  | \$ $(4,629)$ |  | \$ 11,295 |  | \$ 6,666 |  |  |  |
| Investing activities | $(25,830)$ |  | $(90,394)$ |  | $(12,975)$ |  | $(103,369)$ |  |  |  |
| Financing activities | $(2,093)$ |  | 97,909 |  | (125) |  | 97,784 |  |  |  |
| Change in comparable store sales ${ }^{(3)}$ |  | 4.2\% |  |  |  |  |  | (3.7)\% |  |  |
| Stores open at end of period(4) |  | 58 |  |  |  |  |  | 58 |  |  |
| Comparable stores open at end of period ${ }^{(3)}$ |  | 47 |  |  |  |  |  | 48 |  |  |

${ }^{(1)}$ The supplemental unaudited pro forma statement of operations for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010 gives effect to the Acquisition and related transactions as if such transactions took place on February 1, 2010. This unaudited pro forma information should not be relied upon as necessarily being indicative of the historical results that would have been obtained if the Acquisition had actually occurred on that date, nor the results that may be obtained in the future. Pro forma amounts reflect additional expenses incurred had the Acquisition occurred at the time as indicated above, and consists primarily of interest, depreciation and amortization, and income tax expense. Additionally, pro forma amounts exclude certain transaction related expenses and the associated income tax benefits.

General and administrative expenses during the 62-day period ended August 1, 2010 of the Successor and 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 of the Predecessor includes $\$ 4,100$ and $\$ 4,280$ of transaction costs, respectively. The Predecessor period also includes $\$ 1,378$ acceleration of stock-based compensation charges related to the Predecessor's stock option plan.
${ }^{(3)}$ "Comparable store sales" (year-over-year comparison of stores operating at the end of the fiscal period and open at least 18 months as of the beginning of each of the fiscal years) is a key performance indicator used within the industry and is indicative of acceptance of our initiatives as well as local economic and consumer trends.
${ }^{(4)}$ The number of stores open at July 31, 2011 includes our store in Orlando, Florida, which opened on July 18, 2011. It also includes one franchise location in Canada and our location in Nashville, Tennessee, which temporarily closed on May 2, 2010 due to flooding. The Nashville location remains closed as of July 31, 2011 and is expected to open in the fourth quarter of 2011.

## Twenty-Six Weeks Ended July 31, 2011 Compared to Twenty-Six Weeks Ended August 1, 2010

## Revenues

Total revenues were $\$ 277,267$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 91,485$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 178,006$ for the 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). During fiscal 2011, our revenue mix was $49.8 \%$ for food and beverage and $50.2 \%$ for amusement and other. For the Successor period of fiscal 2010, our revenue mix was $49.7 \%$ for food and beverage and $50.3 \%$ for amusement and other, whereas during the Predecessor period, the mix was $50.8 \%$ for food and beverage and $49.2 \%$ for amusement and other. The following discussion of revenues has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010.

Total revenues increased $\$ 7,776$, or $2.9 \%$, to $\$ 277,267$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma revenues of $\$ 269,491$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010.
The increased revenues were derived from the following sources:

| Comparable stores | $\$ 10,828$ |
| :--- | ---: |
| Non comparable stores - operating | 638 |
| Non comparable stores - flood-related closure of store in Nashville, Tennessee | $(2,745)$ |
| Non comparable stores - closure of store in Dallas, Texas | $(784)$ |
| Other | $\underline{(161)}$ |
| Total | $\underline{\underline{7,776}}$ |

Comparable stores revenue increased by approximately $\$ 10,828$, or $4.2 \%$, for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010. Comparable special events revenues, which accounted for $11.0 \%$ of consolidated comparable stores revenue for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, increased $\$ 2,305$, or $8.5 \%$, compared to the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . The walk-in component of our comparable store sales increased by $\$ 8,523$, or $3.7 \%$.

Sales grew in each component of our business, but the growth was led by amusements revenue. Comparable store amusements and other revenues in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 increased by $\$ 6,973$, or $5.5 \%$, to $\$ 133,958$ from $\$ 126,985$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . The growth in amusement sales was sparked primarily by local marketing efforts, the impact of game price increases in the fiscal third quarter of 2010 and strategic game purchases designed to increase the appeal of our amusement offerings.

