

# **NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT**

**between the**

**MOHAWK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**and the**

**MOHAWK BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026**

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## **ARTICLE I – PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATING PROCEDURES DOCUMENT**

### **A. Recognition**

The Board of Education of the Mohawk Local School District (hereinafter referred to as the Board) recognizes the Mohawk Education Association (MEA), an affiliate of the Ohio Education Association (OEA) and the National Education Association (NEA) (hereinafter referred to as the Association), as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative of all full-time and part-time certificated/licensed personnel, exclusive of administrative and supervisory personnel, for the purposes of collective bargaining as defined in Chapter 4117 Ohio Revised Code.

Hereinafter, reference to employees or teachers shall refer to certificated/licensed teachers in the bargaining unit.

### **B. Principles**

1. Right to Join or Not to Join – Employees have the right to join, participate in, and assist the Association, and the right to refrain from such; but membership shall not be a prerequisite for employment or continuation of employment of any employee.
2. Right of Minorities and Individuals – The legal rights inherent in the Federal Law and the Ohio Revised Code and in the rulings and regulations of the Department of Education affecting certificated personnel are in no way abridged by this Agreement.

### **C. Procedures for Conducting Negotiations**

1. Negotiating Teams – The Board and Association shall designate a negotiating team consisting of not more than five (5) members.
2. Notice to Negotiate – Either party to this Agreement may declare its intention to negotiate a successor to this Agreement by filing a Notice to Negotiate with the other in the month of January of the year in which the Agreement is scheduled to expire.
3. Reaching Agreement – As tentative agreement is reached on each issue, it shall be initialed by each party. When consensus is reached, the proposed successor Agreement shall be reduced to writing as a tentative agreement and submitted to the Association and the Board for ratification. Following ratification by both parties, the Agreement shall constitute the successor contract between the parties. There shall be two (2) copies of the successor contract which shall be signed on behalf of the parties. One (1) copy shall be retained by the Board and one (1) by the Association.

4. Mediation – Either party may declare that an Impasse has been reached and request mediation through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (F.M.C.S.). However, in no event shall mediation commence prior to May 16.

Mediation as provided for herein constitutes the parties mutually agreed upon dispute settlement procedure pursuant to 4117.14(c)(1)(f). The obligation to mediate shall expire upon expiration of this Agreement.

**D. Severability**

Unless otherwise required by Section 4117.10(A) of the Ohio Revised Code, this Agreement supersedes and prevails over all Ohio statutes and Board Policies or administrative rules to the extent that such statute, policy or rule conflicts with a term of this Agreement. Should a provision of this Agreement be found unlawful, all other provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect. The Board and the Association shall engage in bargaining to the extent necessary as a result of a change in state or federal law.

**ARTICLE II – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

**A. Purpose**

The purpose of this procedure is to resolve the grievance at the lowest possible level. Both parties agree that grievances will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

**B. Definitions**

“Grievance” shall mean a claim by an employee(s) or the Association that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication of the language in this Agreement.

“Class Action Grievance” shall be a grievance that affects more than one (1) employee in the bargaining unit.

“Grievant” shall mean the Association or employee(s) initiating a grievance.

“Appropriate Supervisor,” for purposes of the grievance procedure, shall mean the lowest level administrator having the authority to resolve the grievance.

“Days” shall mean actual work days or weekdays during the summer months with mutual agreement.

**C. Rights of the Grievant and the Association**

1. The grievant has the right to Association representation at all meetings and hearings involving the grievance.

2. If the grievant chooses to present the grievance without the intervention of the Association, it is understood that any voluntary resolutions of the grievance will be consistent with the terms of this Agreement and that an Association representative will be afforded the opportunity to be present.
3. Grievance forms shall be exhibited in the appendix of this Agreement.
4. The Association shall receive copies of all communications in the processing of grievances.

**D. Time Limits**

The number of days indicated at each step in the procedure shall be maximum and may be extended only by written mutual agreement of the parties.

A written grievance shall be filed within fifteen (15) days of the act or where the employee can reasonably be charged with knowledge of the act on which the grievance is based.

Failure of the grievant to comply with time lines shall be cause for the grievance to be dismissed.

Failure of the Board to comply with the time lines shall result in the grievance proceeding to the next step without delay.

A grievance may be withdrawn at any time without prejudice.

**E. Grievance Procedure**

1. Informal Step

Within five (5) days of the act, or where the employee can reasonably be charged with knowledge of the act on which a grievance is to be based, the employee and the Association representative, if so desired by the employee, may discuss the grievance with the employee's immediate supervisor. If the grievance is to be filed with the grievant's immediate supervisor, there should be an attempt to resolve the grievance informally.

If the grievance is not resolved during the informal step, or in the event the informal step is not utilized, the employee or Association may file a written grievance with the appropriate supervisor within the time limit established in Section D above.

2. Step One

The appropriate supervisor shall arrange and hold a hearing within ten (10) days of receipt of the grievance. The Association and grievant may present evidence to sustain their positions.

Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the hearing, the appropriate supervisor shall forward his/her written response to the grievant and the Association President.

Within ten (10) days of the receipt of the Step One response, if the Association and grievant are not satisfied with the appropriate supervisor's response, the Association may file a written form to proceed to Step Two.

3. Step Two

Within ten (10) days of the filing of the form, the Superintendent or his/her designee, shall arrange and conduct a hearing in the same manner and for the same purpose as set forth in Step One.

Within ten (10) days after the hearing, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall provide a written response to the grievant and the Association President.

4. Step Three

Within ten (10) days of receipt of the Step Two response, if the Step Two response is not acceptable, the Association shall notify the Superintendent of its intent to proceed to arbitration.

**F. Selection of the Arbitrator**

The arbitrator shall be selected from a list supplied by the American Arbitration Association. All procedures relative to arbitration shall be in accordance with the rules and regulations of the American Arbitration Association.

**G. Authority of the Arbitrator**

The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, modify, change or alter any of the provisions of this Agreement nor add to, subtract from, or modify the language therein in arriving at a recommendation of any issue presented. The arbitrator shall expressly confine himself to the precise issue(s) submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to determine any other issue(s) submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to determine any other issues(s) not so submitted or to submit observations or declarations of opinion which are not directly essential in reaching the recommendation.

**H. Costs of Arbitration**

The costs for the arbitrator and the hearing room shall be paid by the losing party.

**I. Miscellaneous**

All communications, regarding grievances, shall be reduced to writing and hand delivered or e-mailed, read receipt requested. The Board shall provide the Association with copies of all communications.

Receipt by the Board shall be construed to be the delivery date to the appropriate supervisor's office.

Receipt by the Association shall be construed to be the delivery date to the designated officer of the Association.

Meetings and hearings held under this procedure shall be conducted at a time and place which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all persons entitled to be present to attend.

All parties of interest shall be permitted to attend a grievance meeting or arbitration hearing with no loss of pay or benefits

No reprisals or recriminations shall be taken against any employee who files or takes part in a grievance.

**ARTICLE III – ABSENCE FROM DUTY**

**A. Sick Leave**

Sick leave may be used for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others, and for absence due to serious illness, injury, or death in the employee's immediate family.

In cases of illness or injury the term "immediate family" shall be defined as: husband, wife, domestic partner, children, father, mother, brother, and sister, father-in-law or mother-in-law, grandparents (only in the case of hospitalization), grandchildren (only in the case of hospitalization) or any individual living in the same household as the school employee. In case of death, the term "immediate family" shall be extended to also include brother, sister, step-brother, step-sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, step-parents, step-children, grandparents, grandchildren, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, anyone who has held the position of parent or child of the employee. Exceptions to these definitions may be made with the approval of the Superintendent.

For purposes of this Section, “domestic partner” is defined to mean: the employee and the domestic partner must have a committed relationship of mutual caring which has existed with cohabitation for at least twenty-four (24) months and who can demonstrate financial interdependence; neither the employee nor the domestic partner are married to someone else; and the relationship is mutually exclusive.

Each employee shall be credited with one and one-fourth (1-1/4) days of sick leave with pay for each month of employment for a total of fifteen (15) days per year. Sick leave shall be accumulated to a maximum of two hundred fifty (250) days. Each employee with less than five (5) days-accumulated sick leave at the beginning of a school year shall be granted five (5) days of the number to be accumulated.

The employee will provide a doctor’s note or other appropriate medical documentation upon request after the employee’s use of three (3) consecutive full days of sick leave.

Total accumulated sick leave shall appear on each employee’s paycheck stub.

**B. Personal Leave**

1. Each employee shall be entitled to three (3) unrestricted days of personal leave per year.
2. Personal leave limitations are:
  - a. twenty-four (24) hour notice is required (if possible).
  - b. no more than six (6) teachers in grades K-12 will be excused on the same day; except that, after April 30, the limit will be two (2) teachers for grades K-12 unless it is known at least one work day in advance that substitutes are available in which case the limit will be five (5) teachers grades K-12, except as otherwise approved at the sole discretion of the Superintendent.
3. Any teacher having unused personal leave days remaining at the end of the school year, on the District’s Staff Intentions Sheet circulated in March of each school year, will specify whether he/she opts to convert unused personal leave days at the end of that year (if any): to (A) a payment of \$125 (less required payroll withholdings) for each unused day; or (B) to sick leave. A teacher who makes no specification, will be treated as having selected the conversion to the sick leave option.

**C. Assault Leave**

The Board will grant assault leave to employees absent due to a physical and/or emotional disability resulting from assault under the following conditions:

1. Any employee must be absent from his/her duties due to a physical and/or emotional disability resulting from an assault while engaged in school-related activities, on or off school premises, before, during or after school hours, will be paid his/her full scheduled compensation for the period of absence.
2. Assault shall be defined as an unlawful action or threat to do bodily injury to a teacher.
3. The teacher shall furnish to the Superintendent a written, signed statement describing the circumstances and events surrounding the assault, including the location, date, and time of the assault, plus names and addresses of witnesses, if known.
4. The teacher shall also furnish a written, signed statement from a physician as to the nature of the disability, its possible duration, and the need to be absent from school.
5. Assault leave shall not be charged against sick leave earned or earnable by the employee.
6. Upon request of the Board, the employee shall obtain a second opinion from a Board designated physician at no expense to the employee.

**D. Association Leave**

1. Absence without loss of pay will be granted for Association representatives to attend annual meetings of the OEA Representative Assembly as delegates or alternate representatives. It is understood that such leave shall not count against attendance record.
2. The Association President or his/her designee shall be permitted Association Leave to attend District meetings at the invitation of District administration in order to represent a bargaining unit member, or at the invitation of a bargaining unit member for a disciplinary meeting/investigatory meeting.

**E. Unpaid Leaves of Absence**

1. **Maternity/Paternity/Adoption Leave**
  - a. A teacher has the right to an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose of maternity/paternity, child care or adoption. A teacher is entitled to use accumulated sick leave for the disability concerning maternity, paternity and/or parent-child bonding in adoption. After sick (6) weeks, a note is required from the doctor indicating that the employee is unable to return to work. After a review a reasonable extension may be available.

