

CONTRACT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF TEWKSBURY TOWNSHIP
AND THE
TEWKSBURY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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PREAMBLE

RECOGNITION

A. Unit

The Tewksbury Township Board of Education (the Board) recognizes the Tewksbury Education Association, Incorporated (the Association) as the exclusive and sole representative for collective bargaining concerning grievances and terms and conditions of employment for all personnel whether under contract or on leave, employed by the Board including: all teachers, teacher aides, librarians, library aides, custodians, maintenance personnel (hereinafter collectively referred to as Members), but excluding administrators, Superintendent's secretary, Board Secretary, Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds, substitutes, and all other secretaries.

B. Definition of Teacher

The term teacher herein shall refer to all employees in positions which require them to hold appropriate certificates issued by the New Jersey Board of Examiners.

C. Definition of Administration

Anyone employed by the Board under the certificate and job title of Superintendent, Principal, Business Administrator/Board Secretary, Board Secretary, Supervisor of Child Study Team, Supervisor of Curriculum, Supervisor of Elementary Education and any other administrators.

ARTICLE I

ATTENDANCE HOURS REQUIRED OF TEACHERS

A. School Day

1. Definition

As professionals, the teachers are expected to devote to their assignments the time necessary to meet their responsibilities, but they shall not be required to "clock in" or "clock out" by hours and minutes. The teachers' normal work week shall be 430 minutes (7 hours, 10 minutes per day), Mon.-Fri. The teachers' normal work schedule shall not begin prior to seven thirty (7:30 a.m.) nor end later than three fifty (3:50 p.m.). Each teacher will be assigned to the hours of one building. If an administrator or a teacher identifies a need to differ from this schedule, it may be done if mutually agreeable. In such event, the Administrator and teacher shall mutually agree to a starting and ending time for the workday. Teachers will be available to report early or stay beyond their assigned hours in order to attend (parent-initiated) parent-teacher conferences which are scheduled outside of their normal work hours. No teacher will be required to report more than 15 minutes before, nor to stay more than 30 minutes beyond the scheduled work period. No teacher will be required to make such an accommodation more than ten times per school year. The workday includes a duty-free lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes. Early departure for

professional or personal reasons may be granted at the discretion of the Administration.

Preparation time for full-time teachers will be assigned in the form of five (5) class periods per week, but in no event will be less than two hundred (200) minutes per week. The administration will make a good-faith effort to schedule one preparation period per day, dependent on scheduling needs. When necessary to meet the two hundred (200) minute minimum, the period between teacher reporting time and student reporting time may be considered preparation time provided a teacher is not assigned a homeroom or any other duty. A preparation period shall not be less than thirty (30) continuous minutes. Preparation time for part-time teachers will be prorated based on the percentage of time employed. Preparation time is to be used for professional, improvement, preparation of lesson plans, or conferencing with parents. During this time teachers will not be assigned to other duties except in emergencies.

In addition, release time may be scheduled by the administration in order to carry out other duties, including, but not limited to, training and meetings required by committee work. This release time is separate from the preparation time as described above.

2. Meeting/Conferences

- a. The Board may schedule up to two (2) evening parent-teacher conferences. Parent-Teacher conference days will be early dismissal days. Teachers will be permitted to leave at early dismissal time and return for evening conferences. Evening conferences shall not be scheduled the day before a holiday or the day prior to NJEA Teacher Convention. The evening conferences shall be completed no later than 9:00 p.m. Staff that work in more than one building shall attend conferences in one building per day. Over the Parent-Teacher conference days the teacher's average workday shall not exceed seven (7) hours and ten (10) minutes. Middle School Parent-Teacher conferences will initially be scheduled by the Teacher based on student need. Should open timeslots remain after the initial schedule, they may be filled by parent request.
- b. Back-to-School Night will be scheduled for one weeknight (Mon. – Thurs.) during the school year.

B. School Year

The in-school work year of the teachers employed on a "ten-month" basis, other than new personnel who may be required to attend an additional day of orientation, shall not exceed 186 days. A total of 2 such workdays may be fulfilled in the following manner when pre-approved by the Superintendent.

1. Floating workdays which may include workshop and/or professional meetings outside the regular school day.
2. Student supervisory duties that are not compensated by contractual agreement.

3. Professional experience including, but not limited to, Board and Parent presentations, science fairs, and gym shows.
4. Curriculum development/articulation during non-school days which are not reimbursed.

Credit for each workday must equal a 7-hour aggregate.

The school calendar for the next year will be shared with the Association 10 days prior to the Board adoption at which time the suggestions of the Association may be considered.

The in-school work year for 10-month paraprofessionals (aides) shall be comprised of the scheduled student school year plus one (1) day for professional development.

C. Meetings

Four (4) days per month shall be set aside for weekly staff meetings starting about ten (10) minutes after student dismissal time. The Association and the Administration shall confer periodically on a mutually agreeable day which shall be followed except in emergencies. Teachers normally shall be notified of changes in meeting schedule at least four (4) days in advance. The Administration shall provide the teachers with a proposed meeting agenda at least one (1) school day prior to the meeting, except in emergency. The teachers shall have the opportunity to suggest items for the agenda through their liaison representative. Meetings shall not exceed one (1) hour, except in cases of emergency dependent on student or building needs. One of the four (4) meeting days reserved for such staff meetings within each month period will be made available for an Association meeting.

ARTICLE II

TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS

A teacher whose assignment changes from one year to the next shall be given written notice of his/her anticipated or major class and subject assignments for the coming year by June 1st of the immediately preceding school year except if the Administration shall, in good-faith, otherwise notify.

ARTICLE III

TEXTBOOKS AND CURRICULUM DETERMINATION

A. Curriculum Activities

The Board, the Administration and the Association may agree to establish Curriculum Committees and arrange professional development courses, workshops, conferences and programs designed to improve quality of instruction. The final determination about such educational policy matters rest solely with the Administration/Board.

B. Professional Development

Professional development activities may be initiated at the request of the teachers or the Administration. The Request for Absence Authorization and Reimbursement form with accompanying reasons must be submitted at least five (5) days prior to the proposed session. Curriculum sessions shall be subject to approval by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE IV

ASSIGNMENT OF NON-TEACHING DUTIES

The Board and the Association acknowledge that the teachers' primary responsibility is to teach and that his/her energies should be utilized for this purpose.

- A. Collection of money shall not be required of the teachers except for student insurance, student pictures, and other monies as requested by the teachers and with the consent of the Administration;
- B. Unless otherwise agreed upon, teachers shall not be required to perform non-teaching duties including, but not limited to, keeping registers, typing, duplication of instructional materials, and scoring standardized achievement and intelligence tests;
- C. The Board and the Association recognize that lunchroom supervision is essential to an orderly and safe environment for students. Therefore, to achieve this goal, a teacher may be assigned cafeteria duty on a rotating basis with support from a cafeteria aide. To assure fairness and equity, a duty schedule will be established by the building principal, in cooperation with representatives of the Association, to distribute this duty as infrequently as building scheduling will allow.

To ensure that the quality of instruction will not be diminished, the Administration will make a reasonable effort.

- 1. To provide a respite between the conclusion of the assigned duty and the commencement of teaching responsibilities.
 - 2. To assure that classroom instructional time, including specials, will not be reduced in order to accommodate the duty schedule: the teacher on duty will have a thirty-minute uninterrupted lunch period but may forfeit his/her preparation time in order to supervise the cafeteria and be paid honoraria for such services.
- D. Use of personal vehicle for attendance at workshops, professional activities outside of the district, or business-related errands, as approved by the Superintendent, shall be reimbursed at the OMB mileage reimbursement rate pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:11-12. Mileage shall be calculated from home or school, based on whichever is the shorter distance. Travel for attendance at conventions and for the purpose of attending college shall not be reimbursed.

