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County Joint Vocational School District
Board of Education and the
Pickaway-Ross Teachers' Association

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AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE
PICKAWAY-ROSS COUNTY JOINT
VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE
PICKAWAY-ROSS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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An Agreement between the
Board of Education of the Pickaway-Ross County Joint Vocational School District
and the
Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association

This Agreement entered into this 1st day of July, 2022, between the Board of Education of the Pickaway-Ross County Joint Vocational School District (the "Board") and the Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association (the "Association") as follows:

Article 1 Recognition

- 1.01 The Board recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive representative for the members of the bargaining unit, which shall consist of all full-time certificated/licensed staff members employed by the Board under regular teaching contracts. The superintendent; directors; supervisors; administrative coordinators; treasurer; tutors; substitutes; non-certificated/non-licensed personnel; and any other part-time, seasonal, student, confidential, supervisory or management level employees as defined in Section 4117.01 of the Ohio Revised Code are excluded from the bargaining unit and are not subject to the terms of this Agreement.
- 1.02 Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent any teacher or teachers from presenting their views and recommendations directly to the Board in accordance with established procedures, provided that collective negotiations shall be conducted only with the Association. The Board would also reserve the right to present its views directly to the Teachers Association.

Article 2 Negotiation Procedure

- 2.01 Pursuant to Sections 4117.14(C) and 4117.14(E) of the Ohio Revised Code, the parties have established the following mutually agreed upon negotiations and dispute resolution procedures which supersede the procedures listed in Section 4117(C) (2)-(6) and any other procedures to the contrary.
- 2.02 Either the Association or the Board may initiate negotiations by letter of submission forwarded to the other party between January 15-31 of any year. Within fifteen (15) working days after receipt of such notice, the parties shall hold their first negotiation session at which both parties shall submit all their formal proposals. Thereafter, neither party shall submit additional items unless the other party consents.
- 2.03 Proposals and counterproposals submitted at all meetings shall be complete and shall specify that to which agreement is sought. Topical listings of items proposed for negotiation ("laundry lists") shall constitute a clear failure to comply with this requirement, and may be disregarded.

- 2.04 The Board and the Association shall each be represented at all negotiation meetings by a team to consist of not more than five (5) nor fewer than three (3) persons. Neither party shall exercise or attempt to exercise any influence over the selection of the other party's team of negotiators. All negotiations shall be conducted privately and exclusively between said teams.
- 2.05 The Board and the Association agree to meet in good faith. "Good faith" means the obligation of both negotiating teams to meet at reasonable times and deal with each other openly and fairly. It requires that each team be willing to react to the other's proposals. If a proposal is unacceptable to one of the teams, that team is obligated to respond with a counterproposal or give its reasons for the rejection of the proposal. "Good faith" does not require either party to make a concession. As tentative agreement is reached in issues, they shall be noted and initialed by each party.
- 2.06 Meetings will be scheduled to negotiate proposals until tentative agreement on all items is obtained or an impasse is reached. Prior to the completion of each negotiation session, a mutually agreeable time, place and date shall be set for the next negotiation session. Either party may recess for caucuses of reasonable length at any time. Caucuses shall not exceed thirty (30) minutes unless the parties agree to a longer period of time. Minutes of meetings may be kept by either party in such form and detail as the party may determine advisable.
- 2.07 Periodic progress reports may be issued during the negotiations to the public or the news media only if such release has the prior approval of both negotiating teams. Periodic progress reports may be made by the respective negotiating teams to their constituencies.
- 2.08 Both parties agree to furnish the other, upon reasonable request, available information necessary to resolve issues being negotiated. Access to available information in such form as it may exist constitutes compliance with this provision. Neither party is obligated to develop data or information not in existence or to rework, redraft, summarize, or compute data or information to provide it in other than its existing form.
- 2.09 Tentative agreement shall be reduced to writing and submitted to the Association for consideration. Upon approval by the Association, the Agreement shall be submitted to the Board for consideration. If approved by the parties, the Agreement shall be signed on behalf of the parties and shall become a contract between parties for the period stated therein.
- 2.10 The following alternate dispute resolution procedure shall replace ORC 4117.14 (C) (2) through 4117 (D) (1) as provided for under ORC 4117 (C)(1) (f) in the negotiations for a successor contract.

If on May 15, tentative agreement on all items is not reached, both parties shall use the services of the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS) for a mediation period of forty-five (45) days from May 15, or for a longer time should the parties mutually agree. FMCS shall be contacted jointly by the parties. The mediator shall hold such meetings as are necessary to effect an agreement.

Article 3 Board of Education Rights

- 3.01 Except as specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by a specific and expressed term of this Agreement, the Board hereby retains and reserves all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it and/or the Superintendent by the laws and Constitution of the State of Ohio, and of the United States, including but not limited to the Board's right to: determine matters of inherent managerial policy which include, but are not limited to, areas of discretion or policy such as the functions and programs of the Board, standards of services, its overall budget, utilization of technology and organizational structure; its right to direct, supervise, evaluate and hire employees; maintain and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of school operations; determine the overall methods, process, means or personnel by which school operations are to be conducted; suspend, discipline, demote or discharge for just cause, or lay off, transfer, assign, schedule, promote, or retain employees; determine the adequacy of the work force; determine the overall mission of the school district as an educational unit; effectively manage the work force; take actions to carry out the missions of the school district; and the Superintendent's right to direct, assign, supervise, evaluate, schedule and transfer employees. The Board's and the Superintendent's exercise of the foregoing management rights requires neither prior negotiation with nor agreement of the Association.

Article 4 Conflict with Law

- 4.01 The Board of Education and the Association agree that all items in this contract which supersede applicable state law and which may permissibly do so under Ohio Revised Code Section 4117.01(A) shall not be affected by this Article. Should any clause of this contract be held to be in violation of the law by a court of competent jurisdiction, then that clause of the contract shall be rendered null and void, but the remainder of the contract shall remain in full force and effect.

Article 5 Classification of Teacher for Placement on Salary Schedule

5.01 Each teacher shall be placed in the appropriate salary classification in accordance with the standards set forth below.

5.02 A newly hired teacher has one year from the date the Board approved the employment to raise objections to his or her placement on the steps and columns of the salary schedule. If a teacher does raise a valid objection during that one year, the teacher will receive back pay to the beginning of his or her employment. After that one-year period no teacher may challenge or object to his or her placement on the schedule with the following exception: a teacher may challenge placement based only on the District making a math or clerical mistake, with the correction to be prospective only.

5.03 Class II -- Bachelor's Degree or Equivalent

a. Bachelor's Degree

Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree from an accredited college or university and less than 150 semester hours of credit.

b. Equivalent

Career Technical Teachers meeting the minimum state standards for obtaining a provisional career-technical license or advanced career technical workforce development license by reason of successful experience in business/industry or such combination of post high school training and business/industrial experience.

After initial placement on the salary schedule, an instructor is placed in either Route A or Route B for purposes of advancement on the salary schedule. If an employee is identified as a Route A employee, the staff member's ability to advance on the salary schedule will be determined by obtaining course credits solely, as outlined in 5.03a, 5.04a, and 5.05a. If an employee is identified upon their hire as a Route B employee, the staff member's ability to advance on the salary schedule will be determined by obtaining a combination of course credits and contact hours (with a minimum of ½ being course credits), as is outlined in 5.03b, 5.04b, and 5.05b. If the employee is reassigned or is board approved into another position, their route (A or B) could be redetermined at that time.

5.04 Class III -- Bachelor's Degree and 150 Hours

a. Bachelor's Degree and 150 Hours

Teachers with a Bachelor's Degree and with a total of 150 semester hours from an accredited college or university.

b. Career Technical Teachers:

1. Holding a two-year provisional career-technical license (renewable one (1) time) or holding a five (5) year professional or five (5) year advanced career-technical workforce development license who previously held a four-year provisional career-technical license; or
2. Holding a five-year professional career-technical license and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license who have completed a minimum of 9 semester hours (14 quarter hours) or equivalent of professional improvement beyond the initial issuance of such two-year or four-year provisional career-technical license or five-year professional and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license career-technical license, one-half of which must be course work shown on a transcript, taken at a college or university. Only continuing education units will be approved by the LPDC.

5.05 Class IV -- Master's Degree or Equivalent

a. Master's Degree

Teachers with a Master's Degree from an accredited college or university.

b. Career Technical Teachers:

1. Holding a five-year professional career-technical and/or advanced career technical workforce development license who previously held an eight-year professional career-technical certificate; or
2. Holding a five-year professional career-technical and/or advanced career technical workforce development license, who previously held a two or four-year provisional career-technical license, and who have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours or equivalent of professional improvement beyond the initial issuance of such two or four-year license; or
3. Holding a five-year professional and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license, plus three years teaching experience and who have completed a minimum of thirty (30) semester hours or equivalent of professional improvement beyond the initial issuance of such five-year license.

One-half of all such hours or equivalent must be course work shown on a transcript, taken at a college or university. Only continuing education units will be approved by the LPDC.

This section shall apply to teachers of career-technical subjects who by virtue of appropriate work experience and a Bachelor's Degree, or to non-degree teachers by virtue of appropriate work experience and the completion of an approved educational program, have completed the above requirements.

5.06 Class V -- Master's Degree or Equivalent + 15 Approved Semester Hours

a. Master's Degree Plus Fifteen Hours

Teachers with a Master's Degree and 15 additional semester hours from an accredited college or university since the issuance of the Master's Degree.

b. Career Technical Teachers

1. Holding a five-year professional and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license who previously held an eight-year professional career-technical certificate who have completed 15 additional semester hours beyond the initial issuance of such eight-year certificate; or
2. Holding a five-year professional and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license, who previously held a four-year provisional career-technical license, and who have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours or equivalent of professional improvement beyond the initial issuance of such four-year license; or
3. Holding a five-year professional and/or advanced career-technical workforce development license plus, three years teaching experience and who have completed a minimum of 45 semester hours or equivalent of professional improvement beyond the initial issuance of such five-year license.