- b. A teacher requesting unpaid leave for maternity/paternity, child care or adoption shall have the right to such leave with thirty (30) days notice or as early as possible to the Superintendent of the proposed commencement of such leave. Such notification may be amended as circumstances warrant.
- c. Unpaid leave may be for up to one (1) year.
- d. During such leave, the teacher shall have the option to participate in insurance benefits guaranteed under COBRA.
- e. Upon returning from leave, the teacher will resume the contract status held prior to such leave and will return to the same assignment held prior to such leave or to another professional assignment within the District.
- f. The teacher returning from an unpaid leave of absence shall submit to the Superintendent on or before March 1 if (s)he plans on returning the following year to regular employment.
- g. Notwithstanding the above provisions, a teacher eligible for leave under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 [which generally provides for up to twelve (12) weeks of unpaid leave within a twelve-month period to care for the employee's child after birth or placement for adoption or foster care, to care for the employee's spouse, child or parent with a serious health condition, or for the employee's own serious health condition, during which leave insurance fringe benefits are maintained] may use such leave for the purposes and on the conditions appearing in the Act with the following understandings:
  - 1) The twelve (12) month period in which the employee's entitlement to leave may occur is a rolling twelve (12) month period measured backward from the first date the employee uses any leave under the Act;
  - 2) Should an eligible employee opt to take unpaid leave under the above provisions in conjunction with leave under the Act, leave under the Act must be taken first; and
  - 3) The eligible employee and the Board may elect to exercise those options available to each under the terms of the Act and its implementing regulations.
  - 4) Under no circumstance during a rolling twelve (12) month period will employer paid insurance exceed twelve (12) weeks; and
  - 5) The prescribed notice to employees of their rights under the Act will be posted in accordance with law. Additionally, employees will be

provided annually with a leave checklist, which clarifies steps for applying for all paid leaves.

2. Personal Illness, Including Physical or Mental Disability

- a. A teacher may request a leave of absence without pay for a period of up to two (2) school years due to physical and/or mental inability to perform required duties.
- b. Such request shall be submitted in writing accompanied by a doctor's statement relative to the condition. Such leave shall be approved by the Board for any period up to two (2) school years. The beginning date of disability and the termination of disability shall be established by written statement of the teacher's doctor.
- c. Upon the return to service, the employee shall resume the contract status held prior to such leave.
- d. During such leave, the teacher shall have the option to participate in insurance benefits guaranteed under COBRA.
- e. The leave of absence for medical reasons shall not prejudice the teacher's position on the salary schedule, seniority or sick leave provided the teacher returns to the same or similar position. Sick leave and seniority shall not accumulate during the period of the leave.
- f. The teacher returning from an unpaid leave of absence shall submit to the Superintendent on or before March 1 if (s)he plans on returning to the following year to regular employment.

3. Military Leave

- a. In accordance with Section 3319.14 of the Ohio Revised Code, military leave shall be granted to any regular teacher who is inducted, called to active duty, or who enlists or volunteers for military duty with any branch of the armed forces of the United States.
- b. Any teacher whose contracted services in the District has been interrupted by active duty in the armed forces shall be re-employed in accordance with Section 3319.14 of the Ohio Revised Code.

4. Continuing Education

- a. A full-time or regular part-time employee, after five (5) consecutive years of employment in the District, upon application may be granted an unpaid leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year.

- b. Upon returning from leave, the employee will resume the contract status held prior to the leave and will return to the same assignment held prior to the leave or to another professional assignment within the school system.
- c. The teacher returning from an unpaid leave of absence shall submit to the Superintendent on or before March 1 if (s)he plans on returning to the following year to regular employment.

**F. Jury Duty**

When a teacher's presence is required in a court of law for jury duty, the teacher shall be paid his/her regular salary and shall reimburse the Board the court pay for that day. Teachers who are subpoenaed to attend a hearing related to a matter involving the District shall be permitted to take professional leave for such absences. Such professional leave does not pertain to that employee who brings an action against the Board.

**G. Dock Days**

If an employee must be absent from duty and has no form of leave available, the employee's obligation is to inform employer of the need to be absent as soon as possible under the particular circumstances so that arrangements can be made to handle the situation. If no alternative arrangement is feasible, a dock day may be authorized, which authorization will not be arbitrarily withheld. If the request for dock day is denied, the employee will receive a written explanation as to the reason for denial. Dock days may not be used to avoid requesting personal leave on consecutive work days or before or after a scheduled break of three (3) days or more. If the dock day is granted, it shall be without pay or any fringe benefits of any kind. The per-diem cost of the employee's fringe benefits, including but not limited to, insurance, retirement, Medicare and Workers' Compensation premiums, shall be deducted from the employee's pay.

**H. Sick Leave Bank**

A Sick Leave Bank shall be created to provide for additional days of sick leave for members of the bargaining unit represented by MEA. Between September 1 and October 1, each member in the bargaining unit shall be given the opportunity to donate one (1) day of his/her sick leave accumulation to the Sick Leave Bank. All donations shall be made by completing the Sick Leave Donation Form. Deductions from an employee's accumulated sick leave shall occur and appear on the pay stub by the second pay in October. Employees with less than fifty (50) days accumulated sick leave shall not be eligible to contribute.

A Sick Leave Oversight Committee shall be responsible for handling all transactions related to the operation of said Sick Leave Bank. The committee shall consist of two (2) representatives appointed by the Superintendent and two (2) representatives appointed by the MEA President. The duties of the Oversight Committee shall include the following:

1. Distribution and collection of the Sick Leave Donation Forms each time a solicitation for additional days to the Sick Leave Bank is made;
2. Recording of all donations and submission of a list of all donations to the Board Treasurer's office;
3. Processing of all requests for use of the days in the Sick Leave Bank (receipt of requests, notification of the Board Treasurer's office, etc.);
4. Monitoring of all usage of days from the Sick Leave Bank;
5. Solicitation of additional days when the Sick Leave Bank is nearing depletion.

The Sick Leave Oversight Committee shall perform its duties in a manner which respects the confidentiality of donors to and receipts from the Sick Leave Bank.

A member must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible to apply and receive days from the Sick Leave Bank:

1. A member's personal sick leave accumulations must be exhausted;
2. The need for additional sick leave days from the Sick Leave Bank must be based on catastrophic injury, and/or catastrophic illness to a bargaining unit member or member of the immediate family (spouse, domestic partner or child), but shall not include use for normal pregnancy;
3. A physician must verify, in writing, the member's need to be off work.
4. A member may be asked by the Superintendent to apply for disability leave and/or disability retirement through the State Teacher's Retirement System (STRS).
5. Examples of a catastrophic illness or injury, include, but are not limited to: multiple fractures, amputation of a limb, AIDS, ALS, cancer, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, a condition causing paralysis, a rare debilitating disease, a severe burn involving over 20% of the body, a severe head injury requiring hospitalization, spinal cord injury, heart attack, stroke, etc.

Members who wish to request days from the Sick Leave Bank shall submit a written application to the Oversight Committee. The application shall indicate the date on which the member's personal sick leave accumulation will be exhausted, the reason why the member must be off work, and the number of days up to thirty (30) requested from the Sick Leave Bank. The application must be accompanied by the required written physician's statement. A member may make further requests for withdrawals from the Sick Leave Bank in increments of up to thirty (30) days. The discretion to approve additional withdrawals from the Sick Leave Bank rests with the Oversight Committee. Sick leave days will not be granted for days beyond the end of the school year. A member, however,

may make application for withdrawals from the Sick Leave Bank to commence at the beginning of the next contract year. A member who has been granted disability leave and/or disability retirement by STRS may not apply for additional days from the Sick Leave Bank or use days previously granted by the Oversight Committee from the Sick Leave Bank beyond the starting date of approval coverage for disability leave or disability retirement granted by STRS. However, if a member's disability leave status is rejected, revoked or terminated by STRS, a member may apply for withdrawals from the Sick Leave Bank.

Whenever the number of days available in the Sick Leave Bank totals fifteen (15) days or less, the Oversight Committee shall solicit donations of additional days from all bargaining unit members. All solicitations by the Oversight Committee for donations to the Sick Leave Bank taking place after the initial donation period the first year the Sick Bank is established, shall be limited to one (1) day per member and only take place when the days available in the Sick Leave Bank totals fifteen (15) days or less.

All days accumulated in the Sick Leave Bank and not used during a given school year shall be carried over the next school year.

There shall be a maximum cap of ninety (90) days per catastrophic injury or catastrophic illness.

**I. Professional Leave**

An employee may apply for professional leave using the SC View. Such leave is subject to approval of the building principal and Superintendent, based upon whether the proposed activity is aligned to building and personal professional goals. Such application is to be submitted at least five (5) work days in advance. The Board shall provide overnight lodging and meal expenses. Three (3) meals per day will be compensated up to a maximum of \$35 per day. Meals will be reimbursed for activities occurring fifty (50) or more miles away from the point of departure for the activity. This will be limited to no more than \$10 for breakfast, \$10 for lunch and \$20 for dinner.

**J. Attendance Bonus**

Employees who are full time and have perfect attendance by not using sick leave or personal leave during the school year, shall receive a bonus of \$300.00 for each semester of perfect attendance. Part time employees will receive a bonus amount equal to the percentage of the employee's time worked for each semester. Such payments will be made no later than the second pay dates of January and June.

## ARTICLE IV – SALARIES AND FRINGE BENEFITS

### **A. Salary Schedule and Index**

1. It shall be understood that all full-time teaching employees are salaried professionals.

For the 2023-2024 school year: a BA-0 raise of three percent (3%).

For the 2024-2025 school year: a BA-0 raise of three and three-quarters percent (3.75%).

For the 2025-2026 school year: a BA-0 raise of four percent (4%).

2. The salary schedules shall be attached as Appendix A-1 and A-2 and A-3.
3. New teaching employees hired after July 1, 2023 shall receive a Three Thousand Dollar (\$3,000) signing bonus paid in the last pay in June of the employee's third consecutive year of employment.

### **B. Supplemental Salary Schedule**

1. Teachers who perform extracurricular duties shall be paid in accordance with the Supplemental Salary Schedule attached hereto as Appendix B. The supplemental earnings shall be paid over the season that the supplemental duties are performed. The supplemental contract salary amounts shall be a percentage of the base salary in effect the previous school year. The athletic director or the assistant athletic director position will be part of the bargaining unit as a released time position.
2. The Administration in consultation with the Athletic Director may cancel a supplemental contract due to lack of participation, or due to the cancellation, in whole or in part, of the athletic season or extracurricular activity. A contract holder whose contract is cancelled shall be compensated on a pro-rated basis as follows:

High School and Junior High Head Coaches and Assistant Coaches

25% at signing of the contract

25% at the beginning of the practice season (as defined by the Ohio High School Athletic Association ("OHSAA"))

25% at the beginning of the regular season (as defined by OHSAA)

25% at the completion of the regular season

All Other Coaches

25% at the beginning of the practice season (as defined by OHSAA)

25% at the beginning of the regular season (as defined by OHSAA)

50% at the completion of the regular season

Class Advisors/Club Advisor  
25% at the beginning of each academic quarter

Weight Coordinator  
50% at the beginning of the season  
50% at the end of the season

3. Individuals moving from one class to another class on the supplemental salary schedule shall be given the appropriate step credit in the same sport/area.
4. Ohio law requires that a person possess a valid pupil-activity permit issued by the Ohio Department of Education before the person provides “services to direct, supervise or coach a pupil-activity program that involves athletics, routine or regular physical activity or health and safety considerations.” Accordingly, the person performing such services must have a valid pupil-activity permit at all times that such services are performed and as a condition of receiving payment for such services. If a permit is obtained, or an expired permit is renewed, after the start of the pupil-activity program relevant to this contract, it is mutually understood and agreed that the employee will receive only a prorated portion of the compensation specified above, measured from the date the permit was obtained or renewed. For this purpose, a backdated permit is deemed to be obtained or renewed on the date it is actually issued by the Department of Education.
5. All coach/advisor job vacancy postings shall contain the language set forth in subsection 4 above.

**C. Payroll Deductions**

Payroll deductions shall be provided for professional association dues, tax sheltered annuities, credit union, city income tax, medical, dental, vision and term life insurance. Also:

1. YMCA
2. AFLAC Products
3. Ohio Deferred Compensation

Dues for membership in the MEA, NWOEA, OEA, and NEA, shall be deducted for those employees who authorize same in writing. The deductions shall be made monthly over twenty (20) pay periods beginning with the first payday in November. Authorization for such deductions shall be submitted to the School District’s Treasurer no later than October 15. The District Treasurer will transmit the dues within five (5) working days and provide a report, if requested, which includes the name of the member for whom the deduction was made and the amount deducted from the member’s pay. All deductions shall be made without charging a fee to the employee or the Association. The Board will notify the Association as soon as practicable of a member’s request to discontinue the deduction of Association dues.