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Food sales at the comparable stores increased by $\$ 2,993$, or $3.3 \%$, to $\$ 93,080$ in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 from $\$ 90,087$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010. Beverage sales at comparable stores increased by $\$ 862$, or $2.2 \%$, to $\$ 39,692$ in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 from $\$ 38,830$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010.

Non-comparable store revenues decreased by a total of $\$ 2,891$. There were increased revenues from new stores opened of $\$ 638$, which were more than offset by a $\$ 2,745$ revenue reduction caused by the temporary flood-related closure of our store in Nashville, Tennessee and a $\$ 784$ revenue reduction related to the closure of a store in Dallas, Texas.

Our revenue mix was $35.0 \%$ for food, $14.9 \%$ for beverage and $50.1 \%$ for amusement and other for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 . This compares to $35.2 \%, 15.2 \%$, and $49.6 \%$, respectively, for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010.

## Cost of products

The total cost of products was $\$ 54,044$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 18,819$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 35,259$ for the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). The total cost of products as a percentage of total revenues was $19.5 \%, 20.6 \%$, and $19.8 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31 , 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The following discussion of costs of products has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010.

Cost of food and beverage revenues increased to $\$ 33,392$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma cost of food and beverage of $\$ 32,673$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010. Cost of food and beverage products, as a percent of food and beverage revenues, increased 20 basis points to $24.2 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 compared to $24.0 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1 , 2010. Increased cost pressure in our beverage costs and meat, produce and seafood products was partially offset by reduced poultry, groceries and dairy costs.

Cost of amusement and other revenues decreased to $\$ 20,652$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma cost of amusement and other of $\$ 21,405$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . The costs of amusement and other, as a percentage of amusement and other revenues, decreased 120 basis points to $14.8 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to $16.0 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1 , 2010. This decrease is primarily a result of lower costs of certain redemption items as a result of strategic sourcing initiatives, increases in the ticket redemption prices at our Winner's Circle, and select game price increases.

## Operating payroll and benefits

Operating payroll and benefits were $\$ 65,278$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 21,884$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and $\$ 43,969$ for the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Operating payroll and benefits as a percentage of total revenues was $23.5 \%$, $23.9 \%$, and $24.7 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The decrease in operating payroll and benefits, as a percentage of total revenues, in both the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 and the 62 days of the Successor period of fiscal 2010, compared to the 120 days of the Predecessor period of fiscal 2010 , was driven primarily by a continued focus on labor scheduling and favorable sales leverage. The following discussion of operating payroll and benefits has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six weeks ended August $1,2010$.

Operating payroll and benefits decreased by $\$ 575$, or $0.9 \%$, to $\$ 65,278$ in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma operating payroll and benefits of $\$ 65,853$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010. The total cost of operating payroll and benefits, as a percentage of total revenues, decreased 90 basis points to $23.5 \%$ of revenues for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 from $24.4 \%$ of revenues for the same period of 2010 . This decrease in the percentage of revenue was primarily driven by the initiatives described above. In addition, benefit costs were lower in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011, due, in part, to favorable health insurance claims experience.

## Other store operating expenses

Other store operating expenses were $\$ 90,335$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 29,919$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 59,802$ for the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Other store operating expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $32.6 \%, 32.7 \%$, and $33.6 \%$ for the second quarter of 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31 , 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. Other store operating expenses in both Successor periods were reduced by the recognition of business interruption recoveries of $\$ 1,952$ for the 26 weeks ended July 31,2011 , and $\$ 760$ for the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 . Additionally, $\$ 798$ of gains from property related reimbursements stemming from the closure of our Nashville location due to flooding were recognized during the 26 weeks ended July 31 , 2011. Additionally, other store operating expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, were favorably impacted during the twenty-six weeks ended July

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31,2011 by lower related to estimated general liability and workers' compensation claims related expenses, as well as reduced marketing charges. These expense reductions for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 were partially offset by the recognition of $\$ 200$ in casualty losses and $\$ 300$ impairment and closure charges related to a store located in Dallas, Texas, which closed on May 2, 2011. The following discussion of other store operating expenses has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31,2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

Other store operating expenses decreased by $\$ 57$, or $0.1 \%$, to $\$ 90,335$ in the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma other store operating expenses of $\$ 90,392$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . Other store operating expenses, as a percentage of revenues, decreased by 100 basis points to $32.6 \%$ of revenue for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 from $33.6 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1 , 2010. This decrease in other store operating expenses, as a percentage of revenues, was primarily driven by the factors described above.

