



AGREEMENT

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TEAMSTERS LOCAL 11
International Brotherhood of Teamsters

-And-

MONROE TOWNSHIP
Board of Education

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THIS AGREEMENT made this 1st day of July, 2024, by and between MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION, with its facilities located in Middlesex County, New Jersey, party of the first part, hereinafter referred to as the "EMPLOYER", and LOCAL UNION NO. 11, affiliated with the INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS, with its principal place of business at 810 Belmont Avenue, Suite 200, North Haledon, New Jersey, party of the second part, hereinafter referred to as the "UNION", for and on behalf of those designated employees named in Article 1, Recognition.

ARTICLE 1. RECOGNITION

The Employer recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining representative for all custodians and maintenance and grounds employees and excluding supervisory personnel as defined in Chapter 123 of the Laws of 1974 as amended. The Union shall provide the Board with a current copy of the "Laws of 1974 (amended) Chapter 123" for file and review.

ARTICLE 2. PROBATIONARY PERIOD

The first forty-five (45) calendar days of employment for all new employees will be considered a probationary period. A 45-day extension (total 90 days) of the probationary period shall be granted upon notice to the Shop Steward. Employees hired during the summer will have their probationary period start at the date of Board appointment and continue for forty-five (45) days after the start of school.

During the aforementioned probationary period, the Employer may discharge such employee for any reason whatsoever. An employee discharged during such probationary period shall not have recourse to the grievance procedure as set forth in this Agreement. The Employer shall have no responsibility for the re-employment of newly engaged probationary employees if they are dismissed during the probationary period.

When designated by the employer on new job postings, newly hired employees will be required to enroll in a Black Seal license program within 6 months of appointment by the Board of Education.

ARTICLE 3. UNION SECURITY

The Board agrees it will give effect to the following form of Union Security:

It is agreed that at the time of hiring, the Board will inform newly hired employees, who fall within the bargaining unit, that they may join the Union.

The parties acknowledge their obligations set forth in the New Jersey Workplace Democracy Enhancement Act and agree to comply with those obligations.

ARTICLE 4. CHECK-OFF

The Employer, after receipt of written authorization from an employee, shall deduct the dues from such employee's paycheck due to him/her on the first payday of each month, and shall transmit said monies to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union. Any such employee who does not receive a paycheck on the first payday of the month shall have his/her dues deducted from the first paycheck received in the month. Dues not deducted for the current month shall be deducted from the last paycheck of such employee when he/she leaves the employ of the Employer or is discharged. If no dues are deducted for the current month, a double deduction shall be made the following month in order to bring such member up to date. The Employer agrees to forward the full name and address (or application obtained from the Shop Steward) for all new employees who become union members and for whom initiation fee is deducted. The Employer further agrees to notify the Union when any employee is discharged, granted leave of absence, leaves the employ of the Employer for any reason whatsoever, is absent due to illness or injury for a period exceeding thirty (30) days. The Employer shall deduct the initiation fee plus one month's dues no later than thirty (30) days after authorization and notice from a new employee that said employee has become a Union member.

In making the deductions and transmittals as specified above, the Employer shall rely upon the most recent communication from the Union as to the rate of monthly dues, and the proper amount of initiation fee and any back dues owed by the members.

The total amount deducted shall be paid to the Local Union within ten (10) working days after the end of each month.

ARTICLE 5. GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE AND ARBITRATION

Any difference or dispute between the Board and employees relating to the terms and provisions of this Agreement or its interpretation or application or the enforcement thereof, shall be subject to the following procedures which shall be resorted to as the sole means of obtaining adjustment of the dispute, which shall thereafter be referred to as a "grievance."

STEP 1. – The grievance shall be taken up initially orally between the employee, Shop Steward, and the Custodial and Maintenance Supervisor and/or Night Shift Supervisor no later than five (5) working days after its occurrence. No grievance shall reach Step 2 without involvement of the aforementioned individuals for Step 1.

