

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 23rd day of July, Two Thousand and Nineteen.

BETWEEN: THE BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

836 Newmans Lane, P.O. Box 6030
Bridgewater, NJ 08807 ("Board")

AND: Karen Jones, whose address is

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, for the purpose of mutual understanding and in order that a harmonious relationship may exist between the Board and Karen Jones to the end that continuous and efficient services will be rendered to and by both parties, for the benefit of both; and

WHEREAS, Karen Jones holds an appropriate certificate to be employed as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction as prescribed by the State Board of Education and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted a resolution at a public meeting held on July 23, 2019 authorizing the appointment of Karen Jones as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction;

WHEREAS, the Executive County Superintendent has approved this agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual promises and obligations of the parties and the rendering of the services of Karen Jones as stated hereby, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I
EMPLOYMENT

- A. The Board hereby agrees to employ Karen Jones as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction effective on January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020.
- B. Annual salary for the period January 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020 shall be \$164,000.00.

- C. The aforesaid salary shall be paid and appropriately pro-rated, in equal installments, in accordance with the policies of the Board concerning the payment of professional staff members.
- D. During the term of the employment agreement the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction shall not be reduced in compensation including salary and benefits. Any adjustment in salary made during the employment contract shall be in the form of amendment and only after Executive County Superintendent approval (if applicable).

ARTICLE II
DUTIES

In consideration of the employment, salary and fringe benefits established hereby, Karen Jones hereby agrees to the following:

- A. To faithfully perform the duties of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for the Board in accordance with the Laws of the State of New Jersey, Rules and Regulations adopted by the State Board of Education, existing Board policies, applicable job description, and those which are adopted by the Board from time-to-time.
- B. To devote her full time, skills, labor and attention to her employment during the term of his contract, provided, that Karen Jones may undertake consultative work, speaking engagements, writing, lecturing or other professional duties and obligations which do not interfere with her full time responsibilities as Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. The employee will use vacation or personal days for these activities.

ARTICLE III
BENEFITS IN ADDITION TO SALARY

During the term of her Employment Contract the Board shall provide the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction with the following benefits:

- A. Medical Insurance: The Board shall provide as part of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction compensation medical, prescription and dental insurance coverage similar to other certified staff members. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction shall contribute toward health benefits pursuant to Ch78 P.L. 2011 and as required and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:16-17, 17.1.

The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction may waive coverage in any of the health benefit plans if covered through a spouse, civil union or domestic partner's health plan, and in accordance with procedures established by the Board. The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will

be paid the lesser of 25% (twenty-five percent) or \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) of the cost of said coverage for waiving such coverage.

- B. Sick Leave: The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction shall be entitled to twelve (12) sick leave days with pay each year as of the first official day of the school year. Unused sick leave shall accumulate from year to year.
- a. Upon the retirement by the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction after completing at least ten (10) years of employment in the district, the Board of Education shall compensate the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for unused accumulated sick leave upon the following basis:
 - i. One (1) day for every three (3) days of unused accumulated sick leave to a maximum of ninety (90) paid days;
 - ii. provided, however, that the compensation for unused accumulated sick leave paid upon retirement shall not exceed \$15,000;
 - iii. per diem rate will be valued at 1/260 of the annual base salary.

- C. Temporary Leave of Absence (Personal Days): The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction may be granted up to three (3) days of temporary leave of absence, with pay, for personal matters which require absence during school hours. Personal days are non-cumulative and the Board will not compensate for any unused personal leave.

An Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction who is required to undergo military field training or to attend deployment during any school year shall be granted a leave of absence with pay in accordance with law.

If possible, at least twenty-four (24) hours notice will be given by the individual requesting leave.

The Superintendent, in the best interest of the school district, is empowered to deny any request for temporary leave of absence, except legally required military leave. Such denial may be appealed to the Board of Education.

- D. Bereavement Days: In the event of death in the immediate family, an allowance of up to five (5) school days leave may be granted. Immediate family may be considered father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, spouse, domestic partner, child, brother, sister, grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepchild or any other relative or friend domiciled with the employee.

- E. Vacation Days and Holidays: The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction shall be entitled to twenty-six (26) paid vacation days and fifteen (15) holidays as granted to other twelve month district administrators. Vacation days shall be earned and accrued monthly on a prorate basis. A maximum of five (5) unused vacation days may be carried over to next year and must be used by December 31st of the current year.

In the event that the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction's Contract is terminated prior to its expiration, unused vacation time shall be paid on a pro-rated basis of 2.17 days accrued per month. In the event this Contract is not renewed, accumulated but unused vacation time will be paid at the value of 1/260 of the annual base salary.

- F. Professional Association Membership Fees: It is anticipated that the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction will be active in local, state, regional and national educational professional associations. The Board agrees to pay the membership fees up to \$2500, per year.

- G. Professional Development: The Board recognizes the importance of the continuing professional growth of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction through participation in professional meetings and educational seminars. With the prior approval of the Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction may annually attend appropriate professional meetings at both the State and National level at an amount not to exceed \$3500 in total expenses. Reimbursement will be made pursuant to Board policy on Travel and within the guidelines provided by the OMB circulars.

- H. Reimbursement for Graduate Study: The full cost of tuition and fees for courses approved in advance by the Superintendent and taken for professional growth or to acquire a standard certificate as required by the Board to hold the position of the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction shall be borne by the Board. Such coursework must culminate in the acquisition of a graduate degree conferred by a duly accredited institution of higher education as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-2.1. Six (6) credits is the maximum which may be reimbursed in one school year.

1. Requirements for Reimbursement
 - a. An official transcript from the college which gives evidence of successful completion of the course.
 - b. Employment by the Board of Education at the time of reimbursement is to be made.
2. Reimbursement Schedule
 - a. Deadlines for application for reimbursement of tuition payment shall be May 10 for the fall semester and December 10 for the spring semester.

- I. Reimbursement for Cell Phone: As the Board requires the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction to be accessible 24 hours, 7 days a week, the Board shall issue the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction a smartphone for her use.
- J. Mileage Reimbursement – The Board shall reimburse the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction for all travel considered regular business and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 11-12, N.J.A.C. 6A: 23A-7, and Circular Letter OMB 08-13.

**ARTICLE IV
EVALUATION**

The Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction shall be evaluated in accordance with Board Policy, statute and regulations of the Department of Education.

**ARTICLE V
MODIFICATION OF CONTRACT TERMS**

The terms and conditions of the Contract shall not be modified, except by the written consent of both parties and with prior approval of the Executive County Superintendent, provided further that the consent of the Board must be reflected by resolution adopted at a public meeting.

This contract may be terminated on any day by either the Board or Karen Jones for any reason, provided that written notice of intention to terminate shall be received by either party at least 60 days prior to the date fixed therein for termination. When so terminated, salary shall be prorated to the termination date.

If, during the term this contract, it is found that a specific clause of the contract is illegal under federal or state law, or by any agency of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this employment contract not affected by such ruling shall remain in effect.

ATTEST:

**THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
BRIDGEWATER-RARITAN REGIONAL
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

_____ By _____
Board Secretary Board President

Karen Jones