

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
DENNIS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND
DENNIS TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION

July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2024

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into this 1st day of July, 2021, by and between the Dennis Township Board of Education Dennis Township, New Jersey, hereinafter called the “**Board**” and the Dennis Township Administrators’ Association, hereinafter called the “**Association**”.

ARTICLE 1 BARGAINING UNIT AND DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the exclusive and sole representative for collective negotiations concerning the terms and conditions for Principals, Vice Principals, Supervisors and Director of Special Education.
- B. This Agreement shall be in force during the period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024.
- C. This Agreement constitutes Board policy for the term of said Agreement, and the Board shall carry out the commitments contained herein and give them full force and effect as board policy.
- D. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.
- E. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual unit member, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement during its duration shall be controlling.

ARTICLE 2 NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws of 1975 in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. Such negotiations shall begin on or before the date established by PERC and by mutual agreement between the parties of this contract. Any agreement so negotiated shall apply to unit members, as indicated in each clause, be reduced to writing, be signed by the Board and Association, and be adopted by the Board.
- B. During negotiations, the Board and the Association shall present relevant data, exchange points of view, and make proposals. In support of such negotiations, the Board shall make available to the Association, upon written request, all information in the public domain.
- C. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge their representatives shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make counterproposals in the course of negotiations.
- D. Should a mutually acceptable amendment to this Agreement be negotiated by the parties, it shall be reduced to writing, be signed by the Board and the Association, and be adopted by the Board.

- E. The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning said employee in the negotiating unit as defined in Article 1(A) of this Agreement, with any other organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement.
- F. It is understood by all parties that under the rulings of the Courts of New Jersey and the State Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education is forbidden to waive any rights or powers granted it by law.
- G. The parties agree to follow the procedures outlined in the Agreement, and to use no other channels to resolve any questions or proposal until the procedures within this Agreement are fully exhausted.
- H. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.

ARTICLE 3
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. Definition of Grievance

A grievance is a claim that there has been a violation of this Agreement by the Association, a unit member or a group of unit members.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems which may from time to time arise affecting the terms and conditions of employment of unit members. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of procedure.

Nothing herein contained shall be construed as limiting the right of any unit member having a grievance to discuss the matter informally with any appropriate member of the administration and having the grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, provided the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and that the Association has been given the opportunity to be present at such adjustment and to state its views.

C. Procedure:

Since it is important that the grievance be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.

In the event a grievance is filed at such time that it cannot be processed through all the steps in this grievance procedure by the end of the school year and, if left unresolved until the beginning of the following school year, could result in irreparable harm to a party in interest, the time limits set forth herein shall be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as practicable.

1. Level One

A unit member with a grievance shall first discuss it with the Chief School Administrator either directly or through the Association's designated representative, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. Any unit member or unit members, or the Association having a grievance must institute the proceedings at this level within twenty-one (21) school days after the unit member, or unit members or the Association know of the grievance. The Chief School Administrator will prepare a written summary of the discussion and file this summary in the grievance file.

2. Level Two

If the aggrieved person(s) is/are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Chief School Administrator, they, or their representatives, may within five (5) school days after a decision by the Chief School Administrator or fifteen (15) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Chief School Administrator, whichever is sooner, appeal the grievance to the Board.

3. Level Three

Upon receipt of a grievance, the Board shall review the decision at the next regularly held board meeting. The Board may hold a hearing at that meeting with the employee if requested by the employee and shall render a decision in writing within five (5) school days of the board meeting. Copies of the decision of the Board shall be sent to the aggrieved, the Chief School Administrator and the Association's designated representative.

4. Level Four

- a. A grievance which remains unresolved to the satisfaction of the Association may be submitted to arbitration by the Association within ten (10) school days after the Board's decision. The parties shall use PERC's services and rules to obtain the appointment of an arbitrator.
- b. The arbitrator, so selected, shall confer with the representatives of the Board and the Association's designated representative and hold hearings promptly and shall issue their decision no later than 30 days from the date of the close of the hearings, or if oral hearings have been waived, then from the date of final statements and proofs on the issues that are submitted to them. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth their findings of fact, reasoning and conclusions on the issues submitted. The arbitrator shall be without power or authority to make any decision that violates the terms of this Agreement. The decision of the arbitrator shall be submitted to the Board and the Association and shall be advisory.
- c. The costs for the services of the arbitrator including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses and the cost of the hearing room shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring the same.