Payroll deductions shall be made for all employees who authorize same for purposes of diverting a portion of their salaries to the Hancock Federal Credit Union. New deductions (companies) will be established only if ten (10) or more employees participate in the deduction.

**D. Insurances**

1. Medical/Prescription Insurance

The District shall offer employees their choice of two (2) insurance plans: a traditional PPO and a High Deductible Plan (HDP) with a Health Savings Account (HSA).

In the event the North Central Ohio Trust, the District's insurance consortium, requires member districts to transition to a standardized plan during the life of this contract, the District reserves the right to re-open negotiations for the purpose of insurance benefits only.

Effective July 1, 2023 the Board monthly premium contribution for a single or family PPO plan shall be 92.5% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 7.5%. Effective July 1, 2024 the Board monthly premium contribution for a single or family PPO plan shall be 91% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 9%. Effective July 1, 2025 the Board's monthly premium contribution for a single or family PPO plan shall be 89% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 11%.

Effective July 1, 2023 the Board's monthly premium contribution for a single or family HDP plan shall be 92.5% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 7.5%. Effective July 1, 2024 the Board's monthly premium contribution for a single or family HDP plan shall be 92% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 8%. Effective July 1, 2025 the Board's monthly premium contribution for a single or family HDP plan shall be 91% of the monthly premium for the respective plan, with the employee paying 9%.

New employees and their dependents that are eligible for any insurance coverage may enroll within thirty (30) days of the employee's first date of employment with an effective coverage date to begin on the first day of the month following their enrollment.

Employees who are eligible for insurance coverage who have not elected to carry insurance will have additional opportunities to enroll during the District's open enrollment month. The open enrollment month shall be November for an effective date of January 1. Enrollment at any other time may occur only when there is a qualifying event per the plan. Subsequent to January 1, 2024, a member enrolled

in the HDP Plan may not change enrollment to the PPO Plan during the term of this Agreement, unless the member elected in writing at the time of enrollment in the HDP Plan to forego any Board contributions to the tax-free Health Savings Account (“HSA”) referenced below, and has not received any payments by the Board into the HSA.

Employees who select the HDP Plan will receive a payment of \$1000 for selecting a family plan and \$500 for selecting a single plan for the 2023-3024 and 2024-2025 plan years. Such compensation will be paid one lump sum by the first pay in the month of enrollment in the HDP Plan in a tax-free Health Savings Account.

No decrease in benefits due to a change in carriers shall occur. Only those employees who the District is required to cover under the Affordable Health Care Act shall be eligible for the Medical/Prescription Insurance. For part-time employees who are eligible for the Medical/Prescription Insurance and whose regular work day is less than seven (7) hours or whose regular work week is less than five (5) days, the Board shall pay a percentage of the Medical/Prescription Insurance premiums which is equal to the percentage of time worked multiplied by the Board premium paid for full time employees. The balance of the premium shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction.

a. Specification of Benefits are shown in the plan document as posted on the District web site. Benefits levels may decrease to previous levels that were in effect before the implementation of the provisions of the Affordable Health Care Act if this law is found to be unconstitutional or is repealed by Congress. The single and family deductible levels for the embedded high deductible health plan will be the minimum permitted by law in order for it to be HSA qualified. These minimums are \$3,000 for single and \$6,000 for family in 2023 and are subject to change annually. The maximum out-of-pocket for the high deductible plan may increase automatically at the same dollar increase as the deductible, but never higher than the maximum permitted by law.

b. Case Management Program

If serious illness should strike, the Case Management Program can provide the patient with information on alternative benefits. The goal of the Program is to help the patient’s physician get the patient out of the hospital and back to the comforts of home as soon as possible, as well as providing the most cost-effective treatment consistent with quality cares. Based on the information obtained through the Hospital Review program, a determination will be made whether the patient would benefit from case management. If the patient is selected for case management, a case management physician who specializes in the type of case involved will consult with the patient’s physician concerning the course of treatment and possible alternative treatment options. There is no cost to the participant

for this service. The final decision on the course of treatment remains between the patient and his/her Physician.

c. **STRS Retired Employees**

All District benefits and salary shall cease upon the employee receiving retirement benefits from STRS. The effective date shall be the last day before the first day of retirement.

2. Dental Insurance – Beginning in July, 2023, the Board will pay 92.5% of the cost of dental insurance for employees enrolled with District medical insurance, and 87.5% in July, 2024, and 85% in July, 2025. Beginning in July, 2023, the Board will pay 77.5% of the dental insurance for employees not on the District’s medical plan, 72.5% in July, 2024, and 70% in July, 2025. For part-time employees, the Board shall pay dental premiums prorated based upon a percentage of the time worked for those taking medical, or those not taking medical insurance as indicated above. The balance of the premium shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction. Specification of Benefits are shown in the plan document as posted on the District website.
3. Life Insurance – The Board shall pay 100% of the premium for a \$25,000 term life insurance policy with an accidental death and dismemberment provision for all certified employees.
4. Vision Insurance – Beginning in July, 2023, the Board shall pay 92.5% of the cost of vision insurance for employees enrolled with District medical insurance, 87.5% in July, 2024, and 85% in July, 2025. Beginning in July, 2023, the Board will pay 77.5% of the vision insurance for employees not on the District’s medical plan, 72.5% in July, 2024, and 70% in July, 2025. For part-time employees, the Board shall pay vision premiums prorated based upon a percentage of the time worked for those taking medical, or those not taking medical insurance as indicated above. The balance of the premium shall be paid by the employee through payroll deduction. Specification of Benefits are shown in the plan document as posted on the District website.
5. All employee contributions to insurance premium payments shall be through the use of a 125 Tax Shelter Plan.
6. The Association shall have input for any changes of the Insurance carrier/administrator.
7. Hospitalization Reimbursement – Each full-time employee may elect not to be included in the hospitalization plan provided by the Board and receive, instead, a payment of one thousand dollars (\$1000). Less than full-time employees may elect to receive a percentage of the one thousand dollars (\$1000) sum equal to the percentage of time worked by the part-time employee.

Enrollment during the year will be permitted if the stipend is returned and the employee's insured status has changed as a result of an unforeseen qualifying event occurrence such as: strike, unemployment, death, divorce, loss of spousal insurance or any other reason as permitted by the insurance carrier.

8. General Provisions

a. Copies of Benefit Contract:

Upon request, the Board shall provide the Association President with one (1) copy of each signed contract entered into between the Board and the insurance company(ies) which provides the benefit(s) specified in this Agreement. Copies of contracts subsequently entered into by the Board shall be provided to the Association within ten (10) working days after they are received by the Board.

b. Copies of Benefit Descriptions:

The Board shall post on the District's website a written description, prepared by the carrier, of each insurance plan provided by this Agreement.

c. Copies of Improvements in Existing Benefits:

Within ninety (90) days of the effective date of any improvement(s) in an insurance plan provided by this Agreement, each employee shall receive a written description, prepared by the carrier, of the improved plan.

d. The Board shall provide the Association with notification of intent to change an insurance carrier. Such notice shall be provided at least sixty (60) days prior to any change.

e. The cost of COBRA coverage shall not exceed 102% of the current funding level of the employee's premium.

9. A Health Insurance Committee shall be established and maintained with three (3) representatives appointed by the Superintendent and three (3) representatives appointed by the Association. The Superintendent shall appoint two (2) non-teaching District employees to participate in the Committee work. The committee shall meet as needed, but no less than two (2) times each year to review the health insurance plan(s).

The purpose of this committee shall be to make recommendations designed to optimize the quality of health care available to District employees and improve cost effectiveness of the health insurance plan(s). Committee members shall review data, work with the District insurance consultant and other consultants as agreed

upon by the committee members, and collaborate on making recommendations for any changes in medical, dental or vision insurances to their respective constituencies.

The committee is not empowered to unilaterally make changes in health care benefits without ratification by the Board and the Association. The health insurance committee does not diminish or in any way reduce the rights or responsibilities of either party.

**E. Pay Periods**

The total amount of a teacher's annual salary shall be paid in twenty-four (24) equal installments on the 5th and 20th day of each month. A pay date falling on a weekend or holiday will be paid the first business day prior to the normal pay date.

The Treasurer shall normally distribute salary notices to each employee no later than July 1 for the succeeding school year. However, when the salary schedule for the succeeding year has not been agreed upon by July 1, the Treasurer shall then distribute salary notices within thirty (30) days after the new salary schedule has been established.

All regular employees' pay checks will be direct-deposited in the employee's bank accounts specified to the Treasurer on or before the first pay period in October.

A new regular employee will establish direct deposit within three (3) payrolls after employment.

The employee's pay stub shall be sent electronically to their school email address and optionally to any other email address of their choosing.

**F. Severance Pay**

1. Employees with ten (10) or more years of experience in the District shall be eligible for severance pay based upon one-fourth (1/4) of the accumulated sick leave up to two hundred twenty days (220).
2. An employee must submit a written letter of resignation to the Treasurer. Notice of retirement from the profession must be received by the District from the State Teachers Retirement System prior to payment of severance pay.
3. The rate of payment shall be at the per diem rate of the retiring employee as indicated in Appendix A of this Agreement.
4. An employee that has already retired and received a severance payment is not eligible to receive a second payment.

**G. Extended Contractual Service**

1. The rate of compensation for extended contractual service shall be calculated on a per diem rate with the base contract days equal to one hundred eight-four (184) for professional staff.
2. Extended contractual service, unless otherwise indicated, is defined as mandatory time worked outside of the regular one hundred eighty-four (184) employee contract days.
3. Employees shall record their extended days on a timesheet and submit their timesheet, with the principal/supervisor’s approval, to the Treasurer’s office. Employees hired after July 1, 2022 shall submit their timesheet for payment on the following pay period. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2022 will have their extended days paid over the contract year. If such employees do not work all their extended days, the unworked days shall be deducted from the final pay in August.

Duty	Location	Maximum Possible Extended Workdays
Guidance	High School	20
	Jr. High	15
	Elementary	10
Industrial Arts	High School	2
Art	High School/Elementary	2
Agriculture Ed	High School	35

**H. STRS Pick-Up**

The Board agrees to designate each employee’s mandatory contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System as “picked up” by the Board as contemplated by Internal Revenue Service rulings 77-462 and 81-36, although they shall continue to be designated as employee contributions as permitted by Attorney General Opinion 82-097. The amount of the employee’s income reported by the Board as subject to federal and Ohio income tax shall be the employee’s total gross income reduced by the then-current percentage amount of the employee’s STRS contribution which has been designated as “picked up” by the Board. The amount designated as “picked up” by the Board shall be included when computing final average salary, daily rate of pay, severance pay, supplemental salary, and extended contractual service pay.

This policy applies without exception to all employees represented by the Association. The amount to be tax sheltered on behalf of each employee shall be that percentage imposed by the STRS as required employee contributions.

**I. Tuition Reimbursement**

1. Reimbursement Limits:

A Reimbursement of coursework shall be one half (1/2) of the hourly tuition cost up to a maximum of one hundred sixty-five dollars (\$165) per semester hour or one hundred ten dollars (\$110) per quarter hour.

2. Conditions:

a. Courses that qualify for reimbursement are as follows:

- 1) Courses in staff member's undergraduate major.
- 2) Courses in staff member's undergraduate minor.
- 3) Courses in staff member's teaching field.
- 4) Courses in staff member's teaching assignment.
- 5) Courses in staff member's post-graduate program.

b. Prior to official enrollment, the Superintendent must approve all courses.

c. Appropriate reimbursement will be given when a registration fee receipt and evidence of successful completion by the college/university has been received by the Treasurer by September 15. Reimbursement for courses with a starting date between July 1 and June 30 of any fiscal year will be paid by the end of the following September if the employee has returned to service in the District. Further, the Superintendent may request a one-page summary of the course.