## General and administrative expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel, facilities, and professional expenses for the various departments of our corporate headquarters. General and administrative expenses were $\$ 17,425$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 9,130$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 17,064$ for the 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). General and administrative expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $6.3 \%, 10.0 \%$ and $9.6 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 29 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The increase in general and administrative costs as a percentage of sales for both the Successor and Predecessor periods of fiscal 2010 is driven primarily by professional fees incurred as a result of the Acquisition of $\$ 4,100$ and $\$ 4,280$, respectively. The Predecessor period also includes $\$ 1,378$ acceleration of stock-based compensation charges related to the Predecessor's stock option plan. The following discussion of general and administrative expenses has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31,2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

General and administrative expenses increased by $\$ 910$, or $5.5 \%$, to $\$ 17,425$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011, compared to the pro forma general and administrative expenses of $\$ 16,515$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010. General and administrative expenses, as a percentage of total revenues, increased 10 basis points to $6.3 \%$ of revenue for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 from $6.2 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1 , 2010. The increase is due to increased professional and consulting fees incurred in the second quarter of fiscal 2011.

## Depreciation and amortization expense

Depreciation and amortization expenses were $\$ 26,295$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July $312011, \$ 8,992$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 16,224$ for the 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). Depreciation and amortization expenses as a percentage of total revenues were $9.5 \%, 9.8 \%$ and $9.1 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1,2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. Increase in depreciation expense as a percentage of total revenues in both Successor periods was driven by higher depreciation associated with the net increases in the fair value and changes in estimated useful lives of certain assets as a result of the Acquisition. The following discussion of depreciation and amortization expenses has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31 , 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

Depreciation and amortization expense includes the depreciation of fixed assets and the amortization of trademarks with finite lives. Depreciation and amortization expense increased by $\$ 54$, or $0.2 \%$, to $\$ 26,295$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to the pro forma depreciation and amortization expenses of $\$ 26,241$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . This increase is primarily a result of higher depreciation associated with new store openings and maintenance capital expenditures, partially offset by the absence of depreciation related to assets that were fully depreciated prior to the beginning of fiscal 2011.

## Pre-opening costs

Pre-opening costs were $\$ 2,171$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, $\$ 19$ for the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 1,447$ for the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Pre-opening costs as a percentage of total revenues were $0.8 \%, 0.0 \%$, and $0.8 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 , the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31 , 2010 (Predecessor), respectively. Pre-opening costs as a percentage of total revenues is dependent on the timing of a store opening and store size format. The following discussion of preopening costs has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31, 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

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Pre-opening costs include costs associated with the opening and organizing of new stores or conversion of existing stores, including pre-opening rent, stafftraining and recruiting, and travel costs for employees engaged in such pre-opening activities. Pre-opening costs increased by $\$ 705$ to $\$ 2,171$ in the twentysix weeks ended July 31,2011 from $\$ 1,466$ in the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 due to shifts in the timing of new store openings. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, our pre-opening costs consisted primarily of expenses incurred in connection with our Orlando, Florida store, which opened for business on July 18, 2011 . During the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 , our pre-opening costs were primarily attributable to two new stores in Wauwatosa (Milwaukee), Wisconsin and Roseville, California, which opened for business on March 1, 2010 and May 3, 2010, respectively.

## Interest expense

Total net interest expense was $\$ 16,456$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July $31,2011, \$ 8,777$ for the 62 day period ended August 1 , 2010 (Successor), and $\$ 6,976$ for the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor). Net interest expense as a percentage of total revenues was $5.9 \%, 9.6 \%$, and $3.9 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011, the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and the 120 day period ended May 31,2010 (Predecessor), respectively. The increase in interest expense as a percentage of total revenues in the two Successor periods is driven primarily by increased debt levels as a result of the Acquisition. The Successor period increases were also driven by higher debt cost amortization resulting from the Acquisition and new debt structure. The negative impact of higher debt levels on the two Successor periods interest expense was partially offset by favorable rate variances on the new debt. The Predecessor period was negatively impacted by $\$ 3,000$ in fees associated with a temporary bridge financing agreement, partially offset by the derecognition of $\$ 800$ in previously recognized interest expense related to the termination of our pre-acquisition swap agreement. The following discussion of interest expense has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31, 2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

Interest expense includes the cost of our debt obligations including the amortization of loan fees, adjustments to mark the interest rate swap contracts to fair value (for the Predecessor period only) and any interest income earned. Interest expense decreased by $\$ 146$, or $0.9 \%$, to $\$ 16,456$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 compared to the pro forma net interest expense of $\$ 16,602$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August $1,2010$.