One-half of all such hours or equivalent must be course work shown on a transcript, taken at a college or university. Only continuing education units will be approved by the LPDC.

This section shall apply to teachers of career-technical subjects who by virtue of appropriate work experience and a Master's Degree, or to non-degree teachers by virtue of appropriate work experience and the completion of an approved educational program, have completed the above requirements.

- 5.07 Teachers who submit written notice of additional training qualifying them for higher salary classes shall do so in accordance with the following guidelines;
- a. Submission to the Superintendent, or his designee, on or before September 15 of notice of additional training, approved by the LPDC (when applicable) and official transcripts shall cause the teacher's salary to be increased, upon Board approval, effective July 1 of that calendar year;
 - b. Submission to the Superintendent, or his designee, on or before December 15 of notice of additional training, approved by the LPDC (when applicable) and official transcripts shall cause the teacher's salary to be increased, upon Board approval, effective December 1 of that calendar year.

Article 6 Teacher Contract Salary Payments

- 6.01
- a. For the duration of this contract, all bargaining unit members' regular contract salary payments will be paid by direct deposit.
 - b. Teachers shall be paid on the fifteenth (15) and the thirtieth (30) day of each month, for twenty-four (24) pays over an annual pay cycle. If the fifteenth (15) or thirtieth (30) of that month fall on a weekend or holiday, teachers will be paid on the previous work day.

Article 7 Multiple Year Contracts

- 7.01 The following procedure shall be followed regarding the appointment of teachers:

- a. First Year - - - One-Year Limited Contract
- b. Second Year - - - One-Year Limited Contract
- c. Third Year & - - - Two-Year Limited Contract Provided the
 Thereafter Applicant has Received a Five-Year/
 Professional or Advanced Career-Technical
 Workforce Development License

- 7.02 A teacher eligible for a two-year contract may be given a one-year contract in accordance with the Superintendent's recommendation. Upon request, the Superintendent shall provide the written reasons for his/her recommendation to the teacher. No teacher holding a one-year teaching license may be employed on anything other than a one-year limited contract.

- 7.03 All years of service shall be consecutive years of service with the Pickaway-Ross JVSD.

- 7.04
- a. A teacher shall be considered for continuing contract at the end of a limited contract in accordance with law.
 - b. A teacher who becomes eligible for a continuing contract during the term of a multi-year limited contract may be considered on individual merit for a continuing contract upon meeting the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code. A teacher who expects to become eligible for continuing contract consideration by the next May and who desires to be considered must give the Superintendent written notice of the expected eligibility by September 15 of that school year. A continuing contract during the term of a multi-year limited contract shall be issued only upon the affirmative recommendation of the Superintendent and affirmative vote by a majority of the Board.
- 7.05
- In accordance with R.C. 3319.10, a teacher employed as a substitute with an assignment to one specific teaching position shall, after sixty days of service be granted sick leave and other local privileges granted for regular teachers, including a salary based on the teacher's salary schedule to which their training and experience would entitle them. When a qualified substitute teacher is called upon to assume full responsibility for a class, as at the beginning or close of a school term, and such circumstances are known by the Superintendent, the Superintendent is authorized to pay a salary based on the regular teachers' salary schedule from the first day of substituting. The qualified substitute teacher would revert to casual substitute status upon completion of said specific assignment. The Superintendent's office will notify the Association President in writing that a long term substitute has become a bargaining unit member, and the Association President will provide the Board's Treasurer in writing with directions on whether and when to deduct Association dues and the amount to be deducted. This long term substitute will receive a regular contract if assigned or employed in the same position for the next school year. The Board will have the option to suspend the contract of the long term substitute, or institute internal transfer if the regular teacher whose position was being filled returns to active work status. Until such time a long-term substitute has a regular contract, the long-term substitute continues to have the status of a substitute. If a long term substitute obtains a regular contract, his or her seniority shall include the time worked as a long-term substitute. Nothing in this section obligates the Superintendent or the Board to utilize a long-term substitute or to post a position for a long-term substitute, if the position is under review for reorganization.
- 7.06
- Nothing contained herein shall abridge the Board's authority to employ or non-renew teachers in accordance with Chapter 3319. Ohio Revised Code, and in accordance with the Agreement.

Article 8 Rehiring Retired Teachers

- 8.01 Retired teachers hired as bargaining unit members will be hired on a one-year (1) limited contract which will be automatically non-renewed at the end of that contract with no notice from the Board. No more than five (5) percent of the bargaining unit shall consist of rehired retired teachers.
- 8.02 All rehired retired teachers will receive full educational steps on the salary index and years of experience up to five (5) years with a cap of ten (10) years of experience. Rehired retired teachers will accumulate no seniority.
- 8.03 Rehired retired teachers will begin at zero (0) sick days upon initial employment as a rehired retired but will be eligible to accumulate sick days according to the negotiated agreement. Rehired retired teachers will be eligible for all other leaves according to the negotiated agreement.
- 8.04 Rehired retired teachers will not be eligible for severance.
- 8.05 All other provisions of the negotiated Agreement unless addressed in this Article will apply to rehired retired teachers hired as bargaining unit members.

Article 9 Leave for Professional Meetings and Visitations

- 9.01 For the purpose of this Article, professional meetings and activities are those meetings and activities for which the stated purpose is the improvement of a teacher's competency on the fulfillment of his/her assigned duties for the Board and, thus, a direct and immediate benefit will accrue to the Board. Professional activities shall include sponsorship of all vocational club activities.
- 9.02 Payment or partial payment of the teacher's expenses incurred in attendance at such meetings or participation in professional activities shall be provided as an in-service training activity to the extent the budget permits. Payment will be made by the 30th of the month (or the last prior working day) provided the reimbursement request reaches the Treasurer by the 10th day of the month.
- 9.03 Upon review, the Superintendent may approve requests for professional leave and will employ qualified substitutes when necessary. No payment or partial payment of expenses shall be made unless the request is within the appropriation established by the Board.
- 9.04 Requests for professional leave must be in advance and be in writing for consideration of approval by the Supervisor, Appropriate Director and Superintendent. Upon advanced notice prior to the scheduled activity, the Superintendent may require the teacher(s) to file a written report on the meeting or visitation.

- 9.05
- a. When applying for the Board to pay for a training leading to industry certification, a teacher shall indicate whether he or she intends to obtain certification by passing any required test or only to take the training.
 - b. The Board will pay one time for the cost of a test leading to industry certification for which the Board has been paying the cost of the training.
 - c. The Board will pay a one-time bonus to a teacher, equal to the cost of the test, for industry certification after the teacher passes the test and obtains certification for which the Board paid the cost of the training.

Article 10 Leaves of Absence

10.01 Sick Leave

10.012 General Provisions

- a. Sick leave shall be credited in accordance with Section 3319.141, Ohio Revised Code, at the rate of one and one-fourth days per month to a maximum of 15 days per year. Unused sick leave is cumulative to a maximum of two-hundred eighty-five (285) days.
- b. Subject to the specifications and requirements of Section 3319.141, Ohio Revised Code, a teacher who transfers from another school district or other agency of the State of Ohio shall be credited with the unused balance of his/her accumulated sick leave up to the maximum of two-hundred eighty-five (285) days.
- c. Beginning in 1997-98, at the end of the contract year, the Board will purchase from a teacher who has two hundred eighty-five (285) accumulated sick leave days, the number of sick leave days above the 285 total which the teacher would have had at the end of that contract year if the sick leave accumulation were not capped at 285 days. The payment will be based on the teacher's per diem rate for that completed school year multiplied by .225. Payment shall be made on the second payroll date following the closing of the school year. (Examples: (1) teacher begins 1997-98 with 285 sick leave days, and uses 2.0 sick leave days during the year, resulting in payment of .225 times 13 days; and (2) teacher accumulates 285 sick leave days as of December 31 of the 1997-98 school year and uses 3.5 days, resulting in payment of .225 times 4.0 days.)
- d. At the beginning of the school year, all teachers who have not accumulated sick leave shall be entitled to an advance of five (5) days of paid sick leave and an additional five (5) days upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the Board.

10.013 Illness or Injury in the Immediate Family

Subject to the specifications and requirements of Section 3319.141, Ohio Revised Code, and subject to the requirements contained in this provision, teachers may use sick leave for absence due to personal illness, pregnancy, injury, exposure to contagious disease which could be communicated to others, and for absence due to illness, injury or death in the teacher's immediate family. The term "immediate family" shall include spouse, children, mother and father, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandmother, grandfather, grandchild, mother-in-law, and father-in-law.

10.014 Illness or Injury in Extended Family

Except as limited herein, the term "extended family" shall include sister-in-law, brother-in-law, aunt-in-law, uncle-in-law, grandparent-in-law, niece, and nephew. A teacher may use up to five (5) days of sick leave per occurrence for illness or injury of members of the teacher's "extended" family.

10.02 Personal Leave

- a. A teacher may be granted a maximum of four (4) days of personal leave per school year. Unused personal leave is not cumulative. At the option of the teacher, either whole or half days may be used as long as such days are used in accordance with the provisions herein.
- b. Requests for personal leave shall be submitted for approval to the Superintendent on a form designated for that purpose three (3) days in advance, unless special circumstances make it impossible to comply with this advance application requirement. Where there are special circumstances, the Superintendent or his/her designee may waive the advance application requirement and the form shall then be completed within three (3) days after the absence.
- c. Personal leave shall be granted for legal, personal, or business matters that cannot be conducted outside regular school hours. One of the four (4) days may be used the day preceding or following a holiday or vacation period, subject to a cap of ten percent (10%) of the total bargaining unit on a first-come, first-served basis. For purposes of this section, COTA Day shall be considered a holiday if the teacher cannot establish that he/she attended COTA Day activities. No personal leave may be used within the first five days or last five days of the school year.
- d. Only in special circumstances, teachers may request to use personal leave in a manner that is inconsistent with the holiday, vacation, and beginning/end of year restrictions. The Superintendent may grant such requests on a case-by-case basis and his/her decision may not be the subject of a grievance.