- E. In the event a teacher is required to travel from one school to another within the district on a regular and recurring basis in connection with his or her responsibilities, the Board shall provide a reserved parking space for use by said teacher(s) at the school to which the teacher is required to travel.
- F. The TEA President at each school will not be assigned to recess or lunch duty. In the event that the TEA elects co-presidents at either or both schools, one of the co-presidents will not be assigned to recess or lunch duty.

ARTICLE V

TEACHER EVALUATION

The primary aim of evaluation shall be the improvement of instruction.

A. Procedure

The teacher evaluation system and procedure shall be in full compliance with TEACH NJ and the regulations promulgated thereunder. N.J.S.A. 18A:6-117 et. seq.; N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et. seq.

B. Non-Tenured Personnel

The evaluation of non-tenured teachers shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 27-3.1 and 3.3 and N.J.A.C. 6A:32-4.5.

C. Tenured Personnel

The evaluation of tenured teachers shall be in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:32-4.4.

Review of the performance of the teaching staff members shall be based upon the job description.

D. Frequency

Teachers shall be observed through classroom visitation by a certified supervisor at least, but not limited to, three (3) times for non-tenured and once (1) for tenured teachers in each school year, to be followed by a conference and a written observation report by the supervisor.

E. Open Evaluation

All monitoring or observation of the workplace shall be conducted openly and with full knowledge of the teacher. The use of eavesdropping, public address, cameras, audio systems, and similar surveillance devices shall be strictly prohibited. Cameras and audio systems may be used with the teacher's consent for the purpose of identifying areas of presentation that may require strengthening only when teacher initiated. Camera and audio systems may not be used as a punitive tool.

F. Copies of Observation Reports

A teacher shall be given access to any draft class visit observation report prepared by his or her supervisor prior to a conference between the supervisor and the teacher has been conducted. Teachers shall be provided the opportunity to discuss the observation before a final report is written. Teachers shall be provided a copy of the Final Observation Report no more than fifteen (15) school days after the actual observation. No teacher shall be required to sign a blank or incomplete observation form. Final observation reports must be signed and returned to the supervisor within ten (10) school days. The signature of the teacher shall not necessarily represent agreement with the report, but shall constitute an acknowledgement that he or she has read its contents. The teacher shall also be permitted to include his/her comments as per statute.

G. Observation Conference

An observation conference shall occur within five (5) school days of the observation depending upon the availability of both parties but shall not extend beyond ten (10) days. No subsequent observation can occur prior to the observation conference.

H. Parental Complaints

Any complaints regarding a staff member made to the administration by any parent, student, or other person, which are used in any manner in evaluation of a staff member, shall be promptly brought to the attention of the member. Administration and the Member will discuss the nature of the complaint and the identity of the Complainant and the Administration will inform the member on the investigation, if any, that will, or did take place. The Member shall be given the opportunity to respond verbally or in writing to such a complaint and shall have the right to be represented by the Association at any meeting or conference regarding such a complaint.

ARTICLE VI

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

It is agreed by all parties that this section provides for leaves for specific purposes.

A. Sick Leave

1. Members under ten (10) month contracts shall be entitled to ten (10) sick days each school year, and Members under twelve (12) month contracts shall be entitled to twelve (12) sick days each school year, as of the first official day of their contract year, whether or not they report for duty on that day. Unused sick leave shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit. Extensions may be granted by Administration on a case-by-case basis. Extensions may not exceed the annual allotment of sick days.

2. On a case-by-case basis, the Board may elect to provide additional sick days in accordance with 18A:30-6, when all accumulated sick leave has been used.
3. A doctor's certificate shall be furnished to the Administration, upon request, at no cost to the Board, for each consecutive period of sick leave according to Board policy.
4. Sick Leave Bank

The District shall recognize and permit the establishment by the Tewksbury Education Association (TEA) of a Sick Bank for the purpose of covering members with catastrophic illness, accident or accidents with the extension on needed sick leave after they have exhausted all of their accumulated leave.

A catastrophic illness or injury shall be defined as requiring an extended absence. The Sick Bank Committee shall be comprised of the Association President or his/her designee and two additional Association representatives; and the Superintendent or his/her designee and two additional Administrators.

The Sick Bank Committee shall operate and maintain the Sick Bank, and shall meet semiannually and/or as needed. Twice-a-year reports (October 15 and May 15) of total days available and total days used shall be reported by the committee to the employees in the sick bank.

All enrollments in the Sick Bank are and henceforth shall remain voluntary. Employees must enroll by September 30 of each school year. When returning from a leave of absence after the school year has begun, an employee will have thirty (30) days to enroll. Only employees who are contributors to the Sick Bank shall be eligible to receive days from the Sick Bank. Employees employed by the District as of June 30, 2019 may enroll in the sick bank and must remain a member for the entire July 1, 2019-June 30, 2022 contract term. Employees on leave, or employed after June 30, 2019 may join the bank as set forth above, but must remain in the bank until June 30, 2022. Employees using the sick bank are still employed by the district and entitled to all benefits that they would normally be entitled to.

Employees enrolling in the Sick Bank must contribute one (1) day to the Bank in the first year of their enrollment. In order to remain a member of the Sick Bank, they must continue to contribute one (1) day each subsequent year. Once the employee has contributed to the Bank those days shall not be returned.

Any employee requesting sick days shall have his/her need reviewed by the Sick Bank Committee. This Sick Bank Committee shall have the right to assign days to said employee depending on said employee's needs, the number of days available in the Bank, and the best interest of the District. No employee shall receive more than sixty (60) days in any one contract year (July 1 to June 30). At no time shall the sick days allotted be allowed to exceed the number of days than the balance in the Sick Bank at any given time.

Since all membership is voluntary, once enrolled, employees may "opt out" of the sick bank at the

end of the collective negotiations agreement's term or when their service to the District ends.

Employees who are members of the Sick Leave Bank and who have been members of the Sick Bank and contributed for at least two consecutive (2) years shall not be required to continuously contribute days to the Bank provided the number of days in the Sick Bank exceeds two hundred (200). If the number of days falls below two hundred (200), each member of the Bank will be required to contribute one (1) day to the Sick Bank immediately upon notification of the deficit, and thereafter one (1) per year pursuant to this Agreement, until the number of days again reaches the minimum number.

Sick leave days in the Sick Bank carry over from contract to contract and do not expire.

B. Emergency and Personal Business Leave

Members shall be entitled to the following temporary leave of absence with full pay:

1. Two (2) days leave of absence for personal business. Written notice of such leave shall be given to the Administration at least one (1) week before taking such leave, (except in case of emergency). Lacking such notice, the absence will be considered unauthorized and the teacher's pay will be deducted at the daily rate of 1/200 the annual salary.

Up to two (2) days of unused personal leave from the previous year may be used in the following year. Unused personal days may be used in the following year, converted to sick days or paid at daily sub pay rate. No more than four (4) days leave may be taken under this section in any year.

- a. Each request for personal leave shall list as a reason, "Business which cannot be conducted other than during school hours."
 - b. Personal leave with pay will not be permitted before or after a holiday or scheduled school closing to extend a vacation. However, under extenuating circumstances, the Superintendent may approve a request for leave on such days.
 - c. Personal leave may be used in consecutive days.
 - d. Members who begin employment in the District mid-year, i.e., on or after February 1st, shall receive one (1) day of personal leave for the remainder of that school year.
2. If a teacher is involved in an emergency, he/she need not request personal leave in accordance with Paragraph B.1. above, but will attempt to notify the Administration by 7:00 a.m. on the day the teacher must be absent and will inform the Administrator of the nature of the emergency. For the purpose of this subsection, an emergency will be a matter of serious nature such as, but not limited to the following: family illness, legal matter or death in the member's family.