## Provision for income taxes

There was an income tax provision of $\$ 1,663$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , an income tax benefit of $\$ 2,625$ for the 62 day period ended August 1, 2010 (Successor), and an income tax benefit of $\$ 597$ for the 120 day period ended May 31, 2010 (Predecessor). The following discussion of benefit for income taxes has been prepared by comparing the twenty-six week period ended July 31,2011 to the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the twenty-six week period ended August 1, 2010.

Provision for income taxes consisted of an aggregate income tax expense of $\$ 1,663$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 and a pro forma tax benefit of $\$ 607$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . Our effective tax rate differs from statutory rates due to the deduction of FICA tip credits, state income taxes, and the impact of certain expenses, such as a portion of the transaction costs, that are not deductible for income tax purposes.

As a result of our experiencing cumulative losses before income taxes for the three-year period ended July 31, 2011, we have concluded that it is more likely than not that a portion of our federal and state deferred tax assets will not be fully realized. At July 31, 2011, we estimate an increase in our valuation allowance for the year ending January 29,2012 in the amount of $\$ 569$ will be required. The ultimate realization of our deferred tax assets is dependent on the generation of future taxable income during periods in which temporary differences and carryforwards become deductible.

We follow accounting guidance for uncertainty in income taxes. This guidance limits the recognition of income tax benefits to those items that meet the "more likely than not" threshold on the effective date. As of July 31, 2011, we have accrued approximately $\$ 995$ of unrecognized tax benefits and approximately $\$ 1,038$ of penalties and interest. During the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 , we increased our unrecognized tax benefit by $\$ 115$ and increased our accrual for interest and penalties by $\$ 95$. Future recognition of potential interest or penalties, if any, will be recorded as a component of income tax expense. Because of the impact of deferred tax accounting, $\$ 976$ of unrecognized tax benefits, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate.

We file income tax returns which are periodically audited by various federal, state and foreign jurisdictions. We are generally no longer subject to federal, state or foreign income tax examinations for years prior to 2006.

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The Company is a member of a consolidated group that includes Entertainment Co. As of July 31, 2011, the Company owes Entertainment Co. approximately $\$ 72$ of tax related balances. The Company expects to utilize stand-alone net operating loss carry-forwards of approximately $\$ 11,934$ to offset stand-alone taxable income for the fiscal year.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

We finance our activities through cash flow from operations, our senior notes, and borrowings under our senior secured credit facility. As of July 31 , 2011 , we had cash and cash equivalents of $\$ 34,256$, net working capital of $\$ 10,736$ and outstanding debt obligations of $\$ 348,125$ ( $\$ 346,917$ net of discount). We also had $\$ 44,105$ in borrowing availability under our senior secured credit facility, which includes $\$ 1,000$ in borrowing availability under our Canadian revolving credit facility.

In the past we have had, and anticipate that in the future we will have, negative working capital balances. We are able to operate with a working capital deficit because cash from sales is usually received before related liabilities for product, supplies, labor and services become due. Funds available from sales not needed immediately to pay for operating expenses have typically been used for noncurrent capital expenditures and payment of long-term debt obligations under our senior secured credit facility and senior notes.

Short-term liquidity requirements-We generally consider our short-term liquidity requirements to consist of those items that are expected to be incurred within the next twelve months and believe those requirements to consist primarily of funds necessary to pay operating expenses, interest and principal payments on our debt, capital expenditures related to the new store construction and other expenditures associated with acquiring new games, remodeling facilities and recurring replacement of equipment and improvements.

As of July 31, 2011 we expect our short-term liquidity requirements to include (a) \$65,736 of capital expenditures (net of cash contributions from landlords), (b) $\$ 32,088$ of debt service payments, including $\$ 1,500$ in principal payments and $\$ 30,588$ in interest and (c) lease obligation payments of $\$ 48,067$.