STEP 2. – If the employee feels no satisfactory settlement is reached during the Step 1 conference, then such grievance shall be reduced to writing and the general Shop Steward shall serve same upon the Business Administrator and Director of Facilities with copies to the Custodial Maintenance Supervisor and Night Shift Supervisor no later than five (5) working days following the meeting as set out in Step 1. No later than five (5) working days after confirmed receipt of the written grievance, the employer shall issue a written response to the employee and the representative of the Union.

STEP 3. – In the event the employee feels that the grievance is not satisfactorily settled by the written decision in Step 2, thereafter both parties agree that within ten (10) calendar days either party may request the New Jersey Public Employment Relations Commission to appoint an arbitrator who shall have full power to hear and determine the dispute and the arbitrator's decision shall be final and binding.

The cost of arbitration, if any, shall be shared equally by the Board and the Union.

Only disputes arising out of the interpretation of Articles of this Agreement, unless otherwise specified, shall be subject to arbitration.

The arbitrator shall issue his decision no later than thirty (30) calendar days from the date of the closing of the hearing or, if oral hearings have been waived, then from the date of the transmitting of the final statements and proofs to the arbitrator. The decision shall be in writing and shall set forth the arbitrator's opinion and conclusions on the issues submitted. The arbitrator shall limit his decisions strictly to the application and interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement and shall be without power or authority to add to, subtract from, or modify this Agreement.

The time limits herein provided for may be extended by mutual agreement.

ARTICLE 6. SENIORITY

The Employer shall establish and maintain the seniority list of employees. The list will include names of employees and will be based on contract days.

ARTICLE 7. FORCE REDUCTION

The Employer agrees that it will not reduce the hours of present employees in order to hire additional employees.

In the reduction or restoration of the working force, the rule to be followed shall be the length of service with the Employer within the job occupation involved. The employee with the least seniority shall be laid off first, and, in rehiring, the same principle shall apply, namely, the last employee laid off shall be the first to be rehired. Employees moving to a higher grade position shall maintain their seniority credit in the lower position.

The Shop Steward and the employees involved in any such lay-offs shall receive thirty (30) days' notice prior to any lay-offs.

Seniority shall cease under the following conditions:

- a. Resignation or termination for cause.

b. Failure to report for work or recall after lay-off. Recall shall be made by registered mail to the last known address in the files of the Monroe Township Board of Education. Failure to respond within eight (8) days shall be deemed to be a resignation.

c. Lay-off for a period of one (1) year.

ARTICLE 8. JOB VACANCIES, NEW JOBS CREATED OR PROMOTIONS

If additional permanent positions are created within the unit subject to this Agreement, or if a vacancy occurs in a higher-rated position, present employees, who apply, shall be eligible for consideration. If two or more employees, determined equally qualified by the Board, apply for such position, seniority shall be determining factor in the selection of employees to fill such position.

The Board agrees to post a notice of such new job, vacancy, or promotion on the bulletin boards of each building for a period of five (5) working days. Such notice shall contain a general description of the job, and when the job will be available. When circumstances permit, all job vacancies will be posted within 30 days after the vacancy occurs.

In the event an employee covered under this Agreement is selected to fill such position, the employee shall be notified, in writing, by the Board within five (5) days.

In the acceptance of a new job or position, the employee shall suffer no loss of seniority and benefits while in another position while an employee for the Board. Promotions or new jobs shall not be interpreted as a break in service and shall be considered along with consecutive experience in previous similar hourly positions. Decisions made regarding promotions shall not be subject to arbitration.

The Board of Education shall have the right to adjust any employee's position in terms of title, responsibility, assignment location and compensation without being subject to the above procedures. Management will inform the Shop Steward of such changes prior to such changes taking effect. All employees will receive a job description for their particular position.