3. The equivalent of five (5) total school days per school year may be used by the Association President or his/her designee for Association business with the concurrence of the Superintendent or his designee.
4. An employee who is required to be absent for one or more days, consecutive or non- consecutive, because of a death in the employee's immediate family, shall, with the concurrence of the Superintendent, be excused for such day or days. Paid time off shall be provided to attend the funeral, plus reasonable travel time to and from the funeral location. In no case, however, shall the time off with pay exceed five (5) days. Immediate family means: spouse, children, parents, parents of the employee's spouse, grandparents, brothers, sisters, domestic partners as recognized by NJ law, or any relative living in the same household with the employee. In the event of the death of an employee's spouse, domestic partner or child, once the initial allotment of five (5) days has been exhausted, an employee may elect to deduct up to five (5) days from his/her banked sick leave balance and convert such days to compassionate bereavement leave, to be utilized as additional bereavement leave. These days need not be consecutive, but must be used within nine (9) months of the death. Days shall be used on a one-to-one basis and unused compassionate bereavement leave days shall not accrue from year to year or as additional leave. Employees with no banked sick days are ineligible for the additional compassionate bereavement leave.
 - a. In the event of the death of an employee's family member other than those defined above, up to two (2) days (less the cost of a substitute) may be granted by the Superintendent after the employee's personal days, as defined in Paragraph 1, have been exhausted.
5. Military Reserve leave shall be granted as required by law. The Board reserves the right to appeal for delay of duty to and after the end of school.

C. Leaves Without Pay

Leaves of absence without pay may be granted by the Board upon the recommendation of the Administration. Leaves granted pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act and the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act, and any other applicable laws. This provision shall not interfere with leave of absence benefits that are legally available to an employee. In the event that there is a discrepancy, contract or policy will be superseded if it favors the employee. If an employee is legally entitled to Leave of Absence time that is not listed herein, requests will be processed in accordance with the law.

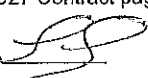

1. Leaves for extreme family emergency may be granted by the Board based on the Superintendent's recommendation. Leaves granted pursuant to this section shall be in accordance with the New Jersey Family Leave Act or the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act.
2. Disability Leaves
 - a. In order to provide for continuity of instruction and to assure that adequate planning time is provided, an employee who anticipates the need for a leave of absence due to a

condition which will render the employee unable to perform his/her duties, shall notify the Superintendent in writing of the anticipated disability as soon as the employee knows of it. The employee may request, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the anticipated date of disability, a disability leave of absence, specifying the dates on which the employee wishes the leave to begin and end.

- b. Disability leave can be used for the time that an employee is unable to work because of a temporary disability, including a maternity related disability.
- c. In the case of maternity related disability, an employee will be presumed disabled four (4) weeks before childbirth and four (4) weeks after. Additional periods of disability may be established by a physician's statement. Employees shall be permitted to work up to the date of actual disability. The Board will not arbitrarily or unreasonably deny the requested leave.
- d. When an employee requests a leave for disability which can be anticipated, such as maternity related disability, the Board shall honor the leave dates so requested if the same will not substantially interfere with the effective administration to the educational program to which the employee was assigned.
- e. To be eligible for a salary increment and credit toward longevity payments and sabbaticals, an employee must be paid his or her full District salary for at least ninety (90) school days in each school year, including the school year that the leave commences or terminated.
- f. An employee on a voluntary unpaid leave of absence shall not be eligible to either receive or accrue benefits except as statutorily required. The Board shall however, continue the teacher's coverage in the district's group health plan in accordance with NJFLA and FMLA, after which the employee may continue coverage at his/her own expense, in accordance with the rules of the insurance carrier. The Board shall continue to provide medical insurance coverage to employees on paid sick leave.

3. Child Care Leaves

- a. Child Care leave is available to eligible employees who desire an unpaid leave of absence to care of a newborn or newly adopted infant.
- b. An employee desiring an unpaid leave shall apply no less than ninety (90) days before the anticipated delivery date or adoption date of the infant.
- c. The maximum duration of a child care leave for tenured employees is one (1) year / 12 Months. If a leave commences during a school year, (September 1 to June 30) the maximum duration of the leave shall be to the end of the school year following the school year in which the leave commenced. In the event that a leave commences late in a school year for a non-tenured employee, resulting in the legally available leave-of-absence time



to cross into the next school year, when the leave is legally exhausted, the employee will return to work.

- d. An employee returning from leave must notify the Superintendent by April 1st of his/her intent to return by the following school year (consult district calendar for specific dates of the new school year).
- e. Contractual unpaid care leave is available to employees who fulfill the requirements set out above. The Board will not arbitrarily or unreasonably deny the requested leave.
- f. To be eligible for a salary increment and credit toward longevity payments and sabbaticals, an employee must work at least ninety (90) school days in each school year, including the school year that the leave commences or terminates.
- g. An employee on a voluntary unpaid leave of absence shall not be eligible to either receive or accrue benefits except as statutorily required. The Board shall however, continue the teacher's coverage in the district's group health plan for a period of twelve (12) weeks, after which the employee may continue coverage at his/her own expense, in accordance with the rules of the insurance carrier. The Board shall continue to provide medical insurance coverage to employees on paid sick leave.
- h. To be eligible for a new child care leave, an employee must have been actively employed in the district for the full academic year prior to the requested leave.

4. Leaves for Study Purposes

- a. Eligible to tenured teachers, with the concurrence of the Administration and approval of the Board.
- b. Only one teacher shall be granted such leave at a time, except in an emergency and when approved by the Administration and so granted by the Board.
- c. The Board and Association agree that leaves for more than one (1) year are not advisable.

D. Sabbatical Leaves

1. Award of Sabbatical Leave

Sabbatical leaves for approved courses of study, for either one-half (1/2) the school year or a full year, may be granted by the Board to a teacher whose application has been recommended by the Administration and a Committee of Teachers.

2. Eligibility

Requests for sabbatical leave will be considered for teachers who have at least seven (7) years

of continuous service in the district.

3. Procedures

Requests must be received by the Administration no later than January 15 of the year prior to the requested leave. The request shall be forwarded to the Board within thirty (30) days.

4. Salary and Other Benefits

a. Experience Credit

The teacher on sabbatical leave shall accumulate experience credit on the guide.

b. Tuition Credit

The teacher on sabbatical leave shall be entitled to tuition refund in accordance with Chapter X, Section A.6. of the contract.

c. Benefits

The teacher on sabbatical leave shall be entitled to all employee benefits as provided by the contract.

d. Salary

i. Full Year Sabbatical

The teacher shall be paid one-half (1/2) of the annual salary for that school year. Salary would be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule, beginning in September.

ii. Half-Year Sabbatical

The teacher on half-year sabbatical leave shall be paid the normal salary for that school year, but while on sabbatical leave the teacher will be paid one-half (1/2) of the remaining balance of the annual salary. Salary would be paid in accordance with the payroll schedule.

e. Other Condition

i. Terms of Leaves

Full year sabbatical leave shall commence on September 1st and end June 30th. Half-year sabbatical leave shall be granted for either the Fall or Spring semester: Normally, an employee on a half-year leave for the Fall semester shall return on

or about February 1st. An employee on a half-year leave for the Spring semester shall return in September of the following school year.

ii. Number of Teachers on Leave

One teacher may be on sabbatical leave at any time.

iii. Reports Required

While on sabbatical leave, the teacher shall report to the Superintendent in writing by January 1st for the Fall Semester and June 30th for the Spring Semester. The report shall include a summary of experiences and conclusions relevant to Tewksbury Township Schools.