Long-term liquidity requirements-We generally consider our long-term liquidity requirements to consist of those items that are expected to be incurred beyond the next twelve months and believe these requirements consist primarily of funds necessary for new store development and construction, replacement of games and equipment, performance-necessary renovations and other non-recurring capital expenditures that need to be made periodically to our stores and payments of scheduled debt obligations. We intend to satisfy our long-term liquidity requirements through various sources of capital, including our existing working capital, cash provided by operations, and borrowings under our senior secured credit facility.

We believe that the sources of capital described above will continue to be available to us in the future and will be sufficient to meet our long-term liquidity requirements.

We believe the cash flows from operations, together with our existing cash balances and borrowings under the senior secured credit facility described below, will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs for working capital, capital expenditures, and debt service needs in the foreseeable future. Our ability to make scheduled payments of principal or interest on, or to refinance, our indebtedness, or to fund planned capital expenditures, will depend on future performance, which is subject to general economic conditions, competitive environment and other factors.

## Indebtedness

Senior Secured Credit Facility-Our senior secured credit facility provides (a) a $\$ 150,000$ term loan facility with a maturity date of June 1,2016 and (b) a $\$ 50,000$ revolving credit facility with a maturity date of June 1,2015 . The $\$ 50,000$ revolving credit facility includes (i) a $\$ 20,000$ letter of credit sub-facility (ii) a $\$ 5,000$ swingline sub-facility and (iii) a $\$ 1,000$ (in US Dollar equivalent) sub-facility available in Canadian dollars to the Canadian subsidiary. The revolving credit facility will be used to provide financing for general purposes. The senior secured credit facility is secured by the Company's assets and is unconditionally guaranteed by each of our direct and indirect, existing and future domestic subsidiaries (with certain agreed-upon exceptions) and by certain specified guarantors with respect to the obligations of the Canadian subsidiary. As of July 31, 2011, we had no borrowings under the revolving credit facility, borrowings of $\$ 148,125$ ( $\$ 146,917$, net of discount) under the term facility and $\$ 5,895$ in letters of credit outstanding. We believe that the carrying amount of our term credit facility approximates its fair value because the interest rates are adjusted regularly based on current market conditions.

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The interest rates per annum applicable to loans, other than swingline loans, under our senior secured credit facility are set periodically based on, at our option, either (1) the greatest of (a) the defined prime rate in effect, (b) the Federal Funds Effective Rate in effect plus $1 / 2$ of $1 \%$ and (c) a Eurodollar rate which is subject to a minimum (or, in the case of the Canadian revolving credit facility, a Canadian prime rate or Canadian cost of funds rate), for one-, two-, threeor six-months (or, if agreed by the applicable lenders, nine or twelve months) or, in relation to the Canadian revolving credit facility, 30 -, 60 -, $90-$ or 180 -day interest periods chosen by us or our Canadian subsidiary, as applicable in each case (the "Base Rate"), plus an applicable margin or (2) a defined Eurodollar rate plus an applicable margin. Swingline loans bear interest at the Base Rate plus the applicable margin. The effective rate of interest on borrowings under our senior secured credit facility is $6.2 \%$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011.

Interest rates on borrowings under our senior secured credit facility will vary based on the movement of prescribed indexes and/or applicable margin percentages. On the last day of each calendar quarter, we will be required to pay a commitment fee on the average daily unused portion of the revolving credit facilities (with swingline loans not deemed, for these purposes, to be a utilization of the revolving credit facility). Our senior secured credit facility requires scheduled quarterly payments of principal on the term loans near the end of each of the fiscal quarters in aggregate annual amounts equal to a percentage of the original aggregate principal amount of the term loan with the balance payable on the maturity date.

Senior notes - Our senior notes are general unsecured, unsubordinated obligations of the Company and mature on June 1, 2018. Interest on the notes is paid semi-annually and accrues at the rate of $11.0 \%$ per annum. On or after June 1,2014 , the Company may redeem all, or from time-to-time, a part of the senior notes at redemption prices (expressed as a percentage of principal amount) ranging from $105.5 \%$ to $100.0 \%$ plus accrued and unpaid interest on the senior notes. Prior to June 1, 2013, the Company may on any one or more occasions redeem up to $40.0 \%$ of the original principal amount of the notes using the proceeds of certain equity offerings at a redemption price of $111.0 \%$ of the principal amount thereof, plus any accrued and unpaid interest. As of July 31 , 2011 , our $\$ 200,000$ of senior notes had an approximate fair value of $\$ 219,500$ based on quoted market price.