10.03 Attendance Bonus

- a. Teachers who use the following number of sick leave days in total during a school year shall be paid an incentive payment as follows:

<u>Total Sick Leave Days Used</u>	<u>Incentive Payment</u>
0	\$1,000
1 or less	\$775
2 or less	\$575
3 or less	\$350

- b. Teachers who use the following number of personal leave days in total during a school year shall be paid an incentive payment as follows:

<u>Total Personal Days Used</u>	<u>Incentive Payment</u>
0	\$500
1 or less	\$375
2 or less	\$250
3 or less	\$125

The dollar amounts for the personal leave incentive will be increased if and when the Board increases the amount it pays for substitute teachers.

- c. Attendance shall be defined as being on duty and shall include professional leave days, Association leave days, jury duty, and military leave. Payment of such bonus shall be made on the second payroll date following the close of the fiscal year.
- d. Any bargaining unit member who does not use any personal leave days in a contract year shall, for each year of such non-use, be credited with one (1) additional day calculated and paid as a part of Article 21, Severance Pay. Payment of the attendance bonus in paragraph (b) above precludes the crediting of additional day for severance pay. Whether to receive the attendance or the credit for severance pay is the teacher's option. The teacher shall file his or her choice in writing by June 15 with the Treasurer.

10.04 Unpaid Leave for Illness, Disability, or Other Purpose (including Maternity, Paternity and Adoption)

- a. A teacher may apply for a leave of absence for illness or other disability without pay or benefit for a period not to extend beyond two (2) consecutive school years. Any leave granted shall expire at the end of a semester or school year.

- b. A request for such leave of absence will be submitted in writing, will state a specific expiration date of the requested leave, and will be accompanied by a written statement from the teacher's physician substantiating that an illness or disability exists requiring the requested leave of absence.
- c. The Board will not be obligated to return a teacher to active status with pay and benefits prior to the expiration date of the leave of absence granted for illness or disability. If the leave granted to a limited contract teacher extends beyond April 30 of the Teacher's contract year, the Board is not obligated to reemploy the teacher for the next school year if notice of nonrenewal is given on or before June 1 of the year in which the teacher's contract expires.
- d. If the insurance carrier permits, a teacher on leave may continue group insurance coverage at the teacher's expense.
- e. If the unpaid leave of absence request is for a purpose that comes under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, then the employee may request leave under subsections (a-d) above or instead as Family/Medical Leave. If the employee applies for Family/Medical Leave, then the employee's rights and eligibility and the Board's duties and rights shall be based on the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 only and not on (a-d) above. If an employee exhausts Family and Medical Leave and the employee's own illness or injury requires further absences, he or she may request unpaid leave under (a-d) above.

10.05 Military Leave

Military leave shall be granted pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3319.14 and 5923.05.

10.06 Leave for Professional Improvement

The Board may grant, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, leave to teachers for the purpose of undertaking additional professional training or skill upgrading. This leave shall be in accordance with Section 3319.131, Ohio Revised Code. No leave shall be granted unless a properly qualified substitute is available for the period of the leave.

10.07 Religious Leave

The Superintendent may authorize leave with pay, upon application, for absence of full-time employees, for the observation of major religious holidays of the teacher's faith, which are not included in the school calendar.

10.08 Jury Duty

A full-time teacher shall be paid the difference between the teacher's regular compensation and the remuneration received by him/her for serving as a juror or as a subpoenaed witness.

10.09 Assault Leave

- a. The Board of Education shall grant paid leave to an employee who is absent due to physical disability resulting from an assault which occurs in the course of Board employment.
- b. The employee shall submit on prescribed Board of Education forms justification for such leave. These signed forms shall be submitted to the immediate supervisor within two working days of the alleged incident, or if the employee is physically unable, as soon thereafter as possible. If medical attention is required, a certificate from a licensed physician stating the nature of the disability and its anticipated duration shall be required before assault leave can be approved for payment.
- c. Assault leave shall not be charged against sick leave and earnings under the provisions for this leave shall be at the difference between the employee's regular compensation and the remuneration, if any, received by the employee from workers' compensation. Assault leave shall, if necessary, include time for court appearances, legal consultations or meetings with law enforcement officials concerning the alleged assault.
- d. Leave which results from disability occurring from an assault shall terminate upon the employee's return to duty. Such leave shall automatically terminate at the expiration or termination of an employee's contract, resignation of said employee or declaration of eligibility of the employee for disability retirement benefits.
- e. The teacher shall be granted assault leave for up to a maximum of twenty (20) working days. Additional assault leave may be granted by the Superintendent in extenuating circumstances.

10.10 Bereavement Leave

- a. Each bargaining unit member shall be allowed one (1) day with pay for each death in the teacher's extended family and up to five (5) days with pay for each death in the teacher's immediate family (See Section 10.013 for definitions.) Beyond such days, a teacher may request that the Superintendent allow the teacher to use up to three (3) sick leave days for death in the immediate and extended family.

- b. The use of Bereavement Leave for death in the extended or immediate family shall not be charged to a person's accumulated sick leave. Use of sick leave beyond the Bereavement Leave allowances will be charged to the teacher's sick leave.
- c. When special circumstances exist, a teacher may request that the Superintendent allow the teacher to use up to three (3) days of sick leave for purposes of attending the funeral of a close friend or family member not previously defined as an "immediate family" member. The Superintendent's decision to grant or deny such a request may not be grieved.
- d. In addition, Personal Leave under Article 10.02 may be used to attend a funeral.

Article 11 Association Rights

- 11.01 a. The Board will provide payroll deduction for the payment of Association dues as authorized in writing by a teacher in accordance with Section 4117.09(B)(2), Ohio Revised Code. Payroll deductions may be made beginning with the first paycheck in October and continuing for the next nine (9) months (1/18th of the total amount due per paycheck). Upon termination, the remainder of the Association dues shall be deducted from the employee's paycheck. Written authorization for payroll deduction of dues shall be continuous from school year to school year. A teacher may revoke such authorization by giving written notice to the Treasurers of both the Board and the Association by September 30.

- b. Indemnification of Board

The Association on behalf of itself and the OEA and NEA agrees to indemnify the Board, its members, officers, Treasurer, and employees in the Treasurer's office, for any cost or liability incurred as a result of the implementation and enforcement of this provision provided that:

- (1) The Board shall give a twenty-one (21) day written notice of any claim made or action filed against the Board by a non-member for which indemnification may be claimed.
- (2) The Association shall reserve the right to designate counsel to represent and defend the Board.
- (3) The Board agrees (a) to give full and complete cooperation and assistance to the Association and its counsel at all levels of the proceeding, (b) to permit the Association or its affiliates to intervene as a party if it so desires, and/or (3) not to oppose the Association or its affiliates' application to file *amicus curiae* in the action.

- 11.02 The Association shall have the right to use school equipment without charge for normal Association business when not otherwise in use for school purposes.

Association meetings or other business that involves large general unit attendance will not interfere with the program of instruction and must be approved by the Director of Secondary Education.

- 11.03 The Association shall have the use of one designated bulletin board in a central area for the general use of the Association.

- 11.04 The Association President shall receive as soon as available an advance copy of any proposed policy changes in Section G, Personnel; Section I, Instruction; and Section J, Students; of the Board Policy Manual. The Association President and one other designated member of the Association may discuss proposed changes with the administration prior to their being presented to the Board of Education.

The President of the Association will receive Board agendas as soon as they become available for mailing to Board members. The formal minutes of all attachments shall be furnished to the President of the Association for all Board meetings.

- 11.05 The Association shall have the use of teachers' mailboxes for the distribution of Association announcements.

- 11.06 The Association shall have the right to use school telephones to carry out Association business. The Association shall reimburse the Board for fees or tolls.

- 11.07 The teachers shall be permitted to sign up for payroll deductions for the following areas:

- (1) Individual Retirement Accounts
- (2) Tax Sheltered Annuities
- (3) Cancer Insurance
- (4) Universal Credit Union
- (5) Vision Insurance
- (6) Any other deferred compensation plan that can be currently accommodated by the treasurer's office accounting system software.
- (7) Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE) dues in four equal payments during the first four pay periods of the school year
- (8) American Automobile Association dues

The amounts for such deductions shall be in accordance with the contracts between the individual and companies involved.

Teachers shall be permitted to either sign up or revoke authorization according to the guidelines and requirements of the companies or organizations involved in items (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6). Documents pertaining to items (1), (2), and (5) must be properly completed and filed in the treasurer's office ten (10) calendar days prior to the effective payroll date.

Article 12 Association Leave

- 12.01 The Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association shall be granted up to a maximum of fifteen (15) teacher days per year of professional leave to attend to Association duties, including the OEA delegate assembly. Any of the 15 days that are not used during this Agreement may be accumulated to be available for Association use in bargaining a successor Agreement during the term of this Agreement. Such leave shall be granted upon written request from the President of the Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association no later than three (3) school days prior to the date(s) for which the leave is requested. Such written notice shall include the name of the teacher taking leave and the day(s) required for the leave. Such leave shall not be granted to teachers to engage in a strike activity. A copy of the request for leave form shall be provided to the Association President promptly after administrative action. All expenses incurred in attending such meetings will be borne by the Association. Costs for substitute teachers will be borne by the Board of Education.
- 12.02 The Association President will have no administrative duties, and will have one (1) period per day for Association business. If the Association President's schedule cannot be adjusted for a daily free period, he/she shall have no administrative duties and shall be given four (4) one-half (1/2) days to perform Association business during the school year. These four (4) one-half (1/2) days will be noncumulative and can only be used by the Association President. The President shall make a written request no later than three (3) days prior to the date(s) for which Association leave is requested. The Superintendent may waive the three (3) day request period in the case of an emergency.

Article 13 Grievance Procedure

- 13.01 Definitions
- a. "Days" shall mean actual days during which school is in session and the involved official is on duty in the office. In the summer, a day shall mean week days, excluding holidays, provided the involved official is on duty in the office.
 - b. "Grievance" shall mean a claim by a teacher(s) that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of this Contract between the Association and the Board. If any grievance arises, there shall be no stoppage or suspension of work because of such grievance, for it is intended that it shall be submitted to this grievance procedure.