ARTICLE 9. HOURS OF WORK AND OVERTIME

The scheduled work week shall consist of forty (40) hours, and shall be comprised of five (5) consecutive days, Monday to Friday, eight (8) hours per day for Head Building Custodians and full-time employees. Five (5) consecutive working days other than Monday through Friday may apply to high school positions. In such appointments, current employees shall be given the first opportunity to apply. All overtime work must be authorized by either the Director of Facilities, Maintenance Custodial Supervisor, or Night Shift Supervisor. Hours of work shall be established based on the needs of each individual building by the Director of Facilities and disseminated to all employees prior to September 1 of each year.

Any work performed beyond the forty (40) hour work week shall be considered overtime and compensated for at one and one half (1 ½) times the regular hourly rate.

Any work performed on Saturdays shall be considered overtime and compensated at one and one half (1 ½) times the regular hourly rate, except for those employees whose regular work week includes Saturday work hours.

Any work performed on a Sunday shall be compensated at two (2x) times the regular hourly rate, except for those employees whose regular work week includes Sunday work hours. All overtime work must be authorized by the Director of Facilities or building principal.

Overtime will be distributed as equitably as possible with seniority and job skills being given a priority consideration.

When an employee's schedule is changed to a short swing by Management, a 2-hour emergency call-in shall be granted in addition to the 8-hour work shift.

If adequate notice is provided, additional hours of work will be offered to regular employees assigned to the building where the overtime is available and to multi-site workers such as maintenance who have identified their availability, before substitutes are called in. Any employee who works in a higher classification for five (5) consecutive days or more shall be paid at the higher classification rate.

Call back time for emergency response will be paid at the rate of 1 ½ time for all hours worked but not less than 2 hours. Starting your shift early or extending a shift to work late does not constitute call back time.

Lateness – Employees shall be docked on a quarter-hour basis. Employees reporting for work on their assigned hour start time, between 8 minutes passed and 15 minutes passed the hour, will be docked one-quarter hour. Employees reporting later than 15 minutes passed will be docked up to the end of the quarter-hour in which they report. Therefore, such employees arriving late shall start to work on the quarter-hour after arrival

ARTICLE 10. HOLIDAYS

The Board agrees to grant all employees sixteen (16) holidays per year as determined by the Board. Although no work is performed on such days, employees will receive a normal day's contractual pay. Union members will have a choice of five (5) days for winter recess or spring recess, provided sufficient employee coverage of buildings in the district is available for both of these holiday periods. The Board may assign up to seven (7) mandatory holidays other than the five (5) winter or spring recess holidays. The remaining four (4) holidays will be determined by a majority vote of the Teamsters. The vote is to be administered by the Teamsters Shop Steward.

The Board Secretary/Business Administrator will provide the Chief Steward and all members of the Facilities Department with a holiday schedule after it has been established.

Any employee who works on any of the granted holidays shall be paid for such work at two (2) times the employee's regular hourly rate.

If a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday, the employee will be given a compensation day or will be paid.

If a holiday falls within the vacation period of an employee, he shall receive pay for same or an additional day of vacation.

ARTICLE 11. VACATIONS

The Board agrees to grant to all employees in the bargaining unit paid vacations in accordance with the following schedule:

- a. Pro-rated for less than one (1) year.
- b. Ten (10) vacation days after one completing (1) year of employment, prorated for less than one year of service.
- c. Fifteen (15) vacation days after completing five (5) years of employment.
- d. One (1) additional vacation day for each year after completing ten (10) years of service, up to twenty (20) days for a total of twenty (20) vacation days, after completing fifteen (15) years of employment.
- e. Seventeen days (17) after sixteen (16) years.
- f. Nineteen (19) days seventeen (17) years.
- g. Twenty (20) days after eighteen (18) years.
- h. One (1) additional vacation day for each additional year after completing twenty-five (25) years of employment service up to a maximum of twenty-five (25) total vacation days. However, these days may be scheduled completely at the discretion of the Board. In such cases, the employee shall be notified of the schedule at least two (2) weeks in advance of the designated day(s). Employees will be able to roll over one week of their accrued vacation.
- i. For the purpose of movement on the Salary Guide, vacation and longevity benefits, February 1 will serve as the official cut-off date. Conditional upon satisfactory performance, employment before that date will trigger automatic advancement.