The senior notes restrict the Company's ability to incur indebtedness, outside of the senior secured credit facility, unless the consolidated coverage ratio exceeds $2.00: 1.00$ or other financial and operational requirements are met. Additionally, the terms of the notes restrict the Company's ability to make certain payments to affiliated entities. The Company was in compliance with the debt covenants as of July 31, 2011.

Covenants -On May 13, 2011, the Company executed an amendment (the "Amendment") to its senior secured credit facility. The Amendment reduced the applicable term loan margins and LIBOR floor used in setting interest rates, as well as limited the Company's requirement to meet the covenant ratios, as stipulated in the Amendment, until such time as we make a draw on our revolving credit facility or issue letters of credit in excess of $\$ 12,000$. Oak Hill Advisors LP (an affiliate of Oak Hill) is one of twenty-two creditors participating in the term loan portion of our senior secured credit facility. As of July 31 , 2011, Oak Hill Advisors LP held approximately $9.4 \%$, or $\$ 13,965$, of our total term loan obligation. The Company was in compliance with the debt covenants as of July 31, 2011.

Our senior secured credit facility and the indenture governing the senior notes contain restrictive covenants that, among other things, will limit our ability and the ability of our subsidiaries to: incur additional indebtedness, make loans or advances to subsidiaries and other entities, make initial capital expenditures in relation to new stores, declare dividends, acquire other businesses or sell assets. In addition, under our senior secured credit facility, we will be required to meet certain financial covenants, ratios and tests, including a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio and a maximum total leverage ratio. The indenture under which the senior notes have been issued also contain similar covenants and events of defaults.

Other Information- On February 22, 2011, Dave \& Buster's Parent, Inc. (now known as Entertainment Co.) issued principal amount $\$ 180,790$ of $12.25 \%$ Senior Discount Notes. The notes will mature on February 15, 2016. No cash interest will be paid on the notes prior to maturity. Entertainment Co. received net proceeds of $\$ 100,000$, which it used to pay debt issuance costs and repurchase a portion of its common stock from its stockholders. Entertainment Co. did not retain any proceeds from the note issuance. Entertainment Co. is the sole obligor of the notes. Neither D\&B Holdings, Dave \& Buster's, Inc. nor any of their subsidiaries are guarantors of these notes. However, neither D\&B Holdings nor Entertainment Co. have any material assets or operations separate from Dave \& Buster's, Inc.

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## Cash Flows

The following table presents a summary of our net cash provided by (used in) operating, investing and financing activities:

|  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Twenty-six } \\ \text { Weeks } \\ \text { Ended } \\ \text { July 31, 2011 } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | For the 62 Day Period from June 1, 2010 to August 1, 2010 |  | For the 120 Day Period from February 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010 |  | Twenty-six Weeks Ended August 1, 2010 |  |
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|  | (Successor) |  | ccessor) |  | ecessor) |  | mbined) |
| Net cash provided by (used in): |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating activities | \$ 27,772 | \$ | $(4,629)$ | \$ | 11,295 | \$ | 6,666 |
| Investing activities | $(25,830)$ |  | $(90,394)$ |  | $(12,975)$ |  | 103,369) |
| Financing activities | $(2,093)$ |  | 97,909 |  | (125) |  | 97,784 |

Net cash provided by operating activities was $\$ 27,772$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to cash provided by operating activities of $\$ 6,666$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . Improved cash flows from operations were driven primarily by the absence of costs related to the Acquisition in fiscal 2011. During the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010, the Company incurred approximately $\$ 11,523$ in transaction costs and $\$ 3,000$ in additional interest charges related to the Acquisition. Additional cash flows for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 were generated from improved store sales.

Net cash used in investing activities was $\$ 25,830$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31,2011 compared to $\$ 103,369$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1, 2010. Net cash used in investing activities decreased in fiscal 2011 due to the absence of Acquisition related activity in fiscal 2010 , partially offset by increased capital expenditures in fiscal 2011. Net cash used for Acquisition related investing activities was $\$ 85,305$ in the fiscal 2010. Capital expenditures increased $\$ 8,565$ to $\$ 26,632$ in fiscal 2011 from $\$ 18,067$ in fiscal 2010 . This increase was driven primarily by additional expenditures of $\$ 8,728$ related to new store development. The Company received insurance proceeds of $\$ 798$ for reimbursement of certain leasehold improvements damaged in the flooding that occurred at our Nashville, Tennessee location and are included in investing activities for fiscal 2011. See Note 3 of our Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion regarding this casualty loss.