- c. "Grievant" shall mean a teacher(s) and/or Association initiating a grievance. Where more than one teacher is a grievant, each shall sign the grievance. The Association may grieve specific provisions which directly pertain to the Association as an entity.

13.02 Rights of the Grievant and the Association

- a. A grievant may at his/her sole discretion be accompanied at all formal steps of the grievance procedure by an Association representative of his/her choice.
- b. If the grievant does not present a grievance within twenty (20) days of the occurrence of the act or conditions on which the grievance is based, then the grievance shall be considered waived.
- c. If a decision on a grievance is not appealed within the time limits specified at any step of the procedure, the grievance shall be deemed settled on the basis of the disposition at that step and further appeal shall be barred. However, the time limits may be extended by mutual consent of all parties concerned.
- d. All notices of hearings, dispositions of grievances, written grievances and appeals shall be in writing and hand delivered or mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested.
- e. Hearings held under this provision shall be conducted at a time and place mutually acceptable, which will afford a fair and reasonable opportunity for all persons entitled to be present to attend. These hearings shall be scheduled outside of the regular work day whenever possible; however, if the meeting is scheduled during the work day, persons necessary for the meetings will be released to attend.
- f. The Association shall be notified of the times, dates, and places where grievance hearings are held, and afforded the opportunity to be present at any meeting where a grievance adjustment may occur. The Association President shall be given copies of all written grievances.

13.03 Grievance Procedure

a. Informal Procedure:

A grievance, except as indicated above, in 13.02 (b), shall first be presented to the appropriate Director in an attempt to resolve the problem informally.

b. Formal Procedure:

Level I. If the grievance is not resolved within five (5) days of the informal claim, it may be pursued further by submitting a completed Grievance Report Form, Step I, in duplicate. Copies of this form shall be submitted by the grievant to the appropriate Director. Within five (5) days of the receipt of the Grievance Report Form, the appropriate Director shall meet with the grievant. The appropriate Director shall write a disposition of the grievance within five (5) days after such meeting by completing Step I of the Grievance Report Form and returning a copy to the grievant and the designee of his/her choice.

Level II. If the grievance is not resolved with the disposition of the grievance in Step I, the grievant shall, within five (5) days of such disposition, complete Grievance Report Form, Step II, and submit same to the Superintendent or his/her designee, who shall within five (5) days meet with the grievant. Within five (5) days of this meeting, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall write his/her disposition of the grievance by completing his/her portion of Step II, forwarding a copy to the grievant, the designee of his/her choice, and the appropriate Director.

Level III. If the grievance is not resolved with the disposition of the grievance of Step II, the grievant may request that the grievance be subject to grievance mediation using the FMCS before being heard by an arbitrator, and the timelines for requesting arbitration shall be adjusted accordingly. The mediator cannot make a binding decision.

Level IV. If the grievance is not resolved at Level II or III, he/she may request that the Association requests a hearing before an arbitrator within five (5) days after disposition at Level II or III, if applicable. The Association's request for arbitration shall be by certified mail with return receipt requested to the Superintendent or personal delivery.

The Superintendent shall advise and provide a record to Board of the request for arbitration. Within five (5) days following receipt of the Association's request for arbitration, the Superintendent or his/her designated representative and the Association shall mutually petition the American Arbitration Association (AAA) to provide both parties with a list of seven (7) names. A second list of seven (7) names may be requested by either party before the parties begin selecting an arbitrator by the alternative strike method. An arbitrator shall be selected from the first or second list by the alternate strike method. Each party shall have three strikes. A toss of a coin shall determine who strikes first.

Once the arbitrator has been selected, he/she shall conduct a hearing on the grievance in accordance with the rules and regulations of the AAA. Provided, however, that either party shall raise any question of

arbitrability at least thirty days before the evidentiary hearing actually begins. If a question of arbitrability is raised, the arbitrator shall determine whether he/she has jurisdiction upon the parties' written submissions. The arbitrator shall not proceed to hold a hearing until he/she has determined the grievance is arbitrable, unless a disputed question of fact exists which is essential to resolving the issue of arbitrability. If the Board of Education intends to raise an issue(s) of arbitrability at the arbitration level, the issue(s) itself must have been raised at the Board's first opportunity to raise the issue(s) within the formal processing of the grievance.

The arbitrator shall hold the necessary hearing promptly and issue the decision within such times required by the AAA rules or as may be agreed upon. The decision shall be in writing and a copy sent to all parties present at the hearing. The decision of the arbitrator, if within the limits of his/her authority set forth herein, shall be binding on the Board, the Association and the grievant. Binding arbitration shall be the sole and exclusive remedy for any alleged violation of this Agreement. The Association, Association representatives, or teachers, may not file any unfair labor practice charge or any other action concerning any matter which constitutes a grievance under 13.01(b). However, neither a teacher nor the Association is precluded from pursuing a claim in another forum when the matter is not grievable under this article.

The arbitrator shall not have the authority to add to, subtract from, or modify any of the provisions of this collective bargaining contract, nor add to, detract from or modify the language herein in arriving at this decision concerning any issue presented that is proper within the limitations expressed herein. The arbitrator shall not have any authority to rule contrary to the law of the State of Ohio, except articles of the agreement which already supersede state law. Grievances concerning the need for staff transfers, assignments, reductions in force, the issuance of limited or continuing contracts, the content of evaluations, reprimands and disciplinary action shall not be arbitrable. The arbitrator shall expressly confine himself/herself to the precise issue(s) submitted for arbitration and shall have no authority to decide any other issue(s) not submitted to him/her or to submit observations or declarations of opinion which are not directly essential in reaching his/her decision.

The arbitrator shall not interfere with management prerogatives involving the Board's discretion, except where management has altered those prerogatives through this Agreement. No grievance shall be arbitrated together with any other grievance except by mutual consent of the parties.

The cost of arbitration shall be borne equally by both parties except that each party shall bear the cost of its own representatives.

Article 14 Reduction in Force

- 14.01 When, by reason of decreased enrollment, program changes, or lack of funds, the Board of Education finds it necessary to reduce the number of teachers, such reduction shall be accomplished by suspending contracts. The following provisions shall apply when contracts are suspended:
- a. The PRTA shall be given written notice at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to Board action on any proposed staff reduction. Such notification shall include:
 - (1) The positions for reductions being considered.
 - (2) Reasons for such proposals.
 - b. The Association has the right to present its views at a Board meeting before Board action on the proposal.
 - c. Only the procedure and not the reasons for a reduction in force shall be subject to the provisions of the grievance procedure in this agreement.
- 14.02 In making such reduction by suspension of contracts, the Board shall proceed to suspend contracts in accordance with the recommendation of the Superintendent who shall, within each teaching field affected, first give preference to teachers on continuing contracts; and then to teachers on limited contracts with greater summative evaluation and then, if evaluations are comparable, by seniority. The Board shall not give preference to any teacher based on seniority, except when making a decision between teachers who have comparable evaluations.
- 14.03 The Superintendent shall provide the Association President annually with a seniority list by October 1. The format of the seniority list shall not change without opportunity for input from the Association. The list will include seniority and certification/licensure, and indicate any teachers who are on the recall list. In addition, the Superintendent shall annually send each bargaining unit member a copy of the seniority list, which will be sent by the end of September. Employees shall notify the Association president and the Superintendent in writing by October 15 of any alleged errors in the list. The Superintendent and the Association President by November 1 shall make any corrections needed and agree on the accuracy of the list. The list may not be challenged by grievance or otherwise after November 1. Should the contract status and summative evaluation rating of the teachers in the program affected be identical, the Superintendent shall give priority to the teacher who has greater seniority. For the purpose of this contract, seniority shall be defined as the number of years of current, continuous service, including leaves of absence, and time on recall, commencing with the most recent date of employment. For the purpose of this contract, comparable evaluations

shall be those evaluations that share the same Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) final summative rating. The final summative rating of Accomplished and Skilled shall be treated as identical to each other for reduction in force purposes. If two or more individuals have comparable evaluations and equal seniority as defined herein, then the following shall apply:

- a. The date of the Board meeting at which the teacher was hired, then by
- b. The date on which the teacher submitted his/her original job application.

14.04

- a. Any teacher on the list of those teaching contracts that are to be suspended because of the need for RIF shall have the right to bump a teacher with the lowest summative evaluation in another area for which the involved teacher is currently at least provisionally certificated/professionally licensed if they agree to pick up six (6) semester hours of college course work within two years in the new area or have taught within the new area within the last five years. If there is more than one teacher with the lowest summative evaluation in another area, then seniority shall be the tie-breaker.
- b. Any bargaining unit member who is teaching on a one year/temporary license, and whose contract becomes subject to a reduction under Article 14.01, shall be eligible to bump into another area as specified under 14.04(a). If the teacher on a one year/temporary license is not at least provisionally licensed in another area, he/she shall be first issued a one-year contract. Following such issuance, the contract may be suspended by the board, and reemployment shall be governed by Article 14.05.
- c. Displacement rights with respect to satellite teachers are addressed in Section 28.03.

14.05

Reemployment of teachers whose contracts were suspended by this Agreement:

- a. A teacher(s) whose contract(s) is suspended shall be placed on a list stating years of continuous service to the district and subject(s) licensed to teach at the time of his/her suspension.
- b. A teacher on the RIF list shall be offered a contract, for positions for which he/she is licensed, as set forth on said RIF list, as positions become available and in keeping with the seniority provisions of the RIF policy. (Inverse order -- last suspended; first re-employed.) Notification will be made by certified mail. Seniority shall not be the basis for rehiring a teacher, except when making a decision between teachers who have comparable evaluations. It is the responsibility of the involved teacher(s) to advise the Board of the address where they may be reached. A teacher who had a limited contract when suspended shall remain on the RIF list

until the earlier of: (1) the teacher removing his or her name from the list; (2) the teacher dying, taking STRS service retirement, or STRS disability retirement; or (3) three years elapsing from the teacher's last workday. A teacher who had a continuing contract when suspended shall remain on the RIF list until the earlier of any of such events with the exception of number (3).