Vacations are to be taken within the year following the year in which they were earned. A maximum of one (1) week vacation may, however, be carried over into the following year.

The employer will issue a summer calendar (typically in April) prior to the end of the school year, upon which all employees must enter their requested vacation leave time for the summer period when school is not in session. The employer reserves the right to deny vacation leave for requested periods, if due to excessive staff absenteeism; the employer believes that it would not

be in the best interest of the school system to operate with a limited work force. The decision as to which employee will be granted leave will be determined by the employer, and be based upon overall seniority and will be handled on a building by building basis. Overall seniority refers to seniority of an employee working in the Monroe Township School District and is not based upon years of service at a particular building. If an employee has vacation time available which he/she requests to use at a time other than the school summer break period, all requests for said leave must be entered in AESOP 48 hours in advance of the requested period of leave for review and approval by either the Custodial Maintenance Supervisor or Night Shift Supervisor.

The Board agrees that in the event an employee leaves the employ of the Employer, the employee shall be compensated for any accrued vacation time that may be due such employee in accordance with the above schedule.

ARTICLE 12. LEAVES

SICK LEAVE

- a. All employees shall receive one (1) sick day per month with full pay according to contract period. Unused sick leave shall be accumulative.
- b. In the event of absence for illness in excess of four (4) consecutive work days, the employer may request a letter from a physician confirming their absence.
- c. Application for a sick absence should be entered in AESOP at least 2 hours prior to the start of the scheduled work shift.
- d. Accumulated Leave

When an employee has completed five (5) or more years of employment in Monroe Township Schools and leaves for any reason, except termination for just cause, he/she shall receive a lump sum payment based on the following formula:

$$(1/4 \times SL) \times (1/250 \times CS)$$

SL - Unused accumulated sick leave

CS - Last annual contractual salary under which employed

The above provision applies only to personnel employed prior to September 1, 1981. For personnel employed after September 1, 1981, the sick leave payment shall be limited to no more than \$3,500.00.

- e. In case of illness to husband, wife, domestic partner, child, or parent up to five (5) days of prior year's accumulated sick leave may be used for the purpose of caring for the sick family member.

PERSONAL LEAVE

- a. All employees shall receive three (3) personal days leave with full pay in any school year. Unused days shall accumulate as sick leave days.

- b. Application for leave should be entered in AESOP at least 48 hours in advance of the date desired for review and approval by either the Maintenance Custodial Supervisor or Night Shift Supervisor. The extension of a holiday or vacation shall not in itself constitute a sufficient reason for granting of personal leave. If the Maintenance Custodial Supervisor and/or Night Shift Supervisor does not approve the Request for Leave, the employee may appeal to the Director of Facilities.

BEREAVEMENT LEAVE

Up to five (5) days at any one time in the event of a death of an employee's spouse, child, stepchild, parent, brother, sister, parent-in-law, stepparent, or domestic partner.

Up to two (2) days to be at any one time in the event of death of an employee's sister-in-law, brother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, aunt, uncle, or grandparent.

Bereavement leave of absence shall be taken commensurate to the time of death of the relative and it must begin prior to or on the day of interment of the relative, unless interment occurs during a school recess. Bereavement leave of absence must be taken on consecutive workdays, except when it is taken on non-consecutive workdays between death and interment of the relative. A bereavement leave of absence which is begun prior to a school recess shall not continue after the school recess. For this purpose, a school recess shall be defined as a period of at least one week during which school is in recess. There is no allowance for bereavement leave if the employee is already out on paid or unpaid leave.