- iv. As a condition for granting this sabbatical, it is understood that the teacher shall continue in service for a period of two (2) years after the expiration of the sabbatical. Upon failure to continue in service for two (2) years, the Board may require the teacher to repay a pro-rated share of the sabbatical salary. Exceptions to this rule are subject to approval by the Board of Education.

ARTICLE VII

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definition

A grievance is a claim based upon an event or condition which affects the terms and conditions of employment of a Member or Members and/or its interpretation, meaning and application of any of the provisions of this Agreement.

B. Philosophy

The purpose of this procedure is to resolve differences regarding terms and conditions of employment at lowest levels of the grievance procedure and to promptly reach resolution to such grievances.

C. Procedure

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as soon as possible, the number of days indicated at each level is a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.
2. If either party fails to follow the time limit, the grievance shall be waived or moved to the next step, depending upon which party fails to follow the procedure agreed upon.
3. In the event a grievance is filed at such time that it cannot be processed through all the steps in this grievance procedure by the end of the school year, and, if left unresolved until the beginning

of the following school year, harm could result to a party in interest then the time limits set forth herein shall be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

4. The meetings and hearings shall be conducted in private.
5. It is the intention of the parties that meetings, hearings and discussions related to Levels 3 and 4 of the grievance process shall be conducted outside of the regular work day and will not interfere with an individual's work time. All such meetings, hearings and discussions necessary to process grievances will take place on non- work time after the close of the school day, or as mutually agreed to by the Administration and Member.

D. Levels of Procedure

1. Level One

A Member with a grievance may discuss it with his immediate supervisor, through the Association's designated representative if desired, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. Any grievance must be brought to Level One not later than one (1) calendar month of the occurrence which gave rise to the grievance. The grievance must be responded to verbally within five (5) business days.

2. Level Two

If the aggrieved Member is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level One, he/she shall notify the Association within five (5) business days after the decision at Level One or within ten (10) business days after the grievance was presented, whichever is sooner.

Within five (5) business days after such notification, the Association shall submit the grievance in writing to the immediate supervisor by use of a grievance form. Such form shall state the nature of the grievance, the date of the incident giving rise to the grievance, the specific provisions of the contract, law, and Board policy allegedly violated and/or Administrative decision(s) being grieved and the remedy being sought.

The immediate supervisor, upon receipt of the written grievance, shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible and shall meet with the grievant and/or his representative within five (5) business days of receipt of such grievance.

The immediate supervisor shall respond within five (5) business days of meeting or within ten (10) business days of receipt of the grievance whichever is sooner.

Decisions rendered at Level Two and all subsequent levels of the grievance procedures shall be in writing, setting forth the decisions and reasons therefore, and shall be transmitted to and be signed by all involved parties.

Timelines designated in the grievance procedures shall exclude school holidays.

3. Level Three

If the aggrieved Member is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level Two, he/she may submit it in writing to the next higher level of supervision within five (5) business days after the decision at Level Two, or within ten (10) business days after the grievance was presented at Level Two, if no decision was reached, whichever is sooner. The parties shall attempt to resolve the matter at that next higher level of supervision as quickly as possible, and for that purpose, a meeting shall be held within five (5) business days of submission to that next higher level of supervision (designated school holidays excepted), unless that next higher level of supervision is the Board, in which event the grievance shall immediately proceed to Level Four.

4. Level Four

If the aggrieved Member is not satisfied with the disposition at the preceding levels, or if no decision has been rendered by the appropriate supervisor at Level Three, he/she may, within five (5) business days, request the Association Executive Committee to submit his/her grievance in writing to the Board through the Personnel Committee. The Board and the aggrieved Member shall attempt to reach agreement. If no agreement is reached within one (1) calendar month of presentation to Level Four, the Board and/or the aggrieved Member may request the services of a mediator, who shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties, to mediate and advise. The mediator shall set forth in writing his findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted. The cost of mediation shall be shared equally by the parties. The parties will give due consideration to the mediators findings, reasoning and conclusions, but they shall be advisory only and not be binding on the Board or the Association.

FOOTNOTE:

Business day refers to scheduled work day of employment which may differ between teachers and custodial staff.

ARTICLE VIII

TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

- A. The Board agrees to hire only properly certified teachers holding or working toward standard certificates issued by the New Jersey Board of Examiners for every regular teaching assignment. The Board reserves the right to hire non-degree teachers in case of emergency, but may require them to continue working toward a degree.
- B. Credit not to exceed four (4) years for military service or alternative civilian service required by Selective Service, shall be given upon initial employment. At the discretion of the Board, credit may be given on the same basis for Peace Corps, Vista, National Teacher Corps, or Fulbright Scholarship time.

- C. At the time of initial employment, a teacher shall be placed on a step of the salary guide according to mutual agreement between the teacher and the Board of Education. Thereafter the teacher shall advance one (1) step of the guide per year of teaching in the District until they reach the maximum step except as increments may be withheld by the Board acting in accordance with the District policy and State law.
- D. The Administration will post vacancies to the district website within ten (10) school days after such vacancies become established. The postings will remain on the District website for as long as they are advertised. Known vacancies shall be distributed to Members via email.
- E. Members who desire a change in their assignment for the following school year, may file a written request with the Superintendent by April 1st of the preceding school year. Such request shall include the grade and/or subject to which the Member desires to be assigned and the school.
- F. Teacher Contracts
 - 1. Teachers shall be given their letter of intent as required by State law. If the Board and the Association have not reached a contract settlement for the year in question, the employment agreement shall be based upon the existing contract. Upon settlement, the Members will be re-issued contracts reflecting the new agreement and shall be retroactive to September 1st of the new contract year.
 - 2. Employment agreements shall be returned by non-tenured teachers to the Board Secretary within thirty (30) days of receipt or as required by State law N.J.A.C. 18A:27-12.

ARTICLE IX

TEACHER-ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

The Association shall select an individual for each school building who may meet with the Administration twice monthly to discuss local school problems and practices, and to play an active role in the revision or development of building policies. Also, this representation may suggest items to be placed on the agenda for teachers' meetings. Members having suggestions or requests may forward them to the liaison representative. Meetings between the Administration and the representative shall be set up at the request of either party.

ARTICLE X

COMPENSATION

- A. Teachers
 - 1. Salary Guide for 2022-2023--Appendix A
 - 2. Salary Guide for 2023-2024--Appendix B
 - 3. Salary Guide for 2024-2025--Appendix C
 - 4. Salary Guide for 2025-2026--Appendix D
 - 5. Salary Guide for 2026-2027--Appendix E

4. Lateral Moves Across Guide

- a. A teacher who anticipates a lateral move across the guide (e.g. moving from BA to BA + 15) must notify the Superintendent by January 30th of the fiscal year prior to the anticipated move by filing form T-175. Further, it is the responsibility of the teacher to ensure that official transcripts, which shall serve as the primary basis for consideration, shall be forwarded to the Superintendent within sixty (60) days of the completion of the courses. The official transcripts shall be used by the Administration to certify to the Board that the teacher has fulfilled the necessary requirements for the lateral move. All guide movement shall conform to the requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.5.