Net cash used by financing activities was $\$ 2,093$ for the twenty-six weeks ended July 31, 2011 compared to cash provided in financing activities of $\$ 97,784$ for the twenty-six weeks ended August 1,2010 . The decrease in net cash provided by financing activities is due to net cash received of $\$ 100,284$ in fiscal 2010 as a result of debt related activities resulting from the Acquisition. The financing activities during the twenty-six weeks ended July 31 , 2011 include three required payments under our term loan facility totaling $\$ 1,125$ as compared to a $\$ 2,000$ revolver repayment and one payment under our term loan facility of $\$ 375$ made during the 62 -day period ended August 1, 2010.

We plan to finance future growth through operating cash flows, debt facilities and tenant improvement allowances from landlords. We expect to spend approximately $\$ 78,000$ ( $\$ 70,000$ net of cash contributions from landlords) in capital expenditures during fiscal 2011. The fiscal 2011 expenditures are expected to include approximately $\$ 58,000(\$ 50,000$ net of cash contributions from landlords) for new store construction and operating improvement initiatives.

## Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments

The following tables set forth the contractual obligations and commercial commitments as of July 31, 2011 (excluding interest):

## Payment due by period

|  | Total | $\begin{aligned} & 1 \text { Year } \\ & \text { or Less } \end{aligned}$ | 2-3 Years | 4-5 Years | After 5 Years |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Senior secured credit facility ${ }^{(1)}$ | \$ 148,125 | \$ 1,500 | \$ 3,000 | \$143,625 | \$ |
| Senior notes | 200,000 | - | - | - | 200,000 |
| Interest requirements ${ }^{(2)}$ | 196,067 | 30,588 | 60,922 | 60,557 | 44,000 |
| Operating leases ${ }^{(3)}$ | 486,488 | 48,067 | 96,762 | 93,242 | 248,417 |
| Total | \$1,030,680 | \$80,155 | \$160,684 | \$297,424 | \$492,417 |

(1) Our senior secured credit facility includes a $\$ 150,000$ term loan facility and $\$ 50,000$ revolving credit facility, including a sub-facility for borrowings in Canadian dollars by our Canadian subsidiary, a letter of credit sub-facility, and a swingline sub-facility. As of July 31, 2011, we had no borrowings under the revolving credit facility, borrowings of $\$ 148,125$ ( $\$ 146,917$ net of discount) under the term facility and $\$ 5,895$ in letters of credit outstanding.
(2) The cash obligations for interest requirements consist of requirements on our fixed rate debt obligations at their contractual rates and variable rate debt obligations at rates in effect at July 31, 2011.

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(3) Our operating leases generally provide for one or more renewal options. These renewal options allow us to extend the term of the lease for a specified time at an established annual lease payment. Future obligations related to lease renewal options that have not been exercised are excluded from the table above.

## Accounting Policies

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires us to make estimates and assumptions about future events. These estimates and assumptions affect amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and the disclosure of gain and loss contingencies at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Our current estimates are subject to change if different assumptions as to the outcome of future events were made. We evaluate our estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis and predicate those estimates and judgments on historical experience and on various other factors that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. We adjust our assumptions and judgments when facts and circumstances dictate. Since future events and their effects cannot be determined with absolute certainty, actual results may differ from the estimates we used in preparing the accompanying consolidated financial statements. A complete description of our critical accounting policies is included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2011.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements-In January 2010, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued an update regarding guidance over the disclosure requirements of fair value measurements. This update adds new requirements for disclosure about transfers into and out of Levels One and Two fair value measurements and also adds additional disclosure requirements about purchases, sales, issuances, and settlements relating to Level Three fair value measurements. The guidance was effective beginning fiscal year 2010 for the disclosure requirements around Levels One and Two measurements. The adoption of this guidance on February 1, 2010, did not have a material impact on the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. The guidance is effective beginning fiscal year 2011 for the disclosure requirements around Level Three measurements. This new guidance had no impact on the fair value disclosures of the Company, as the Company has no Level Three instruments.