**J. Early Retirement Incentive**

Any employee with at least ten (10) years of consecutive service with the District who applies for and receives service retirement through STRS by attaining any age and thirty (30) to thirty-four (34) years of service will receive an incentive payment as set forth below upon providing evidence of service retirement with STRS, and providing written notice of their intent to retire with the Treasurer on or before April 1:

Years of Service	Incentive Amount
34 Years	\$3,000
33 Years	\$6,000
32 Years	\$9,000
31 Years	\$12,000
30 Years	\$15,000

This Section J shall sunset upon the expiration of this Negotiated Agreement on June 30, 2026.

**K. Resident Educator Program**

A committee consisting of three persons appointed by the Association President and three persons appointed by the Superintendent shall meet to provide recommended changes to Article IV for purposes of compliance with H.B 442 for ratification by the parties by August 1, 2023. Committee members shall be paid the AWR for such work.

**L. Mileage**

Mileage reimbursement will be made at the IRS rate.

**M. Professional Certification Endorsements**

All certified and licensed staff shall qualify for the following stipends upon completion of certification or licensures:

1. Resident Educator Mentor – a one-time five hundred dollar (\$500) stipend for completion of the ODE mentor certification course.
2. Senior Professional License – a one-time stipend of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250).
3. Lead Professional Educator License – a one-time stipend of five hundred dollars (\$500).

**N. Planning Period**

A teacher may be requested to perform duties, attend meetings or substitute for another teacher during his/her planning time. If the teacher chooses to honor this request, they shall be paid the Academic Work Rate (AWR) per hour. The teacher may decline such request without repercussion/reprisal.

**O. Hiring of Retired Teachers**

1. The Board is authorized to fill any certificated vacancy, with a previously retired certificated/licensed applicant (i.e., retired from any public school district in Ohio, including the Mohawk Local School District) subject to conditions provided below.
2. For purposes of salary schedule placement, a previously retired teacher (PRT) will be granted at the Board's option a minimum of zero (0) years of service credit to a maximum of ten (10) years of service credit upon initial employment. A PRT may not advance beyond Step 10 on the certificated/licensed salary schedule.
3. PRTs will be credited with all earned training/education for purposes of salary schedule placement.

4. PRTs will be awarded one-year contracts of employment that will automatically expire at the end of the applicable school year without notice of non-renewal. No performance evaluations shall be required.
5. PRTs may be re-employed from year to year under limitations described in paragraph 4. above, with Board approval, but shall not be eligible for continuing contract status.
6. PRTs will not accrue seniority.
7. PRTs shall not be eligible to participate in a contractual retirement incentive program, if any, or for severance pay upon separation from employment.
8. Prior employment in the District is no guarantee of post-retirement employment or a particular assignment, if hired. A current employee who retires and intends to return under provisions of this Article must completely fulfill the provisions of his/her last pre-retirement individual contract of employment in order to be considered for additional employment.
9. PRTs shall be entitled to all other contract benefits available to bargaining unit members unless otherwise limited by specific provisions of this contract.

This section intentionally supersedes Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to 3317.13, 3317.14, 3319.11, 3319.111, and 3319.17.

**P. Free Admission to School Activities**

Teachers who volunteer at two (2) events, shall receive a family pass for free admission to all remaining home school-related activities and functions, excluding fund raising events.

**Q. Academic Work Rate (AWR)**

An Academic Work Rate (AWR) shall be established at twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per hour. The AWR shall be paid to those teachers for work performed outside the contracted workday only upon prior written approval of the teacher's principal or Superintendent.

**R. Continuing Contracts**

Bargaining unit members who become eligible through certification/licensure and service requirements established by Ohio law, and who inform the Superintendent in writing on or before September 15 of the final year of the bargaining unit member's contract that he/she will be eligible for a continuing contract at the end of the contract year, shall be eligible for continuing contract consideration in May of that school year. Failure of the member to provide such written notification on or before September 15 shall result in deferral of continuing contract consideration by one year, and the member instead being eligible to receive the appropriate limited contract at the end of that contract year. If a member

becomes eligible for a continuing contract during the term of a multiple year limited contract, and the Superintendent recommends, and the Board approves, a continuing contract, the member agrees to waive the limited contract at the end of the contract year, and a continuing contract shall be issued for the succeeding contract year.

## **ARTICLE V – EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES/WORKING CONDITIONS**

### **A. Labor/Management Council**

The Labor Management Council shall meet for the purpose of discussing matters which either party believes will serve to improve ongoing relations. The Council shall meet at the request of the Association or the Administration. Either party may call additional meetings by providing notice to the other party as prescribed in the operating procedures designed and approved by the Council members.

The Association shall select the members of the Council that represent the Association. The Superintendent shall select the administrative members of the Council. An officer of the Association shall be one (1) of the Association members. The Superintendent shall be one (1) of the administrative members.

The Council shall determine the number of members; however, the ratio of Administration representatives to Association representatives shall be equal.

### **B. Assignment, Vacancy, and Transfer**

1. A letter of assignment for the next school year shall be issued to each employee as soon as possible but not later than July 1. This shall include grade level and/or subject area.

In a situation that is beyond the control of the parties, which would create an assignment change, the employee will be notified of the assignment change as soon as possible.

2. Voluntary and Involuntary

Transfers may be made at the request of the employee or upon the initiative of the Superintendent. Request for transfer must be renewed each year and shall be indicated by the submission of a written statement to the Superintendent.

3. Posting of Unit/Non-Unit Vacancies

- a. All positions open will be advertised.
- b. Notification of vacancies shall be forwarded within ten (10) calendar days starting on the first full calendar day after posting to:

- 1) The Association President
  - 2) All teachers. (Vacancies shall be sent by email)
  - 3) All teachers on leave of absence (to be notified by email).
- c. Vacancies which occur during holidays or summer will be emailed to all teachers listed in items b. 1), 2), and 3).
- d. Notification of vacancies shall include the following:
- 1) Positions available.
  - 2) Certification(s)/licensure and requirements for the job.
  - 3) Deadline for applications.
  - 4) Effective starting date.
  - 5) Any additional pertinent information.
4. Transfer Procedures
- a. Teachers shall have ten (10) calendar days starting on the first full calendar day after posting from the receipt of notification of vacancies to apply for positions posted. Between May 1 to September 30, the application period shall be shortened to five (5) calendar days.
  - b. Transfers shall be made on a voluntary basis if possible.
  - c. Positions may be filled from properly certificated/licensed teachers who apply on the basis of qualifications and seniority as deemed by the Superintendent.
  - d. Involuntary transfers shall not be for discipline or reprisal.
  - e. Involuntary transfers will only be made after a conference between the employee being transferred, principal or immediate supervisor, and the Superintendent. An Association representative may be present at the option of the employee.
  - f. A teacher being involuntarily transferred shall be told the reasons for the transfer. These reasons will be reduced to writing at the request of the teacher. At the time of notification of the impending transfer, the Administration shall supply the teacher with a list of all available openings for which the teacher is certified/licensed. An Association representative may be present at the option of the employee.
  - g. Present employees shall be given consideration before a vacancy is filled from outside the bargaining unit.

**C. Reduction in Force**

The Board may reduce the number of teachers employed by the District in six (6) specified situations:

1. Where there has been a decline in pupil enrollment.
2. When regular teachers have returned from a leave of absence.
3. Where schools have been suspended.
4. Where there have been territorial changes affecting the District.
5. Financial reasons.
6. Where employees have retired or left the District through attrition.

When the Board decides, for any of the above reasons, that it is necessary to reduce the number of teachers, it may make a reasonable reduction. In making such reduction, the Board must suspend contracts in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent who is required, within each teaching field affected, to give preference first to teachers on continuing contracts and then to teachers who are most qualified by comparable evaluations over a three (3) year period.

Teachers whose continuing contracts are suspended have the right to be restored to continuing service status in the order of certification and then seniority of service in the District, if and when teaching positions become available for which those teachers are qualified. After all eligible continuing contract staff are restored to continuous status, teachers whose limited contracts are suspended and have five (5) years of service with the Mohawk Schools will have the right to be restored to a limited contract status in the order of certification and then seniority of service in the District, if and when teaching positions become available for which those teachers are qualified. Teachers will remain on the recall list for a period of no more than 24 months.

Where group insurance policies permit, a teacher on the recall list who is unemployed and does not otherwise have group coverage available may continue to participate in those benefits which are provided to teachers in active employment provided the teacher pays the group rates for such benefits.

When a vacancy occurs, the Board shall send a certified announcement to the last known address of teachers on the recall list who are qualified to fill the vacancy. It is the teacher's responsibility to keep the Board informed of his/her current address. Any teacher who fails to respond in writing to the Superintendent's office within ten (10) business days, or declines a full-time position, shall forfeit all recall rights.

A teacher on the recall list shall, upon acceptance of the notification to resume active employment status, return to active employment status with the same seniority, accumulation of sick leave and salary schedule placement as said teacher enjoyed at the time of layoff.

For purposes of this procedure, “teaching field” shall be defined as those subjects or fields named on the teachers’ certificates/licenses, and “seniority” shall be defined as including only continuous, unbroken service within the District. Teachers who have been approved by Board action for leave as outlined in Article III, Section E, of this Agreement shall be considered as having continuous service.

In determining seniority in the District, the following sequence will be followed:

1. Number of years of continuous, unbroken service within the District.
2. If two (2) or more employees are equal in Step 1, then the date of Board action to hire the employee will determine seniority. The earliest date being the one with most seniority.
3. If two (2) or more employees are equal in Step 1 and 2, the tie shall be broken by the Superintendent based upon what he believes to be in the best interest of the District.

On or before April 1 preceding an anticipated staff reduction, the Association President shall be notified of the Board’s intent to consider a staff reduction. A meeting shall be held between representatives of the Association and the Board to review appropriate data indicating a need for a reduction in staff. The Association shall be informed as to why the reduction is deemed necessary, what teaching fields are to be affected, the extent of the anticipated reduction, and will be provided with a seniority list of all employees.

The Administration will provide letters of recommendation for teachers affected by a reduction in force, within ten (10) days of the teacher’s notification that his/her contract has been suspended, and will attempt to provide other forms of assistance, where possible, upon the request of the teacher.

The personnel records and all references of those teachers laid off pursuant to this policy shall clearly indicate that such was due to a reduction in force and was not due to unsatisfactory performance.

**D. Teacher Work Day**

The teacher’s work day shall not be longer than 7-1/2 hours. A maximum of three hundred (300) minutes for meetings per year may be scheduled outside of the teacher work day. Meetings shall not be scheduled on the same day as P.T.O. meetings or on days when staff members are expected to return for other non-supplemental assignments, or the day before a holiday break.

All teachers shall be entitled to an uninterrupted, duty-free lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes. A teacher may leave the school for lunch provided that he/she informs the school secretary and returns at the appropriate time.

All secondary teachers shall be entitled during the student day to a daily planning/conference period which is the equivalent of a regular teaching period and may be assigned no additional duties during this time.

All elementary teachers shall be entitled to at least two hundred (200) minutes per week of planning/conference time during the student day and may be assigned no additional duties during this time. At least thirty (30) consecutive minutes of this planning/conference time shall be scheduled each day.

Any additional minutes that exceed these limits will be paid the AWR.

**E. School Year**

The length of the school year shall be one hundred eighty-four (184) contract days. This shall include:

1. One (1) work day for a general meeting and teacher preparation at the beginning of the school year. A minimum of four and one-half (4.5) hours will be scheduled for the teachers to prepare for the school year.
2. Up to two (2) school days per year in which classes are dismissed for the purpose of parent-teacher conferences.
3. Up to four (4) days of in-service.
4. One (1) early dismissal day at the end of the first semester and one (1) work day following the last day scheduled for students.