- c. A teacher(s) who is offered a contract under the provisions of this policy must respond within fourteen (14) days of the receipt of said offer. If the offer of a contract is returned unopened, that individual will retain their seniority position and will be offered the next available opening for which he/she is properly licensed. A second failure to respond will eliminate the individual from future considerations.

Article 15 School Calendar, Work Year, Work Day and Staff Development

- 15.01 The professional staff, through the Association, shall be given the opportunity to examine at least two calendar proposals thirty (30) days prior to Board action regarding calendar adoption to indicate its preference. This preference must be communicated in writing to the Superintendent at least fifteen (15) days prior to the scheduled adoption of the calendar by the Board.
- 15.02 Teachers shall be on duty a maximum of 184 days per year, one of which will be scheduled at the end of the first semester as a non-student record-keeping day with no required in-service. Those staff members having extended service shall work additional days in accordance with applicable supplemental contract provisions.
- 15.03 The regular on-duty teacher work day shall consist of 7 ¼ continuous hours and shall include an uninterrupted duty-free lunch period of at least 30 minutes. The Superintendent may schedule a bargaining unit member's regular on-duty work day to begin no earlier than 7:30 a.m. and to end no later than 4:15 p.m. with the exception of flexible/innovative programs as long as the work day remains 7¼ continuous hours. On student school days, the high school staff will be given duty free Collaboration Time. Collaboration Time must be scheduled within the 7 ¼ hour work day. Collaboration Time is defined as daily time before and after student responsibility time for staff to collaborate, consult with guidance, special education, administration, curriculum, and technology departments, to make parent contacts, for lead teacher meetings, for support with technology, and any other program/academic concerns. This Collaboration Time may only be used by administration as referenced in Article 15.08. Beginning and ending times for teachers within the building may be adjusted to accommodate flexible Collaboration Time.
- 15.04 The 184 work days and 7 ¼ continuous work hours may be modified for flexible programming after the Superintendent or designee consults with the teacher and the Association President.

- 15.05 In addition to the teacher duty schedule pursuant to Article 15.02, each main campus teacher shall attend open house on the main campus and new student orientation. The day before Thanksgiving shall be scheduled as a non-work day for teachers. Central Ohio/NEA Day scheduled by the Central Ohio Teachers Association (COTA) shall be scheduled as a non-work day on the Friday of Pumpkin Show Week. Per diem amounts shall be based on 184 days.
- 15.06 In the event that make-up days are necessary due to school closings, the make-up days shall be scheduled to be as consistent with the make-up day plans of associate school districts as possible. The Superintendent will consult with the President of the Association before scheduling make-up days.
- 15.07 Each Career Tech Program Instructor will be responsible for conducting two Program Advisory Committee Meetings each year. One meeting conducted in the fall and the other conducted in the spring. To promote adequate attendance, the instructor is free to schedule the meeting at his or her discretion with notification to the appropriate administrator. Each instructor is to ensure an agenda for the meeting is developed and that minutes of the meetings are taken. Copies of the agenda and minutes are to be sent to the appropriate Supervisor to be filed in the Director's Office. Non-Career Tech teachers will not be a part of the advisory committee meetings but can give input during Collaboration Time.
- To help with the scheduling of these meetings and attaining maximum attendance of the committee members, the Career-Tech instructors may use one-half day of professional leave to conduct each meeting. The instructor is to use the district's Professional Leave form and give enough lead time to secure an appropriate substitute teacher.
- 15.08 The Administration may schedule one Director's staff meeting per month, the length of which shall not exceed one hour per meeting. On the day of the Director's staff meeting, teachers shall report ten (10) minutes prior to the student start time. The Administration may schedule one Supervisor's meeting per month, which will be held during Collaboration Time. An administrator's meeting can be canceled if there are no agenda items. The Administration may call an emergency meeting(s) as necessary for discussion of the emergency issue only.
- 15.09 Any teacher who is requested by an administrator/designee to voluntarily substitute for another bargaining unit member during his/her preparation period shall be compensated \$17 per period. The teacher shall be responsible for filing the appropriate form with the Treasurer. The teacher shall be paid by the end of June.

- 15.10 Any Career and Technical Education (CTE) teacher, who teaches more than one (1) laboratory without a planning period will have the option of a five thousand dollars (\$5,000) stipend or shall receive a planning period. To opt for the planning period, the teacher must file written notice of that choice on or before May 15 for the next school year or the \$5,000 stipend shall apply. In addition, a teacher who teaches more than one (1) laboratory without a planning period will not have other duty assignments. The stipend will be paid in a separate check by June 30 after the lab/lab assignment school year. If the teacher does not finish the lab/lab year assignment or begins the assignment after the school year begins, the stipend will be prorated according to the time he/she taught this assignment.

Article 16 Mileage and License Renewal

- 16.01 Any teacher who is required in the course of his/her employment to drive a personal automobile shall be reimbursed at a rate equal to the IRS Reimbursement Rate in effect as of July 1, immediately prior to the start of the school year. Mileage will be paid at that rate for the entire school year. Requests for reimbursement shall be submitted on forms prescribed by the Board and shall be approved by the Superintendent prior to payment. Payment will be made by the 30th of the month (or the last prior working day) provided the reimbursement request reaches the Treasurer by the 10th day of the month. End of February payments will be made on the last working day of the month.
- 16.02 Teachers shall be reimbursed up to the following limits, upon submission of receipts, for costs incurred during the term of this Agreement, but no more than once every five years.

For renewal of license = \$200

For criminal background check(s) in connection with license renewal = \$60

Article 17 Insurance

- 17.01 In order to be eligible to enroll for the medical insurance coverage set forth below, each teacher shall, on or before September 1 of each year, sign a declaration that equal or greater coverage is not provided by another member of the teacher's family. Such declaration shall be submitted to the Treasurer on forms prescribed by the Board. Questions regarding the factor of equal or greater coverage shall be decided by the Board's insurance carrier. Failure to provide the required declaration shall result in termination of the teacher's hospital/surgical, and major medical, in accordance with the terms of the respective policies.
- 17.02 Effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2025, the Board shall pay 85% of the monthly premium for single and family medical insurance coverage for each eligible regular full time teacher who elects enrollment in the plan.

17.03 For the duration of this Agreement (2022-2025), the coverage shall be substantially equal to the Pickaway-Ross Consortium PPO \$750 design. However, if the Board experiences insurance premium changes during the term of this Agreement that it deems significant and that are a result of federal or state legislation related to health insurance then the parties shall agree to re-open the insurance and salary provisions in the Agreement.

If an employee's spouse has insurance available to them at their place of employment and the employer pays 50% or more, the spouse's primary insurance must be through his/her employer. Spouse will have secondary insurance through the employee's family plan.

17.04 For the duration of this Agreement, the Board shall pay the monthly premium for single or family comprehensive dental insurance coverage for each eligible regular full-time teacher who selects enrollment in the plan. The coverage shall be substantially equal to the 2014-17 Medical Mutual dental plan design.

17.05 An advisory committee shall be appointed to prepare specifications, to review bid quotations, and to advise the Board of preferences pertaining to Sections 17.02, 17.03, and 17.04. The committee shall consist of three (3) teachers appointed by the Association and three (3) administrators appointed by the Superintendent. The insurance advisory committee during the term of this Agreement shall perform the following functions: (1) review and study the vision insurance with an objective of improving that coverage; (2) review and study the prescription drug insurance for improvements; and (3) review and study data for cost containment and improvements in the health benefits plan. If new information becomes available regarding health insurance such as a statewide pool or other comparable option, the insurance advisory committee shall meet and review the new information and make a recommendation to the Board of Education regarding a change in insurance plans.

17.06 The Board shall pay the monthly premium for the term life insurance now in effect in the amount of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000) for each regular full-time teacher. The teacher will have an option of purchasing additional term life insurance as allowed by the provider. Such payment of premiums shall be by payroll deduction with determination of additional coverage made by September 1st.

An employee on leave or retiring may retain such coverage at his/her expense if the insurance carrier permits.

17.07 The Board retains the right to designate and change insurance carriers provided that: (1) any such change is discussed with the Association prior to its implementation; that the coverage is provided shall be substantially equal as determined by the Insurance Committee.

- 17.08 Where more than one member of a household is employed by the Board, only one family policy or two single policies will be provided. Provided, however, that each teacher shall receive life insurance coverage regardless of whether other family members are employed. Teachers affected by this provision shall notify the Treasurer as to which family member is to be enrolled.
- 17.09 The Board shall implement a Section 125 plan only for the purpose of tax sheltering employee premiums that can be sheltered. The Board shall follow all applicable IRS requirements. The premiums paid by the employees will be tax-sheltered as allowed by law.
- 17.10
- a. The Board of Education shall provide a lump-sum payment of \$2,500 annually to "eligible bargaining unit members. " An "eligible bargaining unit member" is a member who drops his or her enrollment in the plan by January 1, of the current year, and then remains off the District's health benefits plan for an entire calendar year.
 - b. An eligible teacher who remains off the District's health benefits plan for an entire calendar year shall be paid \$2,500 after conclusion of the calendar year. An eligible bargaining unit member shall receive the \$2,500 lump sum payment each year of this contract if he or she satisfies the conditions of this paragraph. Payment shall be made by the 30th of January.
 - c. The Board agrees to pick up employees, as required by federal law, on the Board provided coverage within thirty (30) days of written request by the employee indicating loss of coverage elsewhere. Coverage under the district's plan shall be retroactive to the date of loss of prior coverage elsewhere provided that the employee makes the election of coverage under the school district's plan within thirty (30) days from the date of the event.

If twenty-five (25) or more district employees satisfy the requirements in 17.02a, then the lump sum payment will be increased from \$2,500 to \$5,000 for that year to be determined at the end of each calendar year.
 - d. For the 2022-23 contract year only, "eligible bargaining unit members" who received the \$2,500 lump sum payment for not being enrolled in the District's health plan from July 1, 2021--June 30, 2022, and remain off of the plan through December 31, 2022, will be eligible for a one-time \$1,250 lump sum payment. Payment shall be made by the 30th of January.
- 17.11 Insurance packets will be available to teachers upon request each school year. The Board shall give insurance packets to all newly employed teachers.