D. Rights of Unit Members to Representation

1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by themselves or at their option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association. When a unit member is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and to state its views at all stages of the grievance procedure.
2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the Administration against any party in interest, any building representative, the Association's designated representative or any other participant in the grievance by reason of such participation.

E. Miscellaneous

1. Decisions rendered at all levels of the Grievance Procedure shall be in writing setting forth the decision and the reason therefore and shall be transmitted promptly to all parties in interest and to the Association's designated representative.
2. All unit members, including a unit member who has filed a grievance under this Agreement, shall continue to work in accordance with the direction of the Chief School Administrator or other supervisory personnel, regardless of the pendency of any grievance, until such grievance is properly determined.
3. All documents, communications, and records dealing with the processing of a grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of the participants.
4. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, taking appeals, making reports, and recommendations and other necessary documents shall be prepared jointly by the Chief School Administrator and the Association and given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.
5. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representative, heretofore referred to in the Article.

ARTICLE 4
UNIT MEMBERS' RIGHTS

- A. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any unit member such rights as he may have under New Jersey School Laws, other applicable law and regulations or Board policy.
- B. Whenever any unit member is required to appear before the Chief School Administrator, the Board, or any committee or member thereof concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that unit member in their office, position or employment or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, then they shall be given prior written notice of the reasons for such meeting or interview, and shall be given 24 hours notice to obtain a representative of the Association present to advise them and represent them during such meeting or interview. Any suspension of a unit member pending charges shall be with pay. If a decision is rendered in behalf of the Dennis Township School District or against a particular party, all monies shall be repaid from the

day of suspension to the date of complete repayment. (Interest to be fixed at prevailing bank rates.)

- C. An employee shall receive a copy of any materials placed into their file. The employee may submit written material in response to any materials placed in the file. This response must be received by the Chief School Administrator or their designee no later than fifteen (15) calendar days after the employee received the materials. Said response shall be included in the personnel file.

ARTICLE 5
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

- A. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association all information and/or data in its possession reasonably related to the obligation of the Association to carry out its bargaining and grievance handling responsibilities.
- B. For any proposed changes in an existing job description which results in additional duties and/or responsibilities, the Association reserves the right to negotiate the impact of those changes and compensation.

ARTICLE 6
WORK YEAR AND VACATIONS

A. Work Year

From the first teacher workday in the school year through the last teacher workday in the school year, administrators shall work the teacher calendar. During the period between the last teacher workday in one school year and the first teacher day in the next school year, administrators shall work each weekday except for July 4th and Labor Day. Once school is closed for the summer, generally work hours will be from 8:00 AM to 3:30PM Monday - Thursday. However, as needs arise, and at the direction of the Chief School Administrator, summer hours may be extended.

B. Vacation

1. Vacation time will be credited on July 1st. An employee in their first year of employment will be credited with one (1) day of vacation for each full month worked in the twelve months prior to July 1st. Twelve-month employees who have worked more than one (1) year shall be credited with 20 days vacation on July 1st.
2. An employee may use vacation time with the written approval of the Chief School Administrator.
3. Upon termination of employment in the District, the employee shall be credited with a prorated amount of vacation leave representing the proportion of time from the last July 1st and the date of termination of employment. The Board, may, in its discretion and after consultation with the Association representative: 1) require the employee to use accumulated vacation days prior to the last day of employment; 2) pay the employee for accumulated vacation days if the employee has fulfilled his/her responsibilities for an orderly transition; or, 3) some combination of 1) and 2).
4. An administrator may carry over a maximum of seven (7) days of vacation into the next work year.

ARTICLE 7
SALARIES AND MILEAGE

- A. The salaries for each year of this contract of all unit members covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule A.
- B. The Board shall reimburse all unit members' travel incurred at the request of the Board any representative thereof at the State OMB mileage rate then in effect.