**F. School Calendar**

1. The school calendar shall be no more than one hundred eighty-four (184) days which shall include at least four (4) paid days during which students are not present as set forth above.
2. In January of each year, the Association President shall appoint three (3) members to meet with the Superintendent to study and make recommendations regarding the school calendar for the following school year. All information and recommendations will be submitted to the Superintendent and to the Association President on or prior to February 28. No calendar may be adopted which is not in compliance with the provisions of this Agreement.

3. Both the Mohawk Board of Education and the Mohawk Education Association believe that lost instructional time can be detrimental to the cognitive growth of students. No personal leave or dock days may be used during a make-up day. No days will be made up at the end of the school year unless the district falls below the state minimum number of hours as determined by the sum of delays and closures, a sufficient number of days shall be made-up such that the district exceeds the minimum number of hours required by ORC 3313.48. After five (5) calamity days, and on other occasions as mutually agreed upon by the Superintendent and Association President, the Superintendent may permit teachers to not report to the school building on a calamity day but instead teach via remote learning if permissible under ODE guidelines, and/or blizzard bags.

**G. Right to Representation and/or Consultation**

1. An employee shall be granted up to two (2) full days the central administration office is open to secure professional advice before he/she is required to file a written accident report or to give an oral account of an accident to the employer or anyone else if the incident could potentially result in a claim of liability.
2. Prior to the making of any statements (oral or written) relative to a potential or actual lawsuit, an employee shall have the right to seek counsel from an individual(s) of his/her choice. The same right shall exist prior to the settlement of any action brought against an employee.
3. Employees shall have the right to representation of their choice at any meeting and/or hearing involving a complaint or incident that could result in a claim of liability and at any and all meetings, hearings, and/or depositions related to an actual lawsuit.
4. An employee shall suffer no loss of pay as a result of attendance at any meeting, hearing, or deposition related to an actual or potential lawsuit stemming from the employee's employment with the District, so long as the employee did not initiate the lawsuit. Nor shall an employee suffer loss of any type of leave to which he/she is otherwise entitled.

**H. Use of Tobacco on School Premises**

The use of tobacco will not be permitted on school premises.

**I. Personnel Files**

1. The official personnel file of each teacher shall be maintained in the office of the Board.
2. The teacher shall have access to his/her personnel file upon request. A representative of a teacher shall have access to said teacher's personnel file when

said teacher requests such access in writing to the Superintendent or his/her designee. Access shall be granted within twenty-four (24) hours.

3. Upon request, a teacher shall be entitled to a copy of the specific material(s) in his/her file within twenty-four (24) hours. The teacher may be charged a fee of \$.03 per copy.
4. An employee shall be notified immediately of any request(s) to view the contents of his/her personnel file by anyone other than an administrator employed by the Board. An individual requesting to see an employee's file shall not be granted access to the file for a period not to exceed one (1) work day from the time the request is made.
5. Letters or materials anonymous to the teacher or reports partially or entirely based on sources anonymous to the teacher shall not be placed in a teacher's personnel file.
6. Each teacher shall have the right to indicate those documents and/or other materials in his/her personnel file which he/she believes to be inappropriate and/or inaccurate. The teacher shall have the right to request that the inappropriate and/or inaccurate materials be removed from the file. Such request shall be reviewed by the Superintendent. If the Superintendent does not agree to remove the materials, the teacher shall have the right to initiate a grievance at the Superintendent's level.
7. All evaluation materials and all materials of a negative and/or disciplinary nature placed in the teacher's file shall be signed by the teacher indicating that he/she has seen the material.

#### **J. Public Complaints and Grievances**

Any person having a legitimate interest in the schools of this District shall have the right to present a request, suggestion, or complaint concerning District personnel. At the same time, the Board has a duty to protect its staff from unnecessary harassment.

It is the desire of the Board to rectify any misunderstandings between the public and the District by direct discussions of an informal type among the interested parties. It is only when such informal meetings fail to resolve the differences, shall a more formal procedures be employed.

Matters regarding a professional staff member:

##### 1. First Level

If it is a matter specifically directed toward an employee, the matter must be addressed, initially, to the concerned staff member who shall discuss it promptly with the complainant and make every effort to provide a reasoned explanation or

take appropriate action within his/her authority and District rules and regulations. Any allegation of inappropriate staff misconduct toward a student would permit the complaining party to advance to step two, with the staff member being informed of the existence of the complaint.

As appropriate, the employee shall report the matter and whatever action may have been taken to the building principal.

2. Second Level

If the matter cannot be satisfactorily resolved at the first level, it shall be discussed by the complainant with the building principal.

3. Third Level

If a satisfactory solution is not achieved by discussion with the building principal, a request for a conference shall be submitted in writing to the Superintendent.

4. Fourth Level

Should the matter still not be resolved, or if it is one beyond the Superintendent's authority and requires a Board decision or action, the complainant shall request a hearing by the Board.

The complainant shall be advised, in writing, of the Board's decision, no more than fourteen (14) days following the hearing.

5. The teacher reserves the right to grieve any action taken by the Board as a result of a complaint.

**K. Progressive Discipline**

1. No employee shall be disciplined except for just cause.

2. The purpose of this disciplinary procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level, solutions to problems which may arise during the school year affecting employees classroom performance and/or compliance with District rules, regulations, policies, or directives in an effective and confidential manner.

3. The steps of progressive discipline are:

a. Verbal Warning – Verbal Warnings shall be discussed in private between the parties involved. Whenever an administrator intends to issue a verbal warning, he/she will inform the employee that the first step of the disciplinary procedure is being initiated.

- b. Written Reprimand – Within ten (10) days of when the administrator knew of an offense warranting a written reprimand, the administrator shall meet with the employee to discuss the offense. At the meeting, the teacher may be represented by a representative of the Association of his/her choice. Employee may request written reprimands be removed from the employee’s file three (3) years from its placement if allowed by the law.
  - c. Suspension – The Superintendent may suspend an employee without pay for up to three (3) work days. Employee may request suspensions be removed from the employee’s file three (3) years from its placement if allowed by the law.
  - d. Termination – The Board may terminate an employee in accordance with O.R.C. §3319.16.
- 4. In the case of suspension without pay for three (3) days or less, the Superintendent will explain the reason(s) for the discipline to the employee prior to suspension. When the Superintendent determines suspension of three (3) days or less is warranted, the Superintendent shall provide written notice including the reason(s) and the effective date(s) of suspension.
  - 5. Discipline will be progressive and will be commensurate with the offense. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the offense is deemed by the building administrator, the Superintendent, or the Board to be of a serious nature, the administration may skip the progressive discipline steps and immediately impose a severe disciplinary measure (i.e. unpaid suspension or termination).
  - 6. Nothing herein shall preclude the Superintendent from suspending an employee with pay.
  - 7. At all steps of the disciplinary procedure a bargaining unit member shall have the right to have an Association representative present.
  - 8. Fringe benefits shall remain in effect during the time of any suspension under this Article.
  - 9. If any grievance is filed because of a suspension without pay, the grievance may be initiated at Step Two, Article II – Grievance Procedure.
  - 10. Nothing herein shall be construed as limiting or prohibiting the Administration’s authority to report suspected criminal activity or suspected abuse as defined by ORC 2151.421, and to deal with such suspected activity once proven, according to state and/or federal law.

**L. Class Size and Load**

1. It is recognized by the Association and the Board that pupil-teacher ratio is an important aspect of an effective educational program.
2. The Board agrees to the following maximums for class size loads:
  - a. Teachers of preschool classes shall not have a class load that exceeds State ratios.
  - b. Teachers of academic classes in Kindergarten through Grade 2 shall not have a class load that exceeds twenty-eight (28).
  - c. Teachers of academic classes in Grades 3 and 4 shall not have a class load that exceeds one hundred sixty-five (165) students per day.
  - d. Teachers of academic classes in Grades 5 and 6 shall not have a class load that exceeds one hundred sixty-five (165) students per day.
  - e. Teachers of academic classes in Grades 7 and 8 shall not have a class load that exceeds one hundred seventy-five (175) students per day.
  - f. Teachers of academic classes in Grades 9 through 12 shall not have a class load that exceeds one hundred seventy-five (175) students per day.
3. Elementary vocal music, art, and physical education classes should not regularly exceed one classroom unit.
4. No teacher shall have more students assigned than a physical facility shall allow.
5. Every effort will be made to equalize the class numbers in grades K-6.

**M. Building and Equipment Access**

Each teacher shall be issued a key card and applicable keys that will permit them to access the building, classrooms and equipment during permissible times as necessary.

**N. Evaluation**

1. Ohio Teacher/Counselor Evaluation System.

The Board, in consultation with the District's OTES Committee, shall adopt a standards-based teacher and counselor evaluation policy that conforms to the framework for the evaluation of teachers and counselors developed by the Ohio State Board of Education. The OTES Committee shall include MEA leadership,

District and building administration and volunteer teachers who have received OTES professional development training.

The Mohawk Teachers and Counselors shall be evaluated in accordance with ORC 3319.111, 3319.12 and 3319.113.

The standards-based teacher and counselor evaluation policy outlined in this Section applies to all employees employed under a teacher license issued under Chapter 3319 of the Ohio Revised Code or under a professional or permanent teacher's certificate issued under former Section 3319.222 of the Ohio Revised Code and who spend at least fifty percent (50%) of the time employed providing student instruction excluding teachers who provide student instruction to less than six (6) students. Each evaluation shall result in an effectiveness rating of: "Accomplished," "Skilled," "Developing," or "Ineffective." Any effectiveness rating is based upon Teacher Performance and the use of two (2) measures of High Quality Student Data.

a. Evaluators.

Evaluations shall be completed by a building or District administrator approved by the Board who has attended the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) state-sponsored training and has passed the online assessment using the OTES Performance Rubric.

Counselor evaluations shall be completed by a building or District administrator approved by the Board who has attended the Ohio School Counselor Evaluation System (OSCES) state-sponsored training. A counselor's evaluation, including all observations and summative evaluation, shall be assessed based on the Ohio Standards for School Counselors and the School Counselor Evaluation Rubric in accordance with ORC 3319.113. All monitoring or observation of the work performance of a counselor shall be conducted openly and with the full knowledge of the counselor. Each evaluation shall result in an effectiveness rating of Accomplished, Skilled, Developing or Ineffective.

b. Teacher/Counselor Performance.

Evidence observed, collected, or provided during the formal or informal observation process or otherwise (provide up to two weeks (ten (10) school days and not to exceed fourteen (14) total days) for the teachers to provide additional evidence) will combine to produce a score on the OTES, Teacher Performance Evaluation Rubric. The effectiveness rating will be attributed to Teacher Performance through a holistic process based upon the following Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession:

- i. Understanding Student Learning and Development and Respecting the Diversity of the Students they Teach;
- ii. Understanding the Content Area for which they have Instructional Responsibility;
- iii. Understanding and Using Varied Assessment to Inform Instruction, Evaluate and Ensure Student Learning;
- iv. Planning and Delivering Effective Instruction that Advances Individual Student Learning;
- v. Creating Learning Environments that Promote High Levels of Learning and Student Achievement;
- vi. Collaborating and Communicating with Students, Parents, Other Educators, District Administrators and the Community to Support Student Learning; and
- vii. Assuming Responsibility for Professional Growth, Performance and Involvement.

Evidence observed, collected, or provided during the formal or informal observation process or otherwise, for counselors will combine to produce a score based on the Ohio School Counselor Evaluation Rubric (OSCES):

- i. Comprehensive School Counseling Program Plan;
- ii. Direct Services for Academic, Career and Social/Emotional Development;
- iii. Indirect Services;
- iv. Partnerships and Referrals;
- v. Evaluation and Data;
- vi. Leadership Development; and
- vii. Professional Responsibility, Knowledge and Growth.

c. Evaluation Procedures.