Additional bereavement leaves may be granted at the discretion of the Superintendent. Employer may request documentation to confirm leave.

ARTICLE 13. ABSENCE FOR COURT APPEARANCE OR JURY DUTY

Absence from work by reason of a subpoena or summons issued by any Court shall be allowed, with full pay, provided the subpoena or summons is recorded with the Board Secretary's office and the court action arises out of or in the course of the employee's employment. This provision shall not apply to absences resulting from any employee's processing of his personal Workmen's Compensation claim. Such absences shall be without pay.

Should an employee be a party to a suit, absence from work in that connection shall either be without pay or personal or vacation time may be applied to the absence.

Should an employee be required to serve on jury duty, the Board Secretary shall be notified, in writing, and said employee shall receive his/her regular pay for up to ten (10) working days. For any working days beyond the first ten (10), said employee shall suffer no loss of pay or time while serving; that is, the employee will receive from the Board the difference between jury duty pay and the employee's regular pay.

ARTICLE 14. INSURANCE PROTECTION

- A. The Board shall offer, on a voluntary basis, the health-care insurance protection designated below.
1. The District will make the NJ School Employees' Health Benefits Program Direct 10 PPO (SEHBP), NJ School Employees' Health Benefits Program Direct 15 PPO, NJ Educators Health Plan (NJEHP) and Garden State Health Plan (GSHP) plans available to all unit members on a voluntary basis.
 2. For employees covered under Chapter 78, The Board shall make contributions up to the New Jersey Direct 10 Level as defined by carrier and in cases where appropriate for family-plan, registered domestic partnership, or civil union insurance coverage subject to the following exceptions/conditions.
 3. For all eligible Chapter 44 employees hired after July 1, 2020, there will be no change in coverage according to NJ Statute.
 4. All employees will be able to choose any plan available to them under the SEHBP, NJEHP, and the Garden State plan subject to New Jersey State Law.
 5. The Board reserves the right to change insurance carriers in its discretion. The Board shall pay the premium for each full-time employee as defined by carrier and in cases where appropriate for family-plan, registered domestic partnership, or civil union insurance coverage, subject to the following exceptions/conditions. A member may enroll in any insurance plan during an open enrollment period.
- B. For each full-time employee as defined by carrier who is in the employ of the Board, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums to provide insurance coverage for the full twelve (12) month period commencing July 1st and ending June 30th. Employees are responsible for premium contributions as set forth in Paragraph J below.
- C. Employees shall be eligible to receive vision benefits as set forth in the VSP Choice Plan in effect on August 19, 2011. Employees are responsible for premium contributions as set forth in Paragraph J below. The Board reserves the right to change insurance carriers in its discretion.

- D. Provisions of the health care insurance program shall be detailed in master policies and contracts provided by the health care carrier. The plan benefits shall include oral contraceptives, individual dental maximum per year is \$2,000, and orthodontic benefits up to \$1,000 per person (this is a lifetime benefit).
- E. Prescription copays for the NJSEHP are in accordance with the New Jersey Division of Pensions and Benefits.
- F. Employee Dental: Single deductible \$50, Family, registered domestic partner, or civil union deductible \$100. The employee dental plan shall be 80/20.
- G. The Board shall establish a Section 125 Plan and bear the cost of the administration of the Section 125 Plan.
- H. The Board shall offer an annual payment for "opt-out" for all medical benefits as follows: \$4,000.00 for family coverage opt-out and \$2,500.00 for single coverage opt-out. This annual opt-out payment shall be made to eligible employees on a prorated basis for the months the employee has opted out of coverage. For the purposes of this Agreement "opt-out" means the employee waives all health insurance coverage provided by the Board.
- I. The Board shall offer an annual payment for "opt-down" for employees hired prior to July 1, 2020 who select either the Aetna Open Access Managed Choice POS (formerly Direct Access), or the Aetna Open Access Elect Choice (formerly EPO) as their insurance plan rather than the Aetna Open Access Managed Choice (formerly PPO), as follows:
- Aetna Open Access Managed Choice POS
(formerly Direct Access): \$1,100.00 for family coverage opt-down
and \$550.00 for single coverage opt down.
- Aetna Open Access Elect Choice (formerly EPO)
\$2,200.00 for family coverage opt-down and \$1,100.00 for single coverage opt- down.
- This annual opt-down payment shall be made to employees on a prorated basis for the months the employee has opted down from the Aetna Open Access Managed Choice (formerly PPO) plan to a less expensive Legacy plan option offered by the Board.
- J. Employees shall contribute toward payment of premiums as follows:
1. All employees enrolled in the NJEHP or the Garden State Health Plan will contribute to their Medical and Prescription plan based on the requirements set forth in P.L. 2020 Chapter 44.
 2. Employees hired prior to July 1, 2020, shall contribute to their Medical and Prescription plan as indicated below.