Lateral moves will become effective retroactively to the course completion date if transcripts are submitted within sixty (60) days of course completion. If delinquent in submitting transcripts, the lateral move would become effective on the first day of the following month after receipt of transcripts by the Board office. Under extenuating circumstances, the Superintendent has the authority to approve retroactive lateral moves.

- b. The Master of Arts/Science degrees must be earned in the field of education or discipline of required teacher certificate (e.g., science, mathematics).

5. Honoraria

Stipends and hourly pay rates are as set forth in Appendix I. The number of after school sessions/hours must be approved in writing by the Administration. For purposes of this article a "session" shall equal one (1) hour.

At the beginning of each year, notices shall be posted that these opportunities exist. Interested Members must notify the Administration in writing within five (5) school days of the day the notices are posted. Selection of the advisors for these jobs shall be at the discretion of the Administration and with Board approval. The chosen advisors for these jobs may be relieved of these with Board approval when it becomes apparent that such extra duties in any way interfere with performance of their primary duties.

a. Miscellaneous Activities

i. Class Coverage

The Administration will make every possible effort to arrange certified substitutes for an absent teacher. When that is not possible, currently contracted teachers may be assigned to cover classes. If a teacher must cover a class more than three times per year, they will be reimbursed at the supervision rate, per hour, prorated, per class beginning with the fourth (4th) class covered. Teachers having more than two hundred (200) minutes per week of preparation time that also have more than one (1) preparation period in a given day, may be asked to cover a class without compensation.

In no case will a teacher have less than five (5) preparation periods a week unless covered under the "three (3) time" rule above.

ii. Mentorship

Mentorship for provisional teachers shall be conducted in compliance with NJAC 6:11-3.1 through 5.4. Compensation will be the minimum as specified by code. (The Board reserves the right to determine if the candidate or the Board will pay the fee.)

iii. Preparation for New Teaching Assignment

- a. Teachers will receive one (1) teaching assignment (inclusive of grade level and subject area(s) per school year. Teachers whose teaching assignment changes shall be paid for one (1) day at 1/200 the annual salary for Curriculum Review..
- b. Teachers will be assigned one (1) classroom/duty location per school year. Teachers whose classroom location changes shall be paid (1) day at 1/200 the annual salary for Room Transition/Setup.

6. Professional Development and Education Improvement

- a. The Board shall reimburse teachers for courses taken for professional improvement. A maximum of fifteen (15) credit hours per school year (July 1--June 30) are eligible for reimbursement to tenured teachers. A maximum of nine (9) credit hours per school year (July 1--June 30) are eligible for reimbursement to non-tenured teachers. The rate of reimbursement shall be 100% of the tuition cost up to a maximum of \$500.00/credit for tenured teachers and up to \$300/credit for non-tenured teachers, for the length of the contract. All tuition assistance and academic advancement shall be in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.5.

If the teacher leaves the district through no fault of the employee or after two (2) years of completion of the course, no reimbursement for the cost of the tuition will be required. The employee will reimburse the district 100% of the cost of the tuition if the teacher leaves the district during the first year after completion of the course, and 50% of the cost if the employee leaves during the second year.

- b. Credit hours eligible for reimbursement must be pre-approved by the Superintendent and must be from an accredited school of education or applicable to a New Jersey teaching certificate. Subject to the requirement of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.5, approval will be granted for courses that are:
 - within a planned program of study leading to an advanced degree
 - approved by a teacher's immediate supervisor as part of an approved PIP
 - taken to enhance classroom management
 - taken to enhance a certificate or area specialty

- taken for advancement in school curriculum
- taken for new trends in education.

Professional Development Plans may be revised during the year to include courses which are mutually agreed to by Supervisor and teacher as beneficial to the professional growth of the teacher. Other credit hours may be approved by the Superintendent at his/her discretion.

- c. A minimum grade of B or its equivalent or a Pass (if graded Pass/Fail) is required in all cases of tuition reimbursement.
- d. No teacher shall be required to take courses in order to be eligible for salary increments.
- e. The Board shall pay up to seventy-five dollars (\$75.00) per course for any ancillary fees, including but not limited to textbooks, lab, technology, required course equipment, digital access, graduation and assessment fees.
- f. The Board and the Association encourage teachers to attend the annual N.J.E.A. Convention in order to avail themselves of valuable information leading to improved teaching. Teachers shall be reimbursed: Fifty dollars (\$50.00) per diem or seventy dollars (\$70.00) for overnight stay to a maximum of one (1) night. All reimbursements will be made through the voucher system. Convention nights eligible for reimbursement are Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. Staff members applying for overnight reimbursement must submit room bill with the voucher.
- g. Each unit member serving on the Local Professional Development Committee will receive release time for committee business conducted during the school day. Meetings will be held at a time mutually agreed to by unit members serving on the committee and the Administration. Unit members serving on the committee will be compensated at the Curriculum Development rate per hour for meetings and activities held outside of the normal work day during the school year or outside of the in-school work year for teachers.

7. Special Training Expenditure Reimbursement

In the event the Board incurs the expense of providing special training/instruction, which training is intended to provide a special certification required of a teacher by the district and which benefits the teacher (ex. Reading Recovery Specialist), the benefiting employee shall continue in the employ of the district for at least two (2) years. If the teacher leaves the district through no fault of the employee or after two (2) years of receiving the special training, no reimbursement for the cost of the training will be required. The employee will reimburse the district 100% of the cost of the special training if the teacher leaves the district during the first year after receiving the special training and 50% of the cost if the employee leaves during the second year.

8. Health and Accident Benefits

- a. This shall apply to all Members who are eligible for Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund and New Jersey Public Employees Retirement System except employees who work less than thirty (30) hours per week.
- b. The Board of Education will provide Medical Coverage, Dental Coverage and a Prescription Plan, to employees and their eligible dependents as set forth below, subject to the following contributions toward premiums:

Certificated staff in teaching positions will contribute 20% of the premiums for the insurance described above at the coverage levels (single, parent/child, two adult, family) they select. Custodians and paraprofessionals (including those with teaching certificates) will continue to contribute to the premiums consistent with Tier IV of the contribution tables established in Ch.78, P.L. 2011 at the coverage levels they select.

- c. Medical Coverage

Employees are eligible to enroll in any of the following plans: point of service, Omnia, Direct Access or market equivalent.

- d. Dental Coverage

Dental coverage will be provided to eligible employees and their eligible dependents. The plan design will be that in effect on June 30, 2015 or its market equivalent. The maximum benefit shall be \$1,250.

- e. Prescription Plan Medical Waiver

The prescription co-pay for all eligible employees and their dependents shall be \$15.00 generic/\$35 preferred brand/\$50 non-preferred brand or specialty. The same co-pays will apply to mail-order prescriptions.

f. Medical Waiver

Employees employed within the District prior to July 1, 2022, who provide proof of alternate coverage of a comparable plan type (i.e., family to family, single to single, two adults to two adults, or parent-child to parent-child) will have the option to waive health benefit coverage in exchange for the following payment:

Plan Type Waived	Payment
Single	\$5,000.00
2 Adults	\$8,000.00
Parent/Child	\$8,000.00
Family	\$8,000.00

Employees beginning employment in the District on or after July 1, 2022 and who provide proof of alternate coverage of a comparable plan type (i.e., family to family, single to single, two adults to two adults, or parent-child to parent-child) will have the option to waive health benefit coverage in exchange for a payment of \$5,000.00.