- i. Teachers and counselors shall be evaluated at least once each school year. The evaluation shall consist of: 1) two (2) formal observations of at least thirty (30) minutes each and 2) periodic classroom

walkthroughs by the evaluator. Evaluators shall conduct at least two (2) periodic classroom walkthroughs per year and shall provide feedback for each classroom walkthrough. Counselors' walkthroughs shall be during non-confidential activities. Evaluators may conduct additional periodic classroom walkthroughs. Evaluators shall not be required to provide feedback for such additional classroom walkthroughs. Evaluations shall be complete by the first day of May of the applicable school year and the teacher shall have access to the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May.

- ii. Teachers and counselors rated as "Accomplished" are to: 1) be evaluated at least once every three (3) years; and 2) receive at least one (1) observation and conference by a credentialed evaluator annually. Teachers and counselors rated as "Skilled" are to: 1) be evaluated at least once every two (2) years; and 2) receive at least one (1) observation and conference annually. Teachers and counselors rated as "Developing" or "Ineffective" are to: 1) receive a full evaluation annually; and 2) receive at least two (2) observations annually. The evaluation shall consist of: 1) two (2) formal observations of at least thirty (30) minutes each and 2) Informal observations through periodic classroom walkthroughs [five (5) minute minimum] per observation cycle by the evaluator. Evaluators may conduct additional periodic classroom walkthroughs and provide timely feedback. The evaluation shall be completed by the first day of May of the applicable school year, and the teacher shall have access to the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May.
- iii. Teachers and counselors who are under consideration for nonrenewal and with whom the Board has entered into a limited contract or an extended limited contract under Section 3319.11 of the Ohio Revised Code shall have at least one (1) evaluation consisting of at least three (3) formal observations. Evaluators shall conduct at least two (2) periodic classroom walkthroughs per year and shall provide feedback for each classroom walkthrough. Evaluators may conduct additional periodic classroom walkthroughs. Evaluators shall not be required to provide feedback for such additional classroom walkthroughs. Evaluations shall be complete by the first day of May of the applicable school year and the teacher shall have access to the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May.

d. Observations.

The formal observation process shall include: 1) Pre-observation notification; 2) Observations and 3) Post-observation conference. The evaluator shall conduct the post-observation conference within ten (10) work days of the observation. The informal observation process shall include classroom walkthroughs.

e. Overall Rating.

The Teacher/Counselor Performance Evaluation Rubric rating will be combined using the Ohio Department of Education Evaluation System, (OhioES) to determine the effectiveness rating.

f. Comparable evaluations shall be defined as:

- Accomplished and Skilled are one category for compatibility purposes.
- Developing is comparable to Developing and Ineffective is comparable to Ineffective.

g. Professional Growth and Improvement Plans.

Each teacher and counselor must develop either a professional growth plan or improvement plan in accordance with the Board's policy. A teacher rated Accomplished submits a self-directed professional growth plan annually. A teacher rated skilled develops a plan collaboratively with the evaluator. A teacher rated developing creates a plan guided by the evaluator. A teacher rated as ineffective is placed on an improvement plan by the evaluator.

h. One (1) copy of the teacher's/counselor's final rating shall be printed and placed in the teacher's/counselor's personnel file.

2. Evaluation System (OTES Inapplicable).

This Evaluation System applies to employees who do not spend at least fifty percent (50%) of the time employed providing student instruction.

a. As part of the evaluation process, there will be both observations and evaluations as defined below:

i. Observation

A work setting observation of the staff member at work in order to critique one's performance shall be conducted. Also included are day-to-day observations of staff members, in the education setting.

ii. Evaluation

A summation of observations recorded on the Performance Evaluation Form (see Appendix E).

- b. Evaluation will be done by a building or District administrator and will be based on the criteria outlined in the job description. Each evaluation shall consist of observations totaling no less than thirty (30) minutes. All evaluations shall be conducted on the forms which are attached hereto as Appendix E.

An administrator, when conducting an observation, should take into consideration the following situations before conducting observations or walkthroughs: the day before or after holiday recess, the day after absence due to illness, the first or last day of a grading period, testing days and days of class parties/school wide event days.

In all cases, the period of time between the completed evaluation and the evaluation conference shall not exceed ten (10) work days. Any unsatisfactory rating shall be accompanied by a written explanation which shall include written suggestions by the administration for correcting any deficiencies which have been cited. The ultimate responsibility for correcting any noted deficiencies shall rest with the employee.

- c. Employees shall be evaluated once per school year. The evaluation shall consist of two (2) formal observations and may consist of periodic walkthroughs by the evaluator. Employees who are under consideration for nonrenewal shall have three (3) formal observations and may consist of periodic walkthroughs by the evaluator. Evaluations shall be complete by the first day of May and the employee shall receive the results of the evaluation by the tenth day of May.
- d. One (1) copy of the evaluation shall be sent to the Superintendent for placement in the employee's personnel file and one (1) copy to the employee. Observation notes may be included on the evaluation form. An employee, by his or her signature on the evaluation forms, shall acknowledge that he or she has reviewed and discussed the report with the evaluator. The employee's signature shall not be interpreted to indicate agreement. The employee shall have the right and opportunity to submit,

within ten (10) school days, a written rebuttal for attachment to the evaluator's report and such shall be placed in his or her personnel file.

- e. All of the above rare minimum requirements. Additional evaluations may be done as needed.
- 3. Any teacher who has submitted a notice of retirement that has been accepted by the Board not later than the first day of December of the school year in which the evaluation is otherwise scheduled to be conducted may be excluded from the evaluation process with the exception of completing a Professional Growth Plan.
- 4. Any teacher who is on leave from the school district for fifty percent (50%) or more of the school year, as calculated by the Board, may be excluded from the evaluation process with the exception of completing a Professional Growth Plan.
- 5. Standing Joint Committee for Teacher Evaluation

The Association and Board agree to establish a standing joint Evaluation Committee. This committee will establish the procedures, processes, and determination of HQSD, for the evaluation of teachers in the District and to regularly review the effectiveness of the aforementioned items.

a. Committee Composition

- 1) The committee shall be comprised of up to three (3) Association members appointed by the Association President and up to three (3) members appointed by the Superintendent/designee.

b. Committee Operation

- 1) Members of the committee shall receive training in all aspects of OTES, the standards for the teaching profession, and HQSD. The cost, if any, shall be borne by the Board of Education.
- 2) The committee shall be chaired jointly by a committee member from the Association and a committee member appointed by the Superintendent/designee.
- 3) All decisions of the committee shall be achieved by consensus.
- 4) Committee meetings held outside of the contractual work day shall be paid at each employee's tutor rate.

**O. College Credit Plus**

1. An employee should discuss with the building principal a request to teach a college credit plus course. (For example, the employee would request to teach College Algebra.)
2. If the principal determines that the course would be beneficial to our students and a student demand for the course exists, the employee would inquire to various partner institutions of higher learning to determine the course requirements to become credentialed to teach the College Credit Plus course in question.
3. The teacher would provide to the principal an official document from the partner institution of higher learning listing the courses required by course number, course description, semester hours, and cost per semester hour for undergraduate or graduate as applicable.
4. The above document will be provided to the Superintendent for consideration. The Superintendent will approve or deny the request in writing.
5. Upon approval by the Superintendent, the teacher will submit the tuition reimbursement for each course planned for the current school year and courses will be reimbursed as per Article IV, Section I of the negotiated agreement.
6. Once the teacher obtains the CCP credential in writing from the institution of higher learning, the teacher will be reimbursed the balance of the tuition paid by the employee the September following the attainment of the CCP credential. If the employee leaves the district prior to the September following the attainment of the CCP credential, they will not be reimbursed the balance of the tuition paid.

**P. Association Rights**

1. Receipt of Public Information

Upon request, the Board and the Superintendent agree to furnish the President of the Association a copy of any available information requested in writing through the Superintendent.

2. Input into Policy

At least two (2) weeks prior to Board adoption of any new policies or revisions of current policies which affect individuals represented by the Association, the proposed policy/policies shall be presented to the Association President for study and suggestions. However, should the policy(ies) affect wages, hours, terms and/or conditions of employment, the parties will enter into negotiations in accordance with Article I, Section C.

3. The Association shall have access to all new employee orientation meetings, with up to thirty (30) minutes allowed to discuss association membership. This notice will be at least ten (10) days in advance of the meeting.
4. Association Use of District Facilities
  - a. The Association may use District facilities and equipment at no charge for Association business.
  - b. The Association may transact Association business on District property during non-work hours.
  - c. The Association may use employee bulletin boards, the District internal mail delivery, and the District e-mail system for Association business.
  - d. The Association will be permitted to address employees at any staff meeting, for at least five (5) minutes upon the conclusion of the meeting, and up to two (2) times per year for at least thirty (30) minutes during a full day staff meeting.

**Q. Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC)**

The Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) structure and appeals process established will be implemented with the following understandings.

1. The LPDC shall have no authority to change or deviate from any provision of this Agreement except as provided in Section 4117.10 of the Ohio Revised Code.
2. Bargaining unit members and the chairperson of the LPDC will be appointed by the Association. Only two (2) bargaining unit members will be paid per meeting. Administrative members of the LPDC will be appointed by the Superintendent.
3. A bargaining unit member of the LPDC will not be deprived of preparation time for regular instructional duties.
4. The LPDC shall perform the functions required by Section 3319.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and the administrative rules adopted under that statute.
5. Each LPDC member shall serve a two-year term. Vacancies will be filled by the Association or Superintendent, whichever applies.
6. The LPDC shall determine the frequency, time, and place of meetings and the process by which its business will be conducted.
7. The Chairperson shall receive a five hundred dollar (\$500) stipend. Association Committee members shall be paid a stipend of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per

meeting. Committee members shall be paid the District mileage rate for attending meetings outside the school district. Compensation will be paid no later than the second pay in June. The Chairperson will provide the Treasurer with appropriate documentation and amounts for payroll prior to the end of the school year.

8. Appeals Process

The LPDC shall develop an appeals procedure, which complies with this Agreement and Ohio Revised Code. A copy of the appeals procedure shall be distributed to all employees at the beginning of each school year in a manner agreed upon by the Association and the Administration.

The Appeals procedure shall not be grievable under the Grievance Procedure contained in this Agreement.

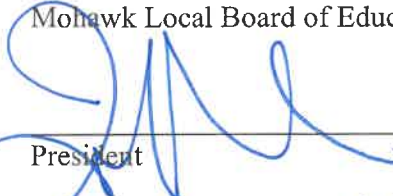


**TERM OF AGREEMENT**



This Negotiated Agreement shall become effective once approved by the membership retroactively July 1, 2023, and shall remain in full force and effect through June 30, 2026.

This Agreement made and entered on this 8 day of September, 2023, by and between the Board and the Association.