3. All employees whose annual pensionable compensation is equal to or less than \$49,999.99 shall continue to contribute an amount toward payment of premiums at the rates set forth in tier four of P.L. 2011, Chapter 78.

4. All employees whose annual pensionable compensation is equal to or greater than \$50,000 shall contribute an amount toward payment of premiums at the rates set forth in tier four of P.L. 2011, Chapter 78, reduced by 10%. For example, if an employee is currently paying at a rate of 14% of the cost of premium for family insurance benefits, a 10% reduction would result in a new rate of 12.6% for that employee.

ARTICLE 15. UNIFORM/SHOE ALLOWANCE

- a.
- (1) Full-time/Part-time Employees: 8 button down shirts (employee may select long or short sleeve oxford or golf shirts with pockets), 2 sweatshirts (with hoods and pockets), 5 T-shirts and 5 pairs of pants. Smocks will be an acceptable substitute for button down shirts. Furthermore, alternate fabric will be used for T-shirts where requested.
 - (2) All Facilities Department Staff: One (1) Winter Jacket during the three-year term of this contract. Jackets to be Carhartt brand or equal, in addition to one (1) Spring jacket, with hood and pockets.
- b. Full Time/Part Time Employee Work Safety Shoe Allowance: \$150.00 per school year reimbursement upon proof of purchase for work shoes.
- c. The Board of Education will supply foul weather gear when necessary.
- d. Employees shall qualify for uniform allowance after they have successfully completed the probationary period. Employees shall be required to be attired in a complete uniform at all times during working hours. A complete uniform consists of the following: Work pants, work safety shoes, smock, button-down work shirt or golf shirt. A T-shirt may be worn beneath a smock or button down shirt but may not be the only shirt worn. If an employee is observed not wearing a complete uniform 3 days during the year, he/she will not be entitled to a uniform allowance in the following year and will be subject to additional disciplinary action.

ARTICLE 16. SHOP STEWARD

Section 1. – The Union may appoint one of their accredited members to act as Chief Shop Steward and two of their accredited members to act as Shop Stewards. The Board will allow two (2) hours a week for the Chief Shop Steward to handle and Union business, such as a grievance, handing out receipts and meeting with members without any loss of time or wages. The Chief Shop Steward must receive verbal approval from the Night Supervisor prior to leaving his/her shift to attend to these matters. It shall be the Chief Shop Steward's duty to receive complaints

and dispose of them in the manner provided under Grievance Procedure and Arbitration. It is the intention of the parties hereto that the Chief Shop Steward and the Shop Stewards will, to the best of their ability, attempt to carry out the terms, provisions, and intentions of this Agreement, and to that end will fully cooperate with management. ~~to the fullest extent.~~ It is understood and agreed, however, that the Chief Shop Steward and the Shop Stewards shall have no authority of any kind save that given under this Agreement.

Section 2. – The Shop Steward shall not be discriminated against because of his/her faithful performance of duties as such.