In May 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-04, which requires a more uniform framework for fair value measurements and related disclosures between GAAP and International Financial Reporting Standards. This guidance also requires the following additional disclosures: (a) for Level Three fair value measurements, quantitative information about unobservable inputs used, a description of the valuation processes used by the entity, and a qualitative discussion about the sensitivity of the measurements to changes in the unobservable inputs; (b) for an entity's use of a nonfinancial asset that is different from the asset's highest and best use, the reason for the difference; (c) for financial instruments not measured at fair value but for which disclosure of fair value is required, the fair value hierarchy level in which the fair value measurements were determined; and (d) the disclosure of all transfers between Level One and Level Two of the fair value hierarchy. This guidance will be effective for interim and annual periods beginning on or after December $15,2011$.

In June 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, Presentation of Comprehensive Income, which eliminates the current option to report other comprehensive income and its components in the statement of changes in equity. Companies can elect to present items of net income and other comprehensive income in one continuous statement or in two separate but consecutive statements. There are no changes to the accounting for items within comprehensive income. This standard impacts presentation only and is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The Company does not believe implementations of this guidance will have a material effect on its disclosure.

Significant accounting policies-There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form $10-\mathrm{K}$ filed with the SEC for the year ended January 30, 2011.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

There have been no material changes in our quantitative and qualitative market risks since the prior reporting period.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

## Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we have evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as amended, as of the end of the period covered by this report. Based on that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures are effective.

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## Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

On July 21, 2010, the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Act") became law. The Act provides smaller companies and debt only issuers with a permanent exemption from the Sarbanes-Oxley internal control audit requirements. The permanent exemption applies only to the external audit requirement of Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Non-accelerated filers are still required to disclose "management's assessment" of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. There were no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during our second quarter ended July 31, 2011, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This Form 10-Q includes statements that are, or may deemed to be, "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements can be identified by the use of forward-looking terminology, including the terms "believes," "estimates," "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "may," "will" or "should" or, in each case, their negative or other variations or comparable terminology. These forward-looking statements include all matters that are not historical facts. They appear in a number of places throughout this Form 10-Q and include statements regarding our intentions, beliefs or current expectations concerning, among other things, our results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, prospects, growth, strategies and the industry in which we operate.

By their nature, forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties because they relate to events and depend on circumstances that may or may not occur in the future. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and our actual results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate may differ materially from those made in or suggested by the forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q. In addition, even if our results of operations, financial condition and liquidity, and the development of the industry in which we operate are consistent with the forward-looking statements contained in this Form 10-Q, those results or developments may not be indicative of results or developments in subsequent periods. An expanded discussion of these risk factors is contained in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2011.

## PART II OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Information regarding legal proceedings is incorporated by reference from Note 9 to our Unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements set forth in Part I of this report.

## ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There has been no material change in the risk factors set forth in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," in our Form 10-K for the year ended January 30, 2011.

## ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

## Exhibit

Number
31.1 Certification of Stephen M. King, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Registrant, pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a).
31.2 Certification of Brian A. Jenkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a).
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CFR $240.15 \mathrm{~d}-14(\mathrm{a})$.
Certification of Stephen M. King, Chief Executive Officer and Director of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted
pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 .
Certification of Brian A. Jenkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Registrant, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 , as
adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 .
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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or $15(\mathrm{~d})$ of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: September 13, 2011

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DAVE \& BUSTER'S, INC.,
a Missouri corporation
By: $\qquad$
Chief Executive Officer

By $\qquad$ s/ BRIAN A. JENKINS
Brian A. Jenkins
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## CERTIFICATION

I, Stephen M. King, Chief Executive Officer of Dave \& Buster's, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dave \& Buster's, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 13, 2011

## /s/ Stephen M. King

Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION

I, Brian A. Jenkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Dave \& Buster's, Inc., certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Dave \& Buster's, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's second fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: September 13, 2011

| /s/ Brian A. Jenkins |
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| Brian A. Jenkins |
| Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer |

## CERTIFICATION

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dave \& Buster's, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 31,2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Stephen M. King, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:
(1) The Report fully complies with the applicable requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 13, 2011
/s/ Stephen M. King
Stephen M. King
Chief Executive Officer

## CERTIFICATION

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Dave \& Buster's, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended July 31 , 2011 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, Brian A. Jenkins, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, that:
(1) The Report fully complies with the applicable requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d), as applicable, of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
(2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Date: September 13, 2011
/s/ Brian A. Jenkins
Brian A. Jenkins
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