There shall be no restriction, nor penalty, should the employee need to re-enter the waived insurance plan.

g. Employee Assistance Plan

The Board will pay for the plan as provided by the New Jersey Employee Assistance Network.

h. The Board will maintain a Section 125 Plan. Payment shall be made bi-weekly through payroll.

i. The Board will establish a yearly Section 105 Health Reimbursement Account ("HRA"). The HRA will be available to each employee enrolled in the District's health plan as of July 1st of each contract year. During each year of this agreement, the Board will provide \$350.00 for each HRA, to be used for eligible health-related expenditures, provided the employee remains enrolled in the health plan for the full school year. Employees who experience a qualifying life event enabling them to enroll in the health plan mid-year, or new employees who are hired and begin work in the District mid-year, shall receive a pro-rated amount, except that new employees who are hired and begin work as of the first day of school in each school year will receive a fully funded account.

The HRA account shall be primary and may be used prior to a draw from any employee's Section 125 FSA plan if an employee also chooses to enroll in and contribute to the Section 125 plan. Each eligible employee in the HRA will be provided with up to two (2) debit cards to be used for deductions from the account. Additional cards are at the employee's expense. Should an employee leave the District mid-year, any unexpended funds from that employee's HRA will remain with the Board.

9. Service Bonus

A service bonus of three thousand dollars (\$3000) will be given to teachers upon retirement after fifteen (15) or more years of continuous satisfactory service within the Tewksbury Township School District. Approved maternity leave, sabbatical leave, and personal leave without pay shall be excluded in calculating the fifteen (15) years of service. Further, these conditions shall not be considered as interrupting continuous service. The bonus will be awarded by separate check on the effective date of retirement if notice is received in writing, prior to January 1st of the fiscal year preceding the retirement. If notification, in writing, is received after January 1st, payment to the teacher or his/her beneficiary will be made July 1st of the next fiscal year.

10. Voluntary Payroll Deductions

- a. Members will have option to have a portion of their pay deducted monthly, and to have the monthly deduction deposited with the County Educators Federal Credit Union or other institution designated by the Association annually on or before June 15th.
- b. The Board shall mail Credit Union monies by the fifth (5th) day of each month. If the Board fails to forward said monies by the fifth (5th), and subsequent penalties are imposed, the Board shall assume liability for the penalties for the period the monies were not received up to the date that they were received by the Credit Union. In the event penalties are assessed, the individual teacher must substantiate any claims.
- c. In the case of Credit Union deductions, the Board is not responsible for any bookkeeping other than the monthly deposits. All correspondence for individual accounts with the Credit Union is the responsibility of the Individual Credit Union Member.

11. Sick Day Reimbursement

Members who retire from the District will be reimbursed for unused sick days at the rate of \$65.00 per day, up to a maximum payout of \$15,000. If written notification of intention to retire is received prior to January 1st of the fiscal year preceding the retirement, payment will be made by separate check on the effective date of retirement. If notification is received after January 1st payment to the teacher or his/her beneficiary will be made July 1st of the next fiscal year.

12. Payment Schedule

All employees shall be paid via direct deposit. All 10-month employees may opt to be paid on a 12-month payment schedule. The employee's election of a 12-month payment schedule will continue until and unless the employee notifies the Business Office in writing of a request to change, which will become effective at the start of the following school year. To maintain a consistent pay schedule throughout the year, payments will be made on the 15th and the last day

of the month, or on the day prior in the event of a bank holiday.

B. Long-Term Leave Replacement Teachers

Long-term leave replacement teachers shall be paid a proportionate salary commensurate with the percentage of contracted time and step one of the appropriate year and education.

C. Custodial/Maintenance Staff

1. Salary Guide for Custodial and Maintenance--See Appendix E

2. Vacation

- a. 6 days after one (1) fiscal year of employment
- b. 10 days after two (2) fiscal years of employment
- c. 15 days after five (5) fiscal years of employment
- d. 20 days after fifteen (15) fiscal years of employment.

For the employee beginning work prior to July 1, vacation days will be earned at a rate of one-half (1/2) working day for each month employed.

3. Uniforms

The Board shall provide up to five (5) optional work pants, five (5) short sleeve and five (5) long sleeve work shirts and one (1) jacket for each custodial/maintenance employee during the first year of employment. Uniforms will be issued to newly hired employees after three (3) months of employment. In the second year of employment the employee will be issued up to three (3) optional work pants, three (3) long sleeve and three (3) short sleeve work shirts. Thereafter, up to two (2) optional pants and four (4) shirts will be issued annually. One (1) jacket and one (1) rain outfit (top and bottom) will thereafter be issued every two years.

The Board will provide annually up to two hundred (\$200.00) for safety shoes for each custodial/maintenance employee. The administration shall verify and approve such purchases before authorizing reimbursement.

The employee will wear short or long-sleeved uniform shirts and safety shoes during all working hours. Employees may wear optional work pants during working hours

Ripped or torn uniforms will be replaced as needed.

4. Overtime

Authorized overtime shall be paid at a rate of one and a half (1-1/2) times the hourly rate, after forty (40) hours weekly. Extra duty will be offered on an equitable basis to all qualified custodial employees. All work performed on a Sunday will be paid double-time.

5. Holidays

All twelve (12) month custodial or maintenance employees who are required to work on any of the following holidays shall be entitled to a compensatory day of vacation in lieu of any financial remuneration. Any unused compensatory time within the contractual year shall be converted to payment at the rate of twice the employee's normal rate of pay, provided the employee seeks to schedule the compensatory time within the contract year. It shall be the obligation of the custodian to request to schedule his or her compensatory time. In the event the custodian's request is denied in the first instance, he or she can request a mutually agreed upon alternative date. Should the parties not agree upon a mutual alternate date to schedule the requested compensatory time, then the custodian shall receive pay in lieu of compensatory time at the above rate. In no event shall compensatory time carry over or accrue beyond a contract year.

January 1 (New Year's Day)
Martin Luther King Day
Lincoln's Birthday
Washington's Birthday
Memorial Day (Last Monday in May)
July 4 (Independence Day)
Labor Day (First Monday in September)
November 11 (Veteran's Day)
Thanksgiving (Fourth Thursday in November)
Friday after Thanksgiving
December 25 (Christmas)
Two floating days that cannot be used when the schools are open for students and/or teachers.

All requests shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and granted in accordance with the best interests of the District.

Upon settlement, the Members will be reissued contracts reflecting the new agreement and shall be retroactive to July 1st of the new contract year.

6. Black Seal License

All Custodians must possess a Black Seal License. Upon ratification of the Agreement all custodians must take the first available test for a Black Seal License.

If a custodial employee does not pass the test, he/she must take the next available test.

If the custodial employee fails two (2) tests, that employee shall be terminated. The termination is not subject to the grievance procedure.

Any custodian who has a Black Seal License shall receive a yearly stipend of \$1,500 for the duration of the Agreement. Stipend is to be paid in two installments of \$750. The first installment to be paid at the end of the employee's 6th month of employment, the second at the end of the employee's 12th month. Subsequent installments continued at the same rate and intervals.

7. Call-In Minimum Pay

Custodians called in for work outside of their regular shift shall receive a minimum of two (2) hours pay for a minimum of two (2) hours work.

D. Teacher's Aide

1. Salary Guide--See Appendix F.
2. Registered Behavior Technician (RBT) Stipend - \$200.00 per year.

E. Instructional Aide

1. Salary Guide--See Appendix F.

F. Other

1. Reimbursement For School Related Licensing Fees

The Board of Education shall pay for licensing renewals required yearly by the State, including, but not limited to all boiler licenses and school bus driver licenses.