Section 3. – The Board shall not be responsible for intervening between the Shop Steward and Union members due to the Shop Steward’s negligence or neglect towards the Union members. The Teamsters Local Administrators must make themselves available for these concerns.

ARTICLE 17. PAY PERIOD

The pay period shall be the 15th and the last working day of each month. When the 15th of the month pay day falls on or during a school holiday, vacation, or weekend, employees shall receive their pay on the last previous working day.

Overtime pay shall be paid semi-monthly. Example: Time reported between the first of the month and the 15th shall be paid the last working day of the month. Time reported between the 16th and the last day of the month shall be paid on the 15th of the following month.

In the event that there is an early pay period, or that the school business office or its payroll processing center encounters processing difficulties, overtime should be paid with the following pay cycle.

ARTICLE 18. SNOW DAYS AND SCHOOL CLOSINGS

All employees will report for duty to perform the task of placing the buildings to normal operations. Unscheduled vacation or personal days may not be used for absence during a snow day or emergency school closing. If an employee fails to report to work during one of these conditions, he/she will be subject to progressive discipline. Any full-time/part-time employee working after teachers and staff have been dismissed early by the Superintendent of Schools due to inclement weather, or are working during school closing due to inclement weather will be paid time and a half (1 ½) of their hourly rate. Any full-time/part-time employee working during inclement weather on a Sunday will be paid double time.

Any activities scheduled in the buildings will automatically be canceled except official proceedings or events. Under extreme and deteriorating weather conditions, the Director of Facilities may grant early dismissal.

ARTICLE 19. SUMMER WORK/WINTER AND SPRING RECESS

Part-time employees may be scheduled for additional hours for the purpose of getting buildings ready for school opening, to cover loss of man hours due to vacations, and to handle extra cleaning that may be requested at winter and spring recess.

ARTICLE 20. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

1. Bulletin board space shall be available to post notices of official Union business or other notice upon approval of the building principal.
2. There shall be inter-office mail system available for use of the employees for notices.
3. There shall be use of building privilege for employees for meetings subject to normal approval procedures.
4. Employee reimbursement for mileage shall be consistent with the NJ OMB circulars and regulations.
5. The officials or any authorized representatives of the officials of the Union shall be permitted admission to the Employer's facilities at reasonable hours for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not this Agreement is being observed by the parties hereto, or for assisting in the adjustment of grievances. The officials or representatives of the Union shall notify the building principal upon their arrival and departure.
6. No employee shall make or be requested to make any agreement or to enter into any understanding inconsistent or conflicting with the terms of this Agreement.
7. No clause in the Agreement shall be interpreted as to imply any lowering of present wages or working conditions.
8. Upon request a physical eye to eye contact will be made twice in any 1 shift where employees are working alone at any facility for safety reasons.
9. There shall be one Second Shift Lead Custodian in all schools containing grades kindergarten through eight. This custodian will start ¼ hour prior to the end of the Head Custodian's shift and will review the coordination of outside activities and special requirements for the second shift.
10. Contract days to remain at 260. On years when extra days occur, the employee may select a day to be used as a non-paid holiday following the same procedures as a personal day for requesting the day off.

ARTICLE 21. DISCHARGE

There shall be no discharge of employees except for just and sufficient cause to be determined solely by a recommendation to members of the Board of Education by the Superintendent of Schools. The General Shop Steward shall be notified of the discharge of any employee at the time of such discharge, which notification shall set forth the reason for the discharge.

ARTICLE 22. VETERANS RIGHTS AND BENEFITS

Veterans rights and benefits shall be available to all employees who qualify according to the Employment Protection Provisions of the Military Selective Service Act of 1967 (formerly Universal Military Training and Service Act) contained in Public Law 90-491, effective August 17, 1968, as amended.