Article 18 Assignment and Reassignment

- 18.01 The Superintendent shall assign and reassign teachers in accordance with Section 3319.01, Ohio Revised Code. Request for reassignment shall be made to the Superintendent through the appropriate Director. A teacher who wishes to discuss his/her assignment or reassignment may request a conference with the Superintendent and the appropriate Director. In a situation where the program supervisor and the appropriate Director agree that the new assignment requires extended service, a recommendation by the appropriate Director will be made to the Superintendent for extended service not to exceed thirty (30) days. Transfers to a different CTPD are addressed in Section 28.06 also.
- 18.02 As determined by the Superintendent and/or the Board of Education, "vacancy" shall be defined as a current assignment unfilled due to a resignation, death, retirement, transfer, or any other similar circumstance, or creation of a position. Vacancies that the District intends to fill will be posted via email.
- a. Whenever a teacher is at risk of having his or her position eliminated, the posting for a vacancy, if any, shall include a statement of preference for the teacher who is at risk.
 - b. The Association President will be notified in writing, of transfers, reassignments, position eliminations, and curriculum changes as soon as any communication containing decisions on the issues or similar issues are written.
 - c. If the circumstances of paragraph (a) above exist, the Superintendent or designee shall consult with the Association President before the posting. The Board will release from his or her contract any teacher who is involuntarily transferred after July 10, so long as the teacher resigns before the school year starts.

Article 19 Personnel Record File

- 19.01 There shall be one personnel file maintained in the Central Office. This file shall be locked at all times when not in use.
- 19.02 Changes in an employee's status shall be made a part of his/her personnel record (change in residence, marriage status, and so forth).
- 19.03 A teacher shall be given a copy of any written document, which will be placed in his or her official file. The document shall indicate that it is being placed in the teacher's file. The teacher shall acknowledge receipt of the document by affixing his or her signature to the file copy and indicating the date of receipt. Such acknowledgement does not denote agreement with any document.

- 19.04 No written material, the source of which is anonymous, may be placed in his or her official personnel file, nor shall they be made a matter of record.
- 19.05 If a third-party letter or complaint, including a parental complaint, is received, a copy of the document shall be sent promptly to the teacher. The teacher has the right to meet with the administrator who received the letter or complaint within one week of the teacher's receipt of a copy of it to discuss the matter. The teacher may be accompanied by an Association representative. The teacher may attach a statement to the letter or complaint. If after the investigation is completed, the member and the Association will be notified promptly of the possibility of documentation placed in the member's file.
- 19.06 A disciplinary document shall be removed from a teacher's personnel file after five (5) years if there has been no other written record of discipline of that teacher during those (5) five years. However, if the disciplinary document addressed an issue involving student safety, the document shall only be removed from the file if the Superintendent agrees to do so. If a teacher disputes the accuracy, timeliness, relevance or completeness of any item in his/her file, it shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his designee and the teacher. If the Superintendent or his designee agrees with the teacher's complaint, the material shall be removed from the file or corrected. If the Superintendent or his designee disagrees with the teacher, he or she may file a written reply to the contested material which shall be included in the official file.
- 19.07 Personnel record files may include but not be restricted to some or all of the following:
- (a) Application for employment
 - (b) Copy of latest contract and/or salary notice
 - (c) Ohio teaching license, or a copy
 - (d) Official transcript of college credits at employment -- If additional coursework has been completed, the teacher should provide an updated transcript by the following October 1.
 - (e) Incidents of work
 - (f) T.B. test or X-ray results
 - (g) Record of military service
 - (h) Evaluation forms
- 19.08 When a member of the public reviews a teacher's personnel file or requests a copy of a document(s) from the personnel file, the administration shall send the teacher written notice within two (2) business days that a member of the public has reviewed or requested a copy of a document(s) from the personnel file and the person's identity, if known, and shall send the teacher a copy of the documents.
- 19.09 Documents in personnel files are public records to the extent, and only to the extent, provided by Ohio law.

Article 20 Evaluation

- 20.01 The Association acknowledges that the employment, evaluation, supervision and direction of teachers is a management right reserved to the Board and its administration under Section 4117.08 (c) (4) of the Ohio Revised Code. All evaluators shall work in conjunction with the administrators of the Pickaway-Ross Joint Vocational School District and shall be trained and credentialed as evaluators by the Ohio Department of Education. Thus, the adoption of an evaluation procedure and the implementation of that procedure is the sole responsibility of the Board and administration. It is agreed by the parties that the substance of an evaluation, including the reasons or rationale in support of an evaluation, is not to be grievable under the terms of this contract.
- 20.02 Notwithstanding Section 20.01 above, if the Board and administration determine to change the evaluation procedure currently in effect, an advisory committee shall be appointed. The committee shall consist of three teachers appointed by the Association and three administrators appointed by the Superintendent. The committee shall review the evaluation procedure and make recommendations for revision. If the committee is unable to reach consensus on a recommendation, the committee shall utilize the services available through the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service to assist the committee in reaching consensus. The Board shall have the final authority to accept, reject, or modify the committee recommendations.

Article 21 Severance Pay

- 21.01 A teacher may elect, at the time of acceptance for retirement by the State Teachers Retirement System (STRS), to receive severance pay if he/she has at least ten (10) years of full-time service with the state or any of its political subdivisions and his/her date of retirement is within ninety (90) days of his/her last day of service with the district.
- If an employee eligible for a payment pursuant to this section does not apply to the authority within one hundred twenty (120) days after receipt of written notice of eligibility for payment or transfer of accumulated sick leave from the appointing authority, the payment shall be made to the employee.
- 21.02 Each teacher who qualifies shall receive payment for one-fourth (1/4) for his/her accrued but unused sick leave credit up to a maximum of two-hundred (200) days. Payment shall be based on the daily rate of pay at the time of retirement and shall not exceed fifty (50) days of accrued but unused sick leave. Payment under this provision shall eliminate all sick leave credit up to and including two-hundred (200) days.

- 21.03 In addition, a qualified teacher who has accumulated more than two-hundred (200) days of unused sick leave shall receive payment for one-eighth (1/8) of his/her accrued but unused sick leave up to a maximum of two hundred eighty-five (285) days. Payment shall not exceed ten and one-half (10.5) days and shall be made at the daily rate of pay at the time of retirement. Payment under this provision shall eliminate such additional sick leave credit.
- 21.04 Bargaining unit members who accumulate days of personal leave under Article 10.03(d) shall, in addition to the calculations of Article 21.02 and/or Article 21.03, be paid his/her personal leave days as accumulated under Article 10.03. Such payment shall be made at his/her time of retirement and added to the severance amount already calculated.
- 21.05 In addition to the calculations of Article 21.02 and/or Article 21.03, teachers who indicate prior to January 1 that they will be resigning for purposes of retirement shall be paid an early notification bonus of \$1,500. Such payment shall be made at the time of retirement and added to the severance amount already calculated.
- 21.06 In the event of death of the bargaining unit member who is entitled to severance pay, such severance pay benefits will be made to the bargaining unit member's estate.

Article 22 Tuition Reimbursement

- 22.01 As a means of encouraging teacher growth and the development of skills and knowledge related to the responsibilities of employment, the Board of Education shall reimburse certificated/licensed employees for additional schooling, subject to prior approval by the Superintendent of Schools, according to the following conditions:
- a. Reimbursement shall be for actual tuition costs and shall be limited to the highest level at an accredited state university and/or Pickaway Ross Adult Education (OTC), for the term for which tuition reimbursement is requested. Reimbursement may also be for school fees and costs from an accredited state university and/or Pickaway Ross Adult Education (OTC).
 - b. The Board shall reimburse teachers for the cost of state required assessments after passage.
 - c. Reimbursement for any one individual shall be limited to a maximum of \$2,300 per person, per fiscal year. The first scheduled class date shall determine the fiscal year from which the reimbursement shall be paid.

- d. Reimbursement shall be made upon the successful completion of an appropriate course from a recognized college or university accredited by the State of Ohio, including Pickaway Ross Adult Education (OTC) and the presentation of a transcript of credit or an actual grade report (not a photocopy) and a fee receipt, or evidence of successful passage of required state assessments. Payment will be made by the 30th of the month (or the last prior working day) provided the reimbursement request reaches the Treasurer by the 10th day of the month. End of February payments will be made on the last working day of the month.
- e. Under no circumstances shall the Board of Education reimburse both the cost of attending an in-service program and the tuition for credit hours earned. Costs, or partial costs, of attending in-service workshops are reimbursable as provided in the Board Policy Manual.

22.02 Individuals receiving tuition reimbursement must return to the District for the entire school year following the completion of coursework, or the individual shall be responsible for repaying the reimbursement. An exception to this rule will be made if the person is involved in a RIF, becomes eligible for disability retirement approved by the State Teachers Retirement System, or with approval from the superintendent due to an unforeseen circumstance.

Article 23 Adult Education Tuition Reimbursement

23.01 As a means of encouraging teacher growth and the development of skills and knowledge related to the responsibilities of employment, the Board of Education shall pay for the cost of the bargaining unit employees enrolling in Pickaway-Ross JVSD adult education courses, subject to prior approval by the Superintendent of Schools, according to the following conditions:

- a. The cost of payments shall be limited to a total bargaining unit aggregate amount of \$3,000 per fiscal year, and approval shall be given on a first-come-first-served basis.
- b. Enrollment requests shall be approved on a first come first served basis limited to the maximum enrollment sizes for each course.

Article 24 Supplemental Salaries

24.01 Youth Club/Chapter Advisor Expectations

To be eligible for supplemental pay for youth club/chapter advisors, the following criteria must be met:

a. Membership

(1) Non-Occupational Programs - FCCLA, CBI

15 affiliated (state and national) members per chapter, one affiliated chapter per building

(2) Occupational Specific Programs - BPA, DECA, SkillsUSA, FFA, FEA, FCCLA, HOSA 100% affiliated (state and national) members

b. Participation

Chapters will participate in a minimum of nine activities per year in 3 of the 5 areas:

- (1) local activities
- (2) community service
- (3) competition
- (4) conferences (regional/district/CTPD)
- (5) state/national activities.