2. Enrollment Of Teaching Staff's Children

At the recommendation of the Superintendent, children of teaching staff members may be enrolled on a tuition basis only if the District decides to no longer be a Choice District. All students who were enrolled prior to the District becoming a Choice District shall continue to be enrolled in the District on a non-tuition basis. However, if the District no longer elects to be a Choice District, tuition for children of staff members will be \$750.00 per school year per child. Recommendation may be withheld when the program maintained for the children of this District is inadequate to meet the needs of the applicant, or when upon entry to the school system, class size limitations would be exceeded. Continued enrollment of any non-resident pupil is contingent upon the maintenance of good standards of citizenship and discipline.

The Board of Education shall not be responsible for the transportation to or from school of any non-resident pupil.

ARTICLE XI

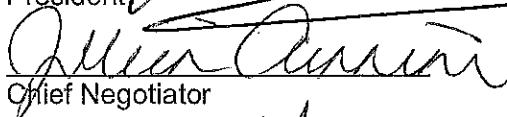
TERMS OF AGREEMENT

- A. The provisions of this Agreement shall be effective as of ratification by both parties and remain in force and in effect until June 30, 2027.
- B. This Agreement is made and entered into this June __, 2022, by and between the Tewksbury Township Education Association, Inc. and the Tewksbury Township Board of Education.
- C. This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject of negotiations. During the term of this Agreement neither party shall be required to negotiate with respect to any matter whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement.
- D. If any provision of this Agreement or the application therefore to any party, Member or circumstances is held invalid, the remainder of this Agreement and its application to any party, other Members or circumstances shall not be affected thereby, and to this end the provisions of this Agreement are declared severable.
- E. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

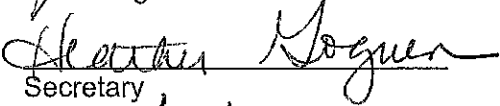
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Secretary

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APPENDIX A

2022-2023

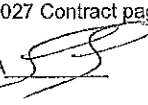
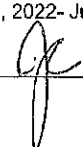
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3	57,950	59,050	60,150	62,350	63,450	64,550
4	58,550	59,650	60,750	62,950	64,050	65,150
5	59,950	61,050	62,150	64,350	65,450	66,550
6	61,630	62,730	63,830	66,030	67,130	68,230
7	63,336	64,436	65,536	67,736	68,836	69,936
8	65,365	66,465	67,565	69,765	70,865	71,965
9	68,371	69,471	70,571	72,771	73,871	74,971
10	71,046	72,146	73,246	75,446	76,546	77,646
11	73,751	74,851	75,951	78,151	79,251	80,351
12	76,886	77,986	79,086	81,286	82,386	83,486
13	79,696	80,796	81,896	84,096	85,196	86,296
14	83,632	84,732	85,832	88,032	89,132	90,232
15	89,467	90,567	91,667	93,867	94,967	96,067

Teachers who have completed 15-20 years of service as a teacher in the District will be paid an additional \$750.00

Teachers who have completed 21 through 24 years of service as a teacher in the District will be paid an additional \$1500.00

Teachers who have completed 25 years of service as a teacher in the District will be paid an additional \$2000.00.

No sabbatical, maternity, or other leaves of absence shall count toward the 10 or 20 years of in-district service.



APPENDIX B

2023-2024

STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	59,151	60,251	61,351	63,551	64,651	65,751
2	59,651	60,751	61,851	64,051	65,151	66,251
3	60,151	61,251	62,351	64,551	65,651	66,751
4	60,751	61,851	62,951	65,151	66,251	67,351
5	62,151	63,251	64,351	66,551	67,651	68,751
6	63,836	64,936	66,036	68,236	69,336	70,436
7	65,542	66,642	67,742	69,942	71,042	72,142
8	67,571	68,671	69,771	71,971	73,071	74,171
9	70,577	71,677	72,777	74,977	76,077	77,177
10	73,252	74,352	75,452	77,652	78,752	79,852
11	75,957	77,057	78,157	80,357	81,457	82,557
12	79,092	80,192	81,292	83,492	84,592	85,692
13	81,902	83,002	84,102	86,302	87,402	88,502
14	85,836	86,936	88,036	90,236	91,336	92,436
15	91,671	92,771	93,871	96,071	97,171	98,271

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APPENDIX C

2024-2025

STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	61,324	62,424	63,524	65,724	66,824	67,924
2	61,824	62,924	64,024	66,224	67,324	68,424
3	62,324	63,424	64,524	66,724	67,824	68,924
4	62,924	64,024	65,124	67,324	68,424	69,524
5	64,327	65,427	66,527	68,727	69,827	70,927
6	66,012	67,112	68,212	70,412	71,512	72,612
7	67,718	68,818	69,918	72,118	73,218	74,318
8	69,747	70,847	71,947	74,147	75,247	76,347
9	72,753	73,853	74,953	77,153	78,253	79,353
10	75,428	76,528	77,628	79,828	80,928	82,028
11	78,133	79,233	80,333	82,533	83,633	84,733
12	81,268	82,368	83,468	85,668	86,768	87,868
13	84,078	85,178	86,278	88,478	89,578	90,678
14	88,012	89,112	90,212	92,412	93,512	94,612
15	93,847	94,947	96,047	98,247	99,347	100,447

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APPENDIX D

2025-2026

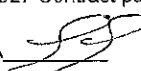
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1	63,628	64,728	65,828	68,028	69,128	70,228
2	64,128	65,228	66,328	68,528	69,628	70,728
3	64,628	65,728	66,828	69,028	70,128	71,228
4	65,228	66,328	67,428	69,628	70,728	71,828
5	66,631	67,731	68,831	71,031	72,131	73,231
6	68,316	69,416	70,516	72,716	73,816	74,916
7	70,022	71,122	72,222	74,422	75,522	76,622
8	72,051	73,151	74,251	76,451	77,551	78,651
9	75,057	76,157	77,257	79,457	80,557	81,657
10	77,732	78,832	79,932	82,132	83,232	84,332
11	80,437	81,537	82,637	84,837	85,937	87,037
12	83,572	84,672	85,772	87,972	89,072	90,172
13	86,382	87,482	88,582	90,782	91,882	92,982
14	90,316	91,416	92,516	94,716	95,816	96,916
15	96,151	97,251	98,351	100,551	101,651	102,751

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APPENDIX E

2026-2027

STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30	MA	MA+15	MA+30
1	66,444	67,544	68,644	70,844	71,944	73,044
2	66,944	68,044	69,144	71,344	72,444	73,544
3	67,444	68,544	69,644	71,844	72,944	74,044
4	68,044	69,144	70,244	72,444	73,544	74,644
5	69,447	70,547	71,647	73,847	74,947	76,047
6	71,132	72,232	73,332	75,532	76,632	77,732
7	72,838	73,938	75,038	77,238	78,338	79,438
8	74,867	75,967	77,067	79,267	80,367	81,467
9	77,873	78,973	80,073	82,273	83,373	84,473
10	80,548	81,648	82,748	84,948	86,048	87,148
11	83,253	84,353	85,453	87,653	88,753	89,853
12	86,388	87,488	88,588	90,788	91,888	92,988
13	89,198	90,298	91,398	93,598	94,698	95,798
14	93,132	94,232	95,332	97,532	98,632	99,732
15	98,965	100,065	101,165	103,365	104,465	105,565

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APPENDIX F
SALARY PROGRESSION

TEACHERS

Step	Experience (Years)
1	0-1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13
14	14
15	15+

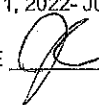
APPENDIX G
CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE SALARY GUIDE

Custodians who have completed 20 years of service in the District will be paid an additional \$500 over and above their step on the salary guide.