ARTICLE 23. EDUCATIONAL FUND

The employer agrees to contribute three cents (\$0.03) per hour to Teamster Local 11 Educational Program for all hours an employee receives pay. Such Fund is to be administered in accordance with the Local 11 Benefit Plan Trust Agreement by an equal number of Employer and Employee Trustees.

ARTICLE 24. NEW ARTICLE MANAGEMENT'S RIGHTS CLAUSE

Subject to the terms and conditions of this agreement the Monroe Township Board of Education shall have the right to exercise its regular and customary functions. Such functions shall include but not limited to the management of the operation and the direction of the work force including the right to hire and discipline for just cause, to promote and demote, to increase or decrease the work force, to determine the schedule and hours of work, however that no employee will be discriminated against as provided in this agreement. The union reserves the right to review through the grievance and arbitration procedure any question of fact.

For employees hired prior to July 1, 2003 the scheduled work week shall consist of forty (40) hours, or their contracted hours, and shall be comprised of five (5) consecutive days, Monday through Friday, eight (8) hours per day for full-time employees. Five (5) consecutive working days other than Monday through Friday may apply to all employees hired after June 30, 2003. In such appointments, current employees shall be given the first opportunity to apply.

ARTICLE 25. DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall become effective as of July 1, 2024 and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2027.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused their names to be subscribed by their duly authorized officers and representatives as follows.


MONROE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

BY: 
Katie Fabiano, President

Date: 10/16/24

BY: 
Laura Allen,
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

**TEAMSTERS LOCAL UNION NO. 11,
affiliated with INTERNATIONAL
BROTHERHOOD OF TEAMSTERS**

BY: 
Michael Curcio, President/Principal Officer

Date: 10/11/2024

BY: 
Anita Clark, BA/Recording Secretary

Committee:

Jeff Van Liew


Marc Palumbo


Christine Holmes


Tom Ellam


Nick Quiles

MONETARY AND BENEFITS

1. **Contract Duration:** 3 Years (07/01/24 – 06/30/27)

2. **Basic Hourly Rate Increases:**

7/1/2024-25: 4%
 7/1/2025-26: 3.5%
 7/1/2026-27: 3%

3. **Premium Pay:** 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Elementary School Head Custodian | \$2.45 | \$2.45 | \$2.45 |
| Maintenance & HS/MS Head Custodian | \$2.95 | \$2.95 | \$2.95 |
| Lead Custodian | \$1.50 | \$1.50 | \$1.50 |

4. **Shift Premium:** 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27

| | | | |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Second Shift (Starting Time after School Dismissal) | \$1.00 | \$1.00 | \$1.00 |
| Third Shift (Starting Time after the Conclusion of the 2 nd Shift) | \$2.00 | \$2.00 | \$2.00 |

5. **Boilers License Premium:** 2024/25 2025/26 2026/27

Employees are entitled to one license premium or the other, not both.

Black Seal License - \$750 \$750 \$750
 (ALL members of the Facilities Department are entitled to obtain this License)

Blue Seal - \$1,500 \$1,500 \$1,500
 (ONLY Maintenance Personnel & Head Custodians are entitled to a Premium for this License)

MONETARY AND BENEFITS – (continued)

| 6. Longevity: | <u>2024/25</u> | <u>2025/26</u> | <u>2026/27</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 10 Years | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 |
| 15 Years | \$1,500 | \$1,500 | \$1,500 |
| 20 Years | \$2,000 | \$2,000 | \$2,000 |
| 25 Years | \$2,500 | \$2,500 | \$2,500 |

7. Journeyman Premium:

A base salary adjustment in the amount of \$2,500.00 will be paid to all maintenance personnel in any of the following trade categories:

Electrician
Mason
Carpenter
Plumber/Pipe fitter
Sheet metal/HVAC
Grounds Person

8. CDL License Premium:

\$500.00/year stipend for up to three (3) members of maintenance or grounds. Cost for maintaining the license (medical, NJDMV fees, etc.) to be covered by employee.