An activity may be classified in only one area.

c. Assessment

An annual assessment will be completed designating activities completed and student participation level.

d. Payment

Advisors will be paid in a separate check at the end of the school year.

e. Pay Schedule and Classifications

Youth Clubs will be classified as follows :

Less than 50 student club members	\$1,000
50-100 student club members	\$1,500
100-200 student club members	\$2,200
Over 200 student club members	\$2,750

*Student club membership as of May 1st each year.

**In the event that more than one person is an advisor for a club/chapter, the division of pay will be an agreed upon decision by co-advisors with the recommendation to their supervisor for approval.

f. Additional Student Clubs

Beginning in the 2022-2023 school year and thereafter, an individual will receive supplemental pay for serving as the advisor for each of the following student clubs: Student Council, National Technical Honor Society, Drug Free Clubs of America, or Yearbook. Payment shall be determined based on the criteria set forth in Section 24.01(e). These clubs will not be held to the participation requirements outlined 24.01 (b).

g. Additional Incentives:

Advisors and teacher chaperones will be eligible to attend and receive compensation for district, regional, state and national competitions only, and on the following incentives based on submission of appropriate paperwork and prior approval: competition requiring supervision after regular school hours at a rate of \$35/hour with a maximum of six (6) hours per teacher/advisor up to \$210 per competitive event.

24.02 Four hundred and fifty dollars (\$450) per week shall be paid for supervision of the summer camping program and other summer National Youth Conferences, plus travel expenses.

24.03 No fewer than two (2) advisors or certificated/licensed staff members shall accompany any number of students on overnight trips. If student numbers exceed 25 students, accompanying advisors or certificated/licensed staff members will increase by one (1) staff member for each additional ten (10) students.

24.04 Teachers for whom supplemental compensation is authorized shall be issued supplemental contracts in accordance with Section 3319.08, Ohio Revised Code. The Board has sole authority for establishing the positions for supplemental contracts and for determining supplemental positions which are to be filled or eliminated. Supplemental contracts shall automatically expire at the end of their terms and notice of non-renewal under Section 3319.11 of the Ohio Revised Code shall not be required. Stipends that become available through grants obtained by the board shall be administered in a manner that is similar to supplemental contracts. Teachers will be given information concerning the grant, amount of stipend, position requirements, etc. and may indicate their interest in the stipend. The Board will award the stipends to those teachers whom it believes are most qualified for the position.

Article 25 Salary Schedule

- 25.01 For 2022-23, Appendix A shall be the salary schedule.
For 2023-24, Appendix B shall be the salary schedule.
For 2024-25, Appendix C shall be the salary schedule.
- 25.02 Extended time days that are mandated by the state for a program or required by the Superintendent shall be paid at the bargaining unit member's per diem rate for the school year of the extended service contract.

Article 26 STRS Pickup

- 26.01 Consistent with the provisions of Internal Revenue Service Rulings 77-462, 81-35, and 81-36, effective July 1, 1985, the Board shall pick up each teacher's mandatory contributions to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS), provided that no teacher's total salary is increased by such pickup nor is the Board's total contribution to STRS increased thereby. The dollar amount to be "picked up" by the Board:
- a. shall equal the then-current percentage amount of the teacher's mandatory STRS contribution;
 - b. shall be credited by STRS as employee contributions under authority of Ohio Attorney General Opinion 82-097;
 - c. shall be included in computing final average salary;
 - d. shall not be reported by the Board as subject to current federal and state income taxes;
 - e. shall be reported by the Board as subject to city income taxes;
 - f. shall not affect the calculation of a teacher's daily rate of pay for any purpose whatsoever, including making salary adjustment because of absence, calculating severance pay, or in reporting teacher-authorized credit information to financial institutions.

Each teacher will be responsible for compliance with Internal Revenue Service salary exclusion allowance regulations with respect to the "pickup" in combination with other tax deferred compensation plans.

If the foregoing "pickup" provisions are nullified by subsequent Internal Revenue Service Rulings, Ohio Attorney General Opinions, or other governing regulations, the Board will be held harmless and this Article of the Agreement shall be declared null and void.

Article 27 Criminal Records Check

- 27.01 The parties acknowledge that any person who is new to the District and is hired into a bargaining unit position is employed only conditionally until the Superintendent receives a satisfactory criminal records report. A person hired conditionally on this basis in the bargaining unit shall receive the negotiated salary, fringe benefits, and other terms of the Master Agreement except that the parties acknowledge that R.C.3319.39 requires the immediate release of a conditionally-hired employee if the criminal records check discloses a conviction or guilty plea to one of the criminal offenses specified in R.C.3319.39 and the employee has not met the standard of the State Department of Education for rehabilitation. If and when the Superintendent receives a criminal records report disclosing conviction of or guilty plea to such a crime he shall hold a conference with the conditionally hired employee, at which the employee shall be represented by the Association. The Superintendent shall provide the employee with a copy of the adverse criminal records report and explain that release of the employee is required by law. The employee or his representative shall have an opportunity to respond at that conference. The Superintendent shall then provide written notice releasing the conditionally-hired employee from employment with the Board of Education if required to do so by R.C.3319.39, with a copy to the Association President. The terms of the Master Agreement and of statutes pertaining to nonrenewal and/or termination of teachers shall not apply to the release of a conditionally-hired employee as required by R.C.3319.39.
- 27.02 The provisions of the Master Agreement concerning Association dues deduction shall be applied to a conditionally-hired employee as they would be applied to any regularly employed employee.

Article 28 Satellite and Magnet Teachers

28.01a Satellite Teachers

A Satellite Teacher shall be defined as any such teacher who is either specifically identified or who replaces a teacher who is specifically identified in a Satellite Agreement between another school district and Pickaway-Ross JVSD. This satellite teacher definition shall be expanded to include a teacher of any new vocational unit in which the teacher is housed in a facility provided by another school district.

28.01b Magnet Teachers

A Magnet Teacher shall be defined as any such teacher who teaches courses in locations other than main campus to students from multiple school districts who attend the course for less than one full day. This shall include a teacher of any new vocational unit in which the courses are housed in a facility provided by another school district but the students from districts other than the one the courses are housed are permitted to attend.

- a. Each magnet teacher shall attend open house on the main campus. New student orientation may be held at main campus or at the magnet teacher's teaching location, as approved by his/her supervisor.
- b. The magnet teachers' calendar shall be based on the main campus calendar with adjustments as allowed by their supervisor. Magnet teachers shall be given their tentative calendars for the next school year by the last teacher workday of the current year.
- c. Magnet teachers will adhere to the provisions in Article 15, with the exception of 15.08.

28.02 Obligations, Rights and Benefits

Satellite and magnet teachers shall have all of the obligations, rights and benefits of any regular teaching employee of the Pickaway-Ross JVSD. All new satellite and magnet teachers of existing vocational units shall be placed on the same step of the Pickaway-Ross JVSD Salary Schedule as their placement on their prior school district's salary schedule. All such teachers shall be given a one-year limited contract, and they shall become eligible for limited or continuing contracts according to PRTA Master Agreement and district policy. Satellite teachers will work the yearly schedule of the satellite school district and the daily schedule of the satellite school district to which the satellite teacher is assigned.

28.03 Reduction in Force

The date of hire of all satellite teachers of existing vocational units from another school district shall be July 1st of the year of implementation of satellite unit(s) in lieu of 14.03 a. and b. of Master Agreement. In the event of a reduction in force, the following tie breakers shall be used for such teachers with the same date of hire:

- a. The number of years of teaching experience in the other school district previously employed in immediately before PRJVSD, and then by:
- b. The date of the board meeting at which the teacher was hired in the previous school district, and then by:
- c. The total number of years of Ohio public and accredited private school teaching experience, and then by:
- d. The total number of years of public and accredited private school teaching experience in any state(s).

In exercising bumping rights under Article 14.04(a) of this agreement, a teacher being suspended shall have the choice of displacing the teacher with the lowest summative evaluation in another area of certification [if eligible per Article 14.04(a)] within the same VEPD or any other VEPD in which the Board has teacher(s) assigned to that area of certification. If there is more than one teacher with the lowest summative evaluation in another area, then seniority shall be the tie-breaker.

Any teacher bumped per the paragraph immediately above shall have similar bumping rights within the same VEPD to which that teacher is assigned or any other VEPD.

Satellite and magnet teachers shall have recall rights per Section 14.05 of this Agreement.

28.04 Insurance

Any teacher employed by another school district who is offered and accepts a position with the PRJVSD Board pursuant to a satellite agreement shall have no break in any insurance coverages that are available under the PRJVSD Board's Master Agreement with the Association on the same terms provided to other PRJVSD teachers, subject to the following statement:

If any dispute with any insurance provider arises which would delay the implementation of insurance benefits for any teacher or his/her dependents, the PRJVSD Board shall arrange coverage through the school district until coverage can be implemented at the PRJVSD, with the Satellite teacher contributing to the monthly cost in the amount said teacher would contribute for the PRJVSD insurance under the Association and Board Master Agreement.

28.05 Mileage

The PRJVSD Board shall pay mileage in accordance with Article 16.01 of the Agreement to all teachers when they are required to travel to meetings/sessions scheduled at the PRJVSD facility, or to other locations that may be required as part of their duties.

28.06 Transfer

No teacher will be involuntarily transferred to a position located outside the VEPD of that teacher's most recent assignment unless (a) the teacher consents; or (b) there are compelling educational reasons.

28.07 Strikes at Satellite Schools

If there is a strike by teachers or other employees at a school district where a satellite teacher is located, the PRJVSD teacher is expected to and shall follow his or her regular schedule and shall perform only his or her regular duties. No additional duties shall be assigned to the PRJVSD teacher by the administration of the school district where employees are on strike. At the request of the PRJVSD teacher, transportation in the vicinity of the location of assignment into the location shall be provided.