ARTICLE 8
SICK LEAVE

- A. Twelve month unit members shall be entitled to twelve (12) days sick leave each school year as of the July 1 whether or not they report for duty on that day. Unused sick leave days shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit.
- B. New employees shall be credited with one (1) day of sick leave per month for the number of full or part months remaining in the school year as of the first day of work.
- C. Upon retirement, employees shall be compensated for one-hundred (100%) of unused accumulated sick days at a rate equal to one two hundred sixtieth (1/260th) of the employee's salary in their final year. Retirement will mean they must retire under the provision of the Teachers' Pension & Annuity Fund. They must have a minimum of ten years of service with the Dennis Township Board of Education.
 - 1. Upon retirement, employees shall be compensated for one-hundred (100%) of unused accumulated sick days at a rate equal to one two hundred sixtieth (1/260th) of the employee's salary in their final year. The maximum payment under C. shall be \$15,000. Retirement will mean the employee must retire under the provisions of the Teachers' Pension and Annuity Fund. He/she must have a minimum of ten (10) years of service with the Dennis Township Board of Education by the effective date of retirement to qualify for this payment.
 - 2. The maximum number of days to be compensated is 125 days.
 - 3. Payments under C. shall be made in the July following the retirement if written notice of retirement is received by the Board before December 31 in a year. In the event that such notice is later than December 31, the payment shall be made in the second July following the retirement. Disability retirements will be treated as if the December 31 notice had been given.
 - 4. In order to qualify for a payment under this section, the employee shall provide to the Board a non-revocable letter of intention to retire by March 1 immediately before the effective date of retirement.

ARTICLE 9
TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- A. It is recognized that while the following leaves are available when necessary, the typical employee will not be expected to take every possible leave day.
- B. Up to four (4) days' leave of absence for personal, legal, household, business, or family matters which require absence during school hours. Application to the Chief School Administrator for personal leave shall be made at least three (3) days before taking such leave (except in the case of emergencies) and the applicant for such leave shall not be required to state the reason for taking such leave other than that he is taking it under this

section. If three (3) unused personal days remain at the end of the year, two (2) personal days will be converted to sick leave. If two (2) unused personal days remain at the end of the year, one (1) personal day will be converted to sick leave. Personal days should not be included with holidays or vacation days, but such days may be approved by the Chief School Administrator.

C. Bereavement

1. Up to five (5) days at any one time in the event of death of a unit member's spouse, child, parent, sister, brother or grandchildren.
2. Up to three (3) days at any one time in the event of death of a member's "Immediate family member" to include: aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, sister, brother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandparents (either by blood or marriage.).

D. Up to two (2) days for Family Illness. Unused family illness will not be cumulative. Family is defined as spouse, domestic partner, child, parent, sister, brother or grandchild.

E. Time necessary (up to two weeks) for persons called into temporary active duty of any unit of the U.S. Reserves or the State National Guard, provided such obligations cannot be fulfilled on days when school is not in session. A unit member shall be paid their regular pay in addition to any pay that they received from the State or Federal government.

F. Critical Illness

1. Up to five (5) days at any one time in the event of critical illness of a unit member's spouse, child, parent, sister, brother or grandchild.
2. Up to three (3) days at any one time in the event of critical illness of a unit member's aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, and grandparents (either by blood or marriage.)
3. Criteria for critical illness: vital signs unstable or may be unconscious or major complications may be present or prognosis is questionable or death may be imminent or progress is unsatisfactory. This condition is established by the doctor's order.

G. Other leaves of absence with pay or without may be granted by the Board for good reason.

ARTICLE 10
EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Any regular employee who may enlist or be conscripted into the Armed Services of the United States, during a declared military emergency, for service or training, shall be granted a military leave. If one leaves the Armed Forces, at the first possible opportunity after the military emergency has been canceled or after the cessation of hostilities, one shall be reinstated to their position in this school system with full credit including the annual increment(s) under the salary policy, upon written request supported by competent proof that said applicant is fully qualified to perform the duties of said position. The application for reinstatement shall be made within a reasonable time after discharge or release from military service and not be later than ninety (90) days from the date of said release or discharge.