Mohawk Local Board of Education

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## MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOL SALARY SCHEDULE 2023-2024

Base: \$36,682 (3.00%)

Step	BA	BS +150	MA	MA +12	MA +30
0	41,084	43,615	46,586	48,970	58,508
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
1	41,084	43,615	46,586	48,970	58,508
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
2	41,084	43,615	46,586	48,970	58,508
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
3	41,084	43,615	46,586	48,970	58,508
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
4	42,551	45,266	48,420	50,988	59,608
	1.16000	1.23400	1.32000	1.39000	1.62500
5	44,018	46,916	50,254	53,005	60,709
	1.20000	1.27900	1.37000	1.44500	1.65500
6	45,486	48,567	52,088	55,023	61,809
	1.24000	1.32400	1.42000	1.50000	1.68500
7	46,953	50,218	53,923	57,041	62,910
	1.28000	1.36900	1.47000	1.55500	1.71500
8	48,420	51,868	55,757	59,058	64,010
	1.32000	1.41400	1.52000	1.61000	1.74500
9	49,888	53,519	57,591	61,076	65,111
	1.36000	1.45900	1.57000	1.66500	1.77500
10	51,355	55,170	59,425	63,093	66,211
	1.40000	1.50400	1.62000	1.72000	1.80500
11	52,822	56,820	61,259	65,111	67,311
	1.44000	1.54900	1.67000	1.77500	1.83500
12	54,289	58,471	63,093	67,128	68,412
	1.48000	1.59400	1.72000	1.83000	1.86500
13	54,289	58,471	63,827	67,862	69,512
	1.48000	1.59400	1.74000	1.85000	1.89500
15	55,757	60,122	64,927	69,146	70,613
	1.52000	1.63900	1.77000	1.88500	1.92500
16	55,757	60,122	65,661	69,879	71,713
	1.52000	1.63900	1.79000	1.90500	1.95500
17	57,224	61,772	66,761	71,163	72,814
	1.56000	1.68400	1.82000	1.94000	1.98500
18	57,224	61,772	67,495	71,897	73,914
	1.56000	1.68400	1.84000	1.96000	2.01500
20	58,691	63,423	68,595	73,181	75,015
	1.60000	1.72900	1.87000	1.99500	2.04500
21	58,691	63,423	69,696	74,281	76,115
	1.60000	1.72900	1.90000	2.02500	2.07500

22	60,158	65,074	70,429	75,198	77,216
	1.64000	1.77400	1.92000	2.05000	2.10500
24	60,158	65,074	71,163	76,115	78,316
	1.64000	1.77400	1.94000	2.07500	2.13500
27	61,626	66,725	72,264	77,216	79,417
	1.68000	1.81900	1.97000	2.10500	2.16500
30	63,093	68,375	73,364	78,316	80,517
	1.72000	1.86400	2.00000	2.13500	2.19500
33	64,560	70,026	74,464	79,417	81,617
	1.76000	1.90900	2.03000	2.16500	2.22500

## MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOL SALARY SCHEDULE 2024-2025

Base: \$38,058 (3.75%)

Step	BA	BS +150	MA	MA +12	MA +30
0	42,625	45,251	48,334	50,807	60,703
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
1	42,625	45,251	48,334	50,807	60,703
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
2	42,625	45,251	48,334	50,807	60,703
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
3	42,625	45,251	48,334	50,807	60,703
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
4	44,147	46,964	50,237	52,901	61,844
	1.16000	1.23400	1.32000	1.39000	1.62500
5	45,670	48,676	52,139	54,994	62,986
	1.20000	1.27900	1.37000	1.44500	1.65500
6	47,192	50,389	54,042	57,087	64,128
	1.24000	1.32400	1.42000	1.50000	1.68500
7	48,714	52,101	55,945	59,180	65,269
	1.28000	1.36900	1.47000	1.55500	1.71500
8	50,237	53,814	57,848	61,273	66,411
	1.32000	1.41400	1.52000	1.61000	1.74500
9	51,759	55,527	59,751	63,367	67,553
	1.36000	1.45900	1.57000	1.66500	1.77500
10	53,281	57,239	61,654	65,460	68,695
	1.40000	1.50400	1.62000	1.72000	1.80500
11	54,804	58,952	63,557	67,553	69,836
	1.44000	1.54900	1.67000	1.77500	1.83500
12	56,326	60,664	65,460	69,646	70,978
	1.48000	1.59400	1.72000	1.83000	1.86500
13	56,326	60,664	66,221	70,407	72,120
	1.48000	1.59400	1.74000	1.85000	1.89500
15	57,848	62,377	67,363	71,739	73,262
	1.52000	1.63900	1.77000	1.88500	1.92500
16	57,848	62,377	68,124	72,500	74,403
	1.52000	1.63900	1.79000	1.90500	1.95500
17	59,370	64,090	69,266	73,833	75,545
	1.56000	1.68400	1.82000	1.94000	1.98500
18	59,370	64,090	70,027	74,594	76,687
	1.56000	1.68400	1.84000	1.96000	2.01500
20	60,893	65,802	71,168	75,926	77,829
	1.60000	1.72900	1.87000	1.99500	2.04500
21	60,893	65,802	72,310	77,067	78,970
	1.60000	1.72900	1.90000	2.02500	2.07500

22	62,415	67,515	73,071	78,019	80,112
	1.64000	1.77400	1.92000	2.05000	2.10500
24	62,415	67,515	73,833	78,970	81,254
	1.64000	1.77400	1.94000	2.07500	2.13500
27	63,937	69,228	74,974	80,112	82,396
	1.68000	1.81900	1.97000	2.10500	2.16500
30	65,460	70,940	76,116	81,254	83,537
	1.72000	1.86400	2.00000	2.13500	2.19500
33	66,982	72,653	77,258	82,396	84,679
	1.76000	1.90900	2.03000	2.16500	2.22500

### MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOLS SALARY SCHEDULE 2025-2026

Base: \$39,580 (4.00%)

Step	BA	BS +150	MA	MA +12	MA +30
0	44,330	47,061	50,267	52,839	63,130
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
1	44,330	47,061	50,267	52,839	63,130
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
2	44,330	47,061	50,267	52,839	63,130
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
3	44,330	47,061	50,267	52,839	63,130
	1.12000	1.18900	1.27000	1.33500	1.59500
4	45,913	48,842	52,246	55,016	64,318
	1.16000	1.23400	1.32000	1.39000	1.62500
5	47,496	50,623	54,225	57,193	65,505
	1.20000	1.27900	1.37000	1.44500	1.65500
6	49,079	52,404	56,204	59,370	66,692
	1.24000	1.32400	1.42000	1.50000	1.68500
7	50,662	54,185	58,183	61,547	67,880
	1.28000	1.36900	1.47000	1.55500	1.71500
8	52,246	55,966	60,162	63,724	69,067
	1.32000	1.41400	1.52000	1.61000	1.74500
9	53,829	57,747	62,141	65,901	70,255
	1.36000	1.45900	1.57000	1.66500	1.77500
10	55,412	59,528	64,120	68,078	71,442
	1.40000	1.50400	1.62000	1.72000	1.80500
11	56,995	61,309	66,099	70,255	72,629
	1.44000	1.54900	1.67000	1.77500	1.83500
12	58,578	63,091	68,078	72,431	73,817
	1.48000	1.59400	1.72000	1.83000	1.86500
13	58,578	63,091	68,869	73,223	75,004
	1.48000	1.59400	1.74000	1.85000	1.89500
15	60,162	64,872	70,057	74,608	76,192
	1.52000	1.63900	1.77000	1.88500	1.92500
16	60,162	64,872	70,848	75,400	77,379
	1.52000	1.63900	1.79000	1.90500	1.95500
17	61,745	66,653	72,036	76,785	78,566
	1.56000	1.68400	1.82000	1.94000	1.98500
18	61,745	66,653	72,827	77,577	79,754
	1.56000	1.68400	1.84000	1.96000	2.01500
20	63,328	68,434	74,015	78,962	80,941
	1.60000	1.72900	1.87000	1.99500	2.04500
21	63,328	68,434	75,202	80,150	82,129
	1.60000	1.72900	1.90000	2.02500	2.07500

22	64,911	70,215	75,994	81,139	83,316
	1.64000	1.77400	1.92000	2.05000	2.10500
24	64,911	70,215	76,785	82,129	84,503
	1.64000	1.77400	1.94000	2.07500	2.13500
27	66,494	71,996	77,973	83,316	85,691
	1.68000	1.81900	1.97000	2.10500	2.16500
30	68,078	73,777	79,160	84,503	86,878
	1.72000	1.86400	2.00000	2.13500	2.19500
33	69,661	75,558	80,347	85,691	88,066
	1.76000	1.90900	2.03000	2.16500	2.22500

The increase for Supplemental Contracts will match the percent increase of the teacher contract to a maximum of 2%.

**Mohawk Local Schools  
Supplemental Salary Schedule  
2023-2024**

<b>Category</b>	<b>1st Year</b>	<b>3rd Year</b>	<b>5th Year</b>
<b>Base</b>	\$34,673		
<b>Class 1</b> Athletic Director	\$12,378 0.357	\$13,592 0.392	\$14,632 0.422
<b>Class 2</b> Head Football	\$5,374	\$6,068	\$6,761
Head Boys Basketball	0.155	0.175	0.195
Head Girls Basketball			
Head Wrestling			
High School Marching Band			
<b>Class 3</b> Assistant Athletic Director	\$5,028	\$5,374	\$5,721
Head Volleyball	0.145	0.155	0.165
Head Boys Track			
Head Girls Track			
Head Baseball			
Head Softball			
Head Cross Country			
Head Boys Golf			
Head Girls Golf			
<b>Class 4</b> Assistant Football (Up to 5)	\$3,381	\$3,987	\$4,681
Assistant Basketball – Boys (Up to 3)	0.0975	0.115	0.135
Assistant Basketball – Girls (Up to 3)			
Assistant Wrestling			
Assistant Volleyball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Track – Boys			
Assistant Track – Girls			
Assistant Baseball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Softball (Up to 2)			
JV Golf			
<b>Class 5</b> Basketball Head Cheerleading	\$2,600	\$3,121	\$3,641
Football Head Cheerleading	0.075	0.09	0.105
JH Volleyball			
JH Football (Up to 3)			
JH Wrestling			
JH Marching Band			
JH Basketball			
JH Track			
Assistant JH Track			
Assistant Cross Country			
Junior High Game Manager			

<b>Class 6</b>	Elementary Band Dance Team Musical Director	\$2,427 0.0700	\$2,600 0.0750	\$2,774 0.0800
<b>Class 7</b>	Publications Advisor Assistant H.S. Band Pep Band JH Football Cheerleading JH Basketball Cheerleading After School Tutors Show Choir HS Quiz Bowl Advisor Esports Club	\$1,734 0.0500	\$1,994 0.575	\$2,167 0.0625
<b>Class 8</b>	Assistant Musical (Up to 5) Majorette/Flag Corp Advisor	\$1,387 0.0400	\$1,647 0.475	\$1,820 0.0525
<b>Class 9</b>	JH Assistant Wrestling Junior Class Advisor (2) HS and JH Student Council Foreign Language Club Advisor Play Technical Director HS and JH National Honor Society Art Club Advisor Warrior Leaders Advisor Fall Gym Manager Winter Girls' Gym Manager Winter Boys' Gym Manager Fall Field House Manager Winter Field House Manager	\$1,127 0.0325	\$1,214 0.0350	\$1,387 0.0400
<b>Class 10</b>	Senior Class Advisor (2) Coordinator of JH class trip JH Quiz Bowl Advisor	\$520 0.0150	\$693 0.0200	\$867 0.0250
<b>Class 11</b>	Mentor Freshman Class Advisor Sophomore Class Advisor	\$750 \$200 \$200		
<b>Class 12</b>	Weight Room Coordinator (8)	\$877 0.02528	\$944 0.02724	\$1,078 0.0311
<b>Class 13</b>	Stipend			Teachers who work outside the school day on IEP, IAT, Curriculum Work, detention, ETR, and Grade Level Meetings at the written request of the administrator shall be compensated at the Academic Work Rate (AWR) of twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per hour.
	Tutor			AWR (Academic Work Rate and 15 minutes per hour for allowable time)
	Bargaining unit members who chaperone overnight trips			One hundred dollars (\$100) per night of the trip

Saturday School Monitor rate: \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours.