28.08 Master Agreement

All provisions of the Master Agreement between the Pickaway-Ross Board of Education and the Pickaway-Ross Teachers' Association shall apply to Satellite and Magnet teachers unless addressed differently in this Article.

Article 29 Local Professional Development Committee(s)

29.01 In accordance with Senate Bill 230, there shall be a Local Professional Development Committee (LPDC) established in the Pickaway-Ross JVSD. The purpose of the committee shall be to oversee, review, and approve professional development plans for course work, continuing education units or other equivalent activities for the renewal of professional certificates or licenses of all certified employees of the district, and any other activity established by law for LPDC's.

In compliance with the Educator Standards Board, the district will utilize the LPDC committee to act as the Master Teacher Program committee to facilitate the application process, confirm candidate's eligibility, review applications and determine master teacher status.

The district will use a selection process already in place conforming to the terms set forth within the LPDC committee and recognizing the importance of Career-Technical and alternative licensure representation.

29.02 The district Local Professional Development Committee shall be comprised of seven members: Four teachers and three administrators. Terms shall be for three (3) years each, not to exceed two consecutive terms. Whenever an administrator's individual professional development plan, or certificate/license renewal is being discussed or voted, the LPDC upon request of an LPDC administrative member, shall cause a majority of the committee to consist of administrative members by reducing the number of teacher members voting on the plan.

- 29.03 Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association shall select teacher members. The Superintendent shall appoint administrative members. If any LPDC member is unable to complete his or her term of office, the Superintendent shall appoint an administrator to fill any administrative vacancies and the Association shall select a teacher to fill any teacher vacancies for the remainder of the term.
- 29.04 The LPDC shall meet on a regular basis and shall adopt its own regulations for meetings. The committee will operate under the rules and regulations of Ohio Revised Code 3319.22, relevant adopted rules and regulations of the Ohio Department of Education, and guidelines set by the LPDC itself.
- 29.05 The LPDC will establish an appeals process.
- 29.06 The Board shall provide the funds needed for the LPDC to function in an effective manner. Compensation shall be provided to teacher members of the LPDC to complete the necessary functions in compliance with the law. Teacher members shall be paid \$100 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$1,200 annually. The stipend will be in a one-time check. After successful completion of a year, the stipend check will be distributed with the teacher's payroll check on June 30 of each year of their term.
- 29.07 If any additional legislation is passed that conflicts with these provisions, the LPDC shall modify its operation to comply with Ohio Revised Code by joint approval of the Association and the Board.

Article 30 Mentor Program

30.01 General Provisions

- a. There shall be a Mentor Program established in the Pickaway-Ross JVSD.
- b. The purpose of the Mentor Program is to mentor the performance of beginning teachers to promote professional growth. Mentors will provide new teachers with support and assessment through a mentoring system of observation of teaching, peer coaching and conferencing.
- c. In order to promote the highest levels of trust and assistance, strict rules of confidentiality shall be maintained through the concept of the data curtain between the teacher's mentor and the teacher's supervisor/principal. When the mentor exits from the program, that action shall be deemed to be without prejudice.

30.02 Mentor Program Committee

- a. The program shall be developed and organized by a district committee of two administrators and three teachers. The superintendent shall appoint administrative members and the Association shall select teacher members. Terms shall be three years each, not to exceed two consecutive terms.
- b. The purpose of the committee shall be to design, oversee, and review a Mentor Program so the district may hire new teachers and administrators.
- c. The Mentor Program Committee shall adopt guidelines for its operation.
- d. Compensation shall be provided to teacher members of the Mentor Program Committee. Teacher members shall be paid \$100 per meeting, up to a maximum of \$500 annually. The stipend will be in a one-time check. After successful completion of a year, the stipend check will be distributed with the teacher's payroll check on June 30 of each year of their term.

30.03 Selection and Assignment of Mentor Teachers

- a. The committee shall select mentor teachers from a pool of teachers who have completed a mentorship-training program.
- b. Participation as a mentor teacher shall be a voluntary commitment for a one-year period. The lead mentor may request that a mentor resign if the mentor and mentee teacher relationship is not compatible.
- c. Mentors shall provide to the lead teacher information regarding hours of observations, feedback sessions held, and other pertinent general summative information for the work of the mentor.
- d. Mentor teachers will be paid an annual stipend according to the rate of compensation as determined by the Ross-Pike Educational Service Center. If changes at the state level remove mentoring requirements, Pickaway-Ross will continue a mentoring program for the first two years a teacher is new to the district.

30.04 Selection and Assignment of Lead Mentor

- a. A lead mentor will be selected by the Mentor Program committee to work with mentors and mentees to provide support and coordinate efficient operation of the program.

- b. The lead mentor shall be paid an annual stipend of \$100 per mentee/year. The stipend will be in a one-time check. After successful completion of a year, the stipend check will be distributed with the teacher's payroll check on June 30.

30.05 **Mentees**

- a. Candidates for the Mentor Program, who meet eligibility criteria established by the Ohio Department of Education, shall be required to successfully complete a mentor program consistent with standards established by the Ohio Department of Education.
- b. Candidates on Alternative Licensure who are new to the teaching field shall complete a two-year mentorship.

30.06 **Release Time**

- a. Mentors and mentees shall have release classroom time as determined by the Mentor Program Committee to meet the requirements of the mentor program.

Article 31 Labor Management Committee

31.01 The Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association, OEA/NEA and the Pickaway-Ross JVS District Board of Education agree to form a Labor Management Committee (LMC). The purpose of the committee shall be to discuss subjects of mutual concern including but not limited to the creation of new positions and changes which may affect bargaining unit work.

31.02 The Labor Management Committee shall be comprised of eight members: four Association members and four administrative representatives.

31.03 The Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association shall select teacher members. Of the four Association members, one will be the Association President. The Superintendent shall appoint administrative members, who shall include the Superintendent.

31.04 The LMC shall meet at least every three months during the school year at mutually agreed times and places and shall adopt its own guidelines for meetings. Meeting dates will be set at the last meeting of the school year for the next school year and will be placed on the school calendar.

31.05 Each month the LM Committee meets the teachers participating in the committee will be released a total of two hours using the time before and after classes.

Article 32 Quality Teaching/Work Load

32.01 Student Assignment to Programs

- a. Number of students shall not exceed the number of student workstations.
- b. Work towards limit of 25 students in every class.

32.02 Development of New Curriculum

- a. Teachers shall be given sufficient time to develop new curriculum and incorporate instructional strategies of a recognized model.
- b. Time to prepare new curriculum shall be through the following or combination thereof:
 1. Professional leave.
 2. Stipend on an hourly, per diem basis.
 3. Release time to be recommended by the curriculum specialist and approved by the appropriate director.

32.03 Staff with Multiple Certifications

A teacher who has multiple areas of licensure and has not taught a particular area of licensure within the last five (5) years, and wants to teach in that area of licensure, shall be given release time during the school year, upon approval of the Superintendent and the appropriate director, for training to update skills before beginning the new assignment.

Article 33 Disability Retirement Option

33.01 An "eligible teacher" under this section is a bargaining unit member who has been recommended by STRS for disability retirement. Once the administration knows a teacher is an "eligible teacher," the Treasurer will calculate the amount of sick leave, if any, that will be available to the teacher and determine the date when the teacher's sick leave will expire, and the eligible teacher will provide the Treasurer with written information on the monthly benefit the teacher will receive for disability from STRS and the cost of the employee enrolling in STRS health plans. The period of time between the first day of the month after the administration learns of the teacher's eligibility and the last day of the month in which the teacher would have exhausted his or her sick leave is the "special benefits period".

33.02 By the first business day of the special benefits period, the eligible teacher may choose in writing filed with the Superintendent to take these special benefits with STRS along with immediate disability retirement, rather than exhaust his or her sick leave. If the teacher chooses to take these special benefits, the teacher's sick leave shall be deemed exhausted and the teacher shall receive the following special benefits throughout the entire special benefits period:

- a. A monthly partial salary calculated by taking the monthly salary the eligible teacher would have earned using sick leave minus the monthly STRS disability benefit amount; and
- b. Monthly reimbursement for the eligible teacher's monthly premium cost to participate in a mid-range health benefits plan of STRS. An eligible employee will not be eligible for the District's health plan during the special benefits period.

33.03 An eligible teacher who chooses not to take these special benefits shall not be prejudiced by the choice.

Article 34 Contract Maintenance

34.01 The Association and teachers covered by this Agreement agree that they will not engage in, initiate, authorize, sanction, ratify, support, or participate in any strike, slowdown, stay-in, working-to-rule, or other curtailment or restriction of the educational process or the Board's operations, including the honoring of any picket line or strike activity by other employees or by non-employees of the Board during the life of this Agreement.

34.02 This Agreement supersedes and cancels all previous agreements, verbal or written, or based on alleged past practices between the Board and the Association, and constitutes the entire agreement between the parties. Any amendment or agreement supplemental hereto shall not be binding upon either party unless executed in writing.

34.03 The Board and the Association acknowledge that during negotiations resulting in this Agreement, each party had the right and the opportunity to make demands and proposals with respect to any matter, that this Agreement was arrived at by the parties after the exercise of that right and opportunity. The Board and the Association shall voluntarily waive, during the life of this Agreement, the right to negotiate further. Each party agrees that the other shall not be obligated to negotiate with respect to any subject or matter, irrespective of whether the matter or subject is specifically referred to or covered in this Agreement, even though the subject or matter may not have been within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both parties at the time negotiations were being conducted or at the time the party signed this Agreement.

34.04 The cost of reproducing this Agreement shall be shared equally by the Association and the Board. The contract shall be printed in booklet form, in a size and manner of print agreed upon by both parties.

34.05 This Agreement shall be in effect from 12:00 am July 1, 2022, and shall remain in effect until Midnight, June 30, 2025.

In Witness Whereof, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on this 1st day of July, 2022.

Pickaway-Ross Teachers Association

By Katie Siers
PRTA President