2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary
1	36,015	1	36,925	1	38,205	1	38,915	.1	40,085
2	36,515	2	37,425	2	38,705	2	39,415	2	40,585
3	37,015	3	37,925	3	39,205	3	39,915	3	41,085
4	37,815	4	38,425	4	39,705	4	40,415	4	41,585
5	38,615	5	39,225	5	40,205	5	40,915	5	42,085
6	39,415	6	40,025	6	41,005	6	41,715	6	42,885
7	40,220	7	40,825	7	41,805	7	42,515	7	43,685
8	41,735	8	42,185	8	42,920	8	43,695	8	44,880
9	43,300	9	43,600	9	44,090	9	44,940	9	46,130
10	44,915	10	45,065	10	45,310	10	46,235	10	47,430
11	46,580	11	46,580	11	46,580	11	47,580	11	48,780
OG	56,047	OG	57,147	OG	58,247	OG	59,247	OG	60,447



APPENDIX H
TEACHER AIDES SALARY GUIDE

2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary
1	17.40	1	18.25	1	19.05	1	19.87	1	20.72
2	17.80	2	18.65	2	19.45	2	20.27	2	21.12
3	18.20	3	19.05	3	19.85	3	20.67	3	21.52
4	18.60	4	19.45	4	20.25	4	21.07	4	21.92
5	19.00	5	19.85	5	20.65	5	21.47	5	22.32
6	19.42	6	20.25	6	21.05	6	21.87	6	22.72
7	19.85	7	20.65	7	21.45	7	22.27	7	23.12
8	20.28	8	21.05	8	21.85	8	22.67	8	23.52




APPENDIX I
INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES SALARY GUIDE

2022-2023		2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026		2026-2027	
Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary	Step	Salary
1	16.94	1	17.43	1	17.83	1	18.54	1	19.20
2	17.25	2	17.74	2	18.16	2	18.85	2	19.50
3	17.56	3	18.05	3	18.49	3	19.16	3	19.80
4	17.87	4	18.36	4	18.82	4	19.47	4	20.10
5	18.19	5	18.67	5	19.15	5	19.78	5	20.40
6	18.51	6	18.99	6	19.48	6	20.09	6	20.70
7	18.83	7	19.32	7	19.83	7	20.40	7	21.00
8	19.17	8	19.66	8	20.18	8	20.74	8	21.35
9	19.52	9	20.01	9	20.53	9	21.09	9	21.70
10	19.88	10	20.37	10	20.89	10	21.44	10	22.04
11	20.25	11	20.74	11	21.26	11	21.81	11	22.40
12	20.63	12	21.12	12	21.64	12	22.19	12	22.78
13	21.02	13	21.51	13	22.03	13	22.58	13	23.17

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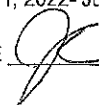
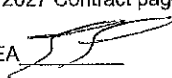
APPENDIX J
SALARY PROGRESSION

TEACHER AIDES

Step 2022-2023	Step 2023-2024	Step 2024-2025	Step 2025-2026	Step 2026-2027
1	2	3	4	5
2	3	4	5	6
3	4	5	6	7
4	5	6	7	8
5	6	7	8	8
6	7	8	8	8
7	8	8	8	8
8	8	8	8	8

INSTRUCTIONAL AIDES

Step	Experience
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5
6	6
7	7
8	8
9	9
10	10
11	11
12	12
13	13+

APPENDIX K
INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC GUIDE

2022-2027 FALL/SPRING SPORTS

Head

Experience	Stipend
0-1	2,707
2-3	3,554
4+	4,401

Assistant

Experience	Stipend
0-1	2,198
2-3	3,046
4+	3,721

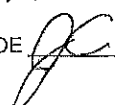
2022-2027 WINTER SPORTS

Head

Experience	Stipend
0-1	3,555
2-3	4,401
4+	5,247

Assistant

Experience	Stipend
0-1	3,046
2-3	3,891
4+	4,717



Athletic Director

Yearly Stipend: 2019-2022: \$ 5,382

Definitions:

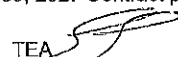

Fall/Spring Sports include field hockey, soccer, softball, lacrosse, and baseball.

Winter Sports include cheerleading, wrestling, boys and girls basketball.

Additional Sports may be defined by agreement between the Board of Education and The Association.

Shared Title: When two coaches share a title the salaries for the head and assistant coaches shall be added together and divided evenly between the coaches based on the experience level of each coach.

Shared Assignment: When two coaches share the coaching responsibility of one coaching position evenly, the head coach salary of the more highly experienced coach will be divided evenly between the coaches.



APPENDIX L
CO-CURRICULAR CLUB AND ACTIVITY GUIDE

I. Clubs

ACTIVITY	STIPEND/RATE
Ski Club Advisor*	\$4,630.00
Student Council Moderator	\$1,320.00
6 th Grade Trip Coordinator	\$725.00
8 th Grade Trip Coordinator	\$725.00
Odyssey of the Mind	\$3,900
8 th Grade Magazine Drive	\$585.00
8 th Grade Advisor	\$1,125.00
Yearbook Advisor	\$3,000.00
Show Chorus/Vocal Ensemble Dir.	\$1,197.00
Jazz Band	\$1,197.00
Play Director	\$4,680.00
Asst. Play Director	\$2,200.00
Musical Director	\$1,950.00
Production Manager	\$1,800.00
Half-year long Clubs**	\$1,500.00 per half year assignment.

*It is understood between the parties that the Board of Education retains the prerogative not to fill this position in a given year, or to rescind any appointment, should there be insufficient revenue generated from Ski Club member fees to offset all costs associated with the operation of the Ski Club, including the associated stipend, or should the parties be unable to agree on a reduced stipend to reflect the diminished participation, provide that, in the event an appointment is rescinded, the Advisor shall be paid an equitable proration of the annual stipend to reflect any preparation work reasonably and necessarily performed prior to the rescission.

**Club topics to be approved by the Board annually. The minimum enrollment per club shall be 10 students, except as otherwise approved by the Board. The listed club stipend is to be paid to one advisor per club, or to be shared equally if multiple advisors.

II. Hourly Rate Activities

ACTIVITY	HOURLY RATE
Intramurals	\$40.00 per hour
Intramural Official	Fees as established by the North Hunterdon Articulation Interscholastic Group
Tournament Official	Fees as established by the North Hunterdon Articulation Tournament Group
Curriculum Development	\$40.00 per hour (on non-school time at the written request of the Administration)
PAC Committee	\$40.00 per hour
I&RS	\$40.00 per hour
Test Scoring	\$40.00 per hour (diagnostic and criterion referenced, with written consent of Administration)
Student Supervision*	\$40.00 per hour
Miscellaneous Hourly Rate (Parent activities/workshops/night events)	\$40.00 per hour

*Teachers specifically approved in writing by the Administration to supervisor students at special activities during non-school hours, such as, but not necessarily limited to, dances, concerts, programs, tournaments, indoor athletic events and Ski Club chaperone. For Ski Club only, in addition to volunteer parent chaperones, the ratio of students to paid staff chaperones shall be a minimum of 30:1 and shall be adjusted in accordance with annual student participation.

III. Overnight Activities

Teachers who participate in overnight activities will have the option of being compensated for such activities as follows:

Option 1 – Teacher will work contractual hours and return home. Mileage will be paid at the standard mileage rate permitted by OMB regulations.

Option 2 – Teacher will stay until the students go to bed (approximately 10:45 p.m.) and then drive home. Teacher will receive \$138/day plus mileage, paid at the above rate.

Option 3 – Teacher will stay overnight with the students and receive \$276/day.