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**Mohawk Local Schools  
Supplemental Salary Schedule  
2024-2025**

<b>Category</b>	<b>1st Year</b>	<b>3rd Year</b>	<b>5th Year</b>
<b>Base</b>	\$35,366		
<b>Class 1</b> Athletic Director	\$12,626 0.357	\$13,864 0.392	\$14,925 0.422
<b>Class 2</b> Head Football	\$5,482	\$6,189	\$6,896
Head Boys Basketball	0.155	0.175	0.195
Head Girls Basketball			
Head Wrestling			
High School Marching Band			
<b>Class 3</b> Assistant Athletic Director	\$5,128	\$5,482	\$5,835
Head Volleyball	0.145	0.155	0.165
Head Boys Track			
Head Girls Track			
Head Baseball			
Head Softball			
Head Cross Country			
Head Boys Golf			
Head Girls Golf			
<b>Class 4</b> Assistant Football (Up to 5)	\$3,448	\$4,067	\$4,774
Assistant Basketball – Boys (Up to 3)	0.0975	0.115	0.135
Assistant Basketball – Girls (Up to 3)			
Assistant Wrestling			
Assistant Volleyball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Track – Boys			
Assistant Track – Girls			
Assistant Baseball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Softball (Up to 2)			
JV Golf			
<b>Class 5</b> Basketball Head Cheerleading	\$2,652	\$3,183	\$3,713
Football Head Cheerleading	0.075	0.09	0.105
JH Volleyball			
JH Football (Up to 3)			
JH Wrestling			
JH Marching Band			
JH Basketball			
JH Track			
Assistant JH Track			
Assistant Cross Country			
Junior High Game Manager			

<b>Class 6</b>	Elementary Band Dance Team Musical Director	\$2,476 0.0700	\$2,652 0.0750	\$2,829 0.0800
<b>Class 7</b>	Publications Advisor Assistant H.S. Band Pep Band JH Football Cheerleading JH Basketball Cheerleading After School Tutors Show Choir HS Quiz Bowl Advisor Esports Club	\$1,768 0.0500	\$2,034 0.575	\$2,210 0.0625
<b>Class 8</b>	Assistant Musical (Up to 5) Majorette/Flag Corp Advisor	\$1,415 0.0400	\$1,680 0.475	\$1,857 0.0525
<b>Class 9</b>	JH Assistant Wrestling Junior Class Advisor (2) HS and JH Student Council Foreign Language Club Advisor Play Technical Director HS and JH National Honor Society Art Club Advisor Warrior Leaders Advisor Fall Gym Manager Winter Girls' Gym Manager Winter Boys' Gym Manager Fall Field House Manager Winter Field House Manager	\$1,149 0.0325	\$1,238 0.0350	\$1,415 0.0400
<b>Class 10</b>	Senior Class Advisor (2) Coordinator of JH class trip JH Quiz Bowl Advisor	\$530 0.0150	\$707 0.0200	\$884 0.0250
<b>Class 11</b>	Mentor Freshman Class Advisor Sophomore Class Advisor	\$750 \$200 \$200		
<b>Class 12</b>	Weight Room Coordinator (8)	\$894 0.02528	\$963 0.02724	\$1,100 0.0311
<b>Class 13</b>	Stipend			Teachers who work outside the school day on IEP, IAT, Curriculum Work, detention, ETR, and Grade Level Meetings at the written request of the administrator shall be compensated at the Academic Work Rate (AWR) of twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per hour.
	Tutor			AWR (Academic Work Rate and 15 minutes per hour for allowable time)
	Bargaining unit members who chaperone overnight trips			One hundred dollars (\$100) per night of the trip

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**Mohawk Local Schools  
Supplemental Salary Schedule  
2025-2026**

<b>Category</b>	<b>1st Year</b>	<b>3rd Year</b>	<b>5th Year</b>
<b>Base</b>	\$36,074		
<b>Class 1</b> Athletic Director	\$12,878 0.357	\$14,141 0.392	\$15,223 0.422
<b>Class 2</b> Head Football	\$5,591	\$6,313	\$7,034
Head Boys Basketball	0.155	0.175	0.195
Head Girls Basketball			
Head Wrestling			
High School Marching Band			
<b>Class 3</b> Assistant Athletic Director	\$5,231	\$5,591	\$5,952
Head Volleyball	0.145	0.155	0.165
Head Boys Track			
Head Girls Track			
Head Baseball			
Head Softball			
Head Cross Country			
Head Boys Golf			
Head Girls Golf			
<b>Class 4</b> Assistant Football (Up to 5)	\$3,517	\$4,148	\$4,870
Assistant Basketball – Boys (Up to 3)	0.0975	0.115	0.135
Assistant Basketball – Girls (Up to 3)			
Assistant Wrestling			
Assistant Volleyball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Track – Boys			
Assistant Track – Girls			
Assistant Baseball (Up to 2)			
Assistant Softball (Up to 2)			
JV Golf			
<b>Class 5</b> Basketball Head Cheerleading	\$2,706	\$3,247	\$3,788
Football Head Cheerleading	0.075	0.09	0.105
JH Volleyball			
JH Football (Up to 3)			
JH Wrestling			
JH Marching Band			
JH Basketball			
JH Track			
Assistant JH Track			
Assistant Cross Country			
Junior High Game Manager			

<b>Class 6</b>	Elementary Band Dance Team Musical Director	\$2,525 0.0700	\$2,706 0.0750	\$2,886 0.0800
<b>Class 7</b>	Publications Advisor Assistant H.S. Band Pep Band JH Football Cheerleading JH Basketball Cheerleading After School Tutors Show Choir HS Quiz Bowl Advisor Esports Club	\$1,804 0.0500	\$2,074 0.575	\$2,255 0.0625
<b>Class 8</b>	Assistant Musical (Up to 5) Majorette/Flag Corp Advisor	\$1,443 0.0400	\$1,713 0.475	\$1,894 0.0525
<b>Class 9</b>	JH Assistant Wrestling Junior Class Advisor (2) HS and JH Student Council Foreign Language Club Advisor Play Technical Director HS and JH National Honor Society Art Club Advisor Warrior Leaders Advisor Fall Gym Manager Winter Girls' Gym Manager Winter Boys' Gym Manager Fall Field House Manager Winter Field House Manager	\$1,172 0.0325	\$1,263 0.0350	\$1,443 0.0400
<b>Class 10</b>	Senior Class Advisor (2) Coordinator of JH class trip JH Quiz Bowl Advisor	\$541 0.0150	\$721 0.0200	\$902 0.0250
<b>Class 11</b>	Mentor Freshman Class Advisor Sophomore Class Advisor	\$750 \$200 \$200		
<b>Class 12</b>	Weight Room Coordinator (8)	\$912 0.02528	\$983 0.02724	\$1,122 0.0311
<b>Class 13</b>	Stipend			Teachers who work outside the school day on IEP, IAT, Curriculum Work, detention, ETR, and Grade Level Meetings at the written request of the administrator shall be compensated at the Academic Work Rate (AWR) of twenty-seven dollars (\$27) per hour.
	Tutor			AWR (Academic Work Rate and 15 minutes per hour for allowable time)
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Saturday School Monitor rate: \$25.00 per hour, not to exceed four (4) hours.

**DONATION OF SICK LEAVE**

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE BOARD AND THE ASSOCIATION, THE MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE MOHAWK EDUCATION ASSOCIATION HAVE AGREED TO ESTABLISH A SICK LEAVE BANK.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES TO DONATE ONE (1) DAY OF THEIR ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS EXPERIENCED A PERSONAL CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS OR INJURY OR TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHOSE FAMILY MEMBER HAS EXPERIENCED A CATASTROPHIC ILLNESS OR INJURY AND BEEN APPROVED BY THE SICK LEAVE BANK COMMITTEE.

**GUIDELINES FOR DONATION OF SICK LEAVE**

1. ANYONE MAKING A DONATION MUST HAVE ACCUMULATED AT LEAST FIFTY (50) DAYS OF SICK LEAVE.
2. SICK LEAVE WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE TOTAL ACCUMULATION OF THE DONOR.
3. DONORS MAY DONATE ONE (1) DAY TO THE SICK LEAVE BANK.
4. NAMES OF DONORS TO THE SICK LEAVE BANK WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL.

I HAVE READ THE ABOVE INFORMATION AND AGREE TO DONATE \_\_\_\_ DAY.

I CURRENTLY HAVE A TOTAL OF \_\_\_\_ DAYS OF ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF EMPLOYEE MAKING DONATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE TREASURER, MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOLS.

**MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GRIEVANCE FORM**

GRIEVANCE # \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF GRIEVANT \_\_\_\_\_

BUILDING \_\_\_\_\_

A. STATEMENT OF GRIEVANCE: (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION MAY BE ATTACHED IF NEEDED)

DATE CAUSE OF GRIEVANCE OCCURRED

B. IDENTIFY CONTRACT PROVISION VIOLATED, MISINTERPRETED, MISAPPLIED:

C. RELIEF SOUGHT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF AGGRIEVED

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

STEP ONE  
RECEIPT OF GRIEVANCE BY IMMEDIATE SUPERVISOR

APPROPRIATE SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_

DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_

DISPOSITION OF SUPERVISOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SUPERVISOR

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

STEP TWO  
RECEIPT OF GRIEVANCE BY SUPERINTENDENT

DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT

DISPOSITION OF SUPERINTENDENT:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF SUPERINTENDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

STEP THREE  
RECEIPT OF GRIEVANCE ON BEHALF OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT  
OR DESIGNEE

DISPOSITION OF BOARD:

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF BOARD PRESIDENT

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

APPEAL TO ARBITRATION

DATE FILED \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PRESIDENT

**SICK LEAVE BANK REQUEST FORM**

EMPLOYEE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

I AM REQUESTING \_\_\_\_\_ NUMBER OF DAYS FROM THE SICK LEAVE BANK.

THE REASON I AM REQUESTING SICK LEAVE IS:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. I UNDERSTAND THAT MY REQUEST WILL BE CONSIDERED AND GRANTED ONLY IF THERE ARE DAYS DONATED BY FELLOW EMPLOYEES TO THE SICK LEAVE BANK.
2. I UNDERSTAND THAT THE NUMBER OF DAYS GRANTED CANNOT EXCEED THE NUMBER OF DAYS THAT HVE BEEN DONATED.
3. I HAVE READ THE GUIDELINES FOR USE OF SICK LEAVE BANK IN THE NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT.
4. I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM ONLY ELIGIBLE TO USE THE SICK LEAVE BANK DURING MY CURRENT CONTRACT OR CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR.

I HAVE READ ALL OF THE ABOVE STATEMENTS AND AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE CONDITIONS.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME OF PERSON MAKING REQUEST  
(NAME MAY BE WITHHELD ON DONATION  
REQUEST FORM UPON REQUEST OF PERSON  
MAKING REQUEST FOR SICK LEAVE BANK.  
I \_\_\_\_ DO \_\_\_\_ DO NOT REQUEST THAT  
MY NAME BE WITHHELD.)

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

\_\_\_\_\_  
APPROVED BY COMMITTEE

ONE (1) COPY OF THIS FORM SHOULD BE RETURNED TO THE SUPERINTENDENT AND ONE (1) COPY SHOULD BE SENT TO THE ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT.

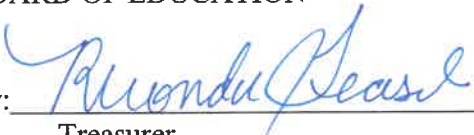
**Certificate**  
**(O.R.C. 5705.41 and 5705.412)**


The undersigned, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the Mohawk Local School District, Ohio, certifies that the money required to meet the obligations of the Board during Fiscal Year 2023 under the attached qualifying contract have been lawfully appropriated by the Board for such purposes and are in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund, free from any previous encumbrances.

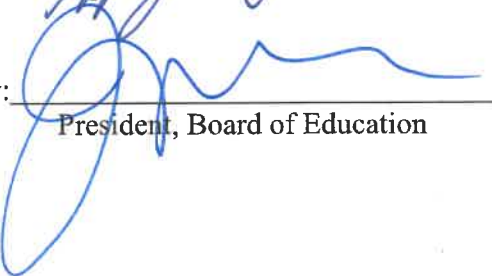
The undersigned, Treasurer and President of the Board of Education of the Mohawk Local School District, Ohio, and the Superintendent of Schools of the Mohawk Local School District, Ohio, hereby certify that the District has in effect for the term of this Agreement the authorization to levy taxes, including the renewal or replacement of existing levies, which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the District at the time of this certification are sufficient to provide operating revenues necessary to enable the District to maintain all personnel and programs for all the days set forth in its adopted school calendars for the current fiscal year and for a number of days in the succeeding fiscal year equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

Dated: 9/21/2023

MOHAWK LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:   
Treasurer

By:   
Superintendent

By:   
President, Board of Education