B. Child-Rearing Leave

1. Application for child-rearing leave shall be made if at all possible at least three (3) months prior to the anticipated birth of the child. Application shall be on forms provided by the Board. The granting of child-rearing leave shall be consistent with board policy, the State of New Jersey Leave Act, and the Federal Family Leave Act.
2. Child-rearing leave shall be granted to employees for an amount of time up to and including the balance of the school year during which the child is born. The employee may apply for an additional year of child-rearing leave. The employee shall indicate in writing the amount of time desired for the leave in accordance with Article (B)(1) before April 1 preceding the additional full year.
3. Any employee adopting a child shall be granted a child-rearing leave in conformity with the provisions of Article (B)(2), and such leave shall commence by the date on which the employee obtains custody of the child. Notice shall be given to the Board at least sixty (60) days prior to the anticipated date of custody if possible, or as soon as the date is known.

C. Illness in Family

A leave of absence without pay of up to one (1) year shall be granted for the purpose of caring for a sick member of the unit member's immediate family.

D. Benefits

All accumulated benefits to which a unit member is entitled at the time their leave of absence commenced; including unused accumulated sick leave shall be restored to them upon their return.

- E. Employees required to perform jury duty shall receive their full pay, minus the amount paid by the Courts, for the time that they serve.

ARTICLE 11

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. Pay and Expenses for Required Training

The Board will pay the full cost of tuition and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, in-service training sessions which an employee is requested to take by the Board.

- B. Each full-time unit member shall be reimbursed up to \$2,500 annually for the purposes of workshops and conventions and tuition for professional course work. The maximum number of graduate credits to be reimbursed in a year (July 1 through June 30) is twelve (12). Application for use of these monies shall be in writing and must be approved in writing by the Chief School Administrator in advance.

- C. Reimbursement shall be made to the Board by any employee who voluntarily leaves employment for the cost of any credit(s) paid within three (3) full school/academic years. Reimbursement for employees who voluntarily leave within the first year shall be at 100% of the cost and reimbursement for employees who voluntarily leave within the second or third year shall be at 50% of the cost.

ARTICLE 12
INSURANCE COVERAGE

Employee contributions for health insurance shall be, at a minimum, those required under Chapter 78, PL 2011.

ARTICLE 13
DUES


The Board shall pay the annual NJPSA dues for each unit member.

ARTICLE 14
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. The Board and the Association agree that there shall be no discrimination, and that all practices, procedures, and policies of the school system shall clearly exemplify that there is no discrimination in the hiring, training, assignment, promotion, transfer, or discipline of unit members or in the application or administration of this Agreement on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, national origin, sex, social economic status, ancestry, marital status, or age.
- B. Copies of this Agreement shall be duplicated or professionally printed within 30 days after ratification by both parties at a cost shared equally by the Association and the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be signed and executed, and signed by their respective presidents and attested by their secretaries on the _____ of _____, 2021.

DENNIS TOWNSHIP
ADMINISTRATORS' ASSOCIATION




President

Secretary

DENNIS TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION



President



Secretary

APPENDIX A

SALARIES

Each unit member shall receive as a percentage salary increase on their base salaries.

2021-2022	2.75%
2022-2023	2.75%
2023-2024	2.75%

ADVANCED DEGREE STATUS

Beginning with the date following attainment of the requisite credits or degree set forth below, the administrator shall receive the relevant salary shown above plus the relevant amount shown below per year.

MA+30	\$1,500
MA+45	\$3,000
MA+60	\$3,500
DOCTORATE	\$3,700

TITLE	2021-2024
Principal	\$92,000-\$130,000
Vice Principal	\$89,000 - \$115,000
Supervisor	\$89,000 - \$115,000
Director	\$89,000 - \$125,000

ADVANCED DEGREE STATUS

<u>Starting the 16th year:</u>	<u>\$1,500</u>
<u>Starting the 20th year:</u>	<u>\$2,000</u>
<u>Starting the 24th year:</u>	<u>\$2,500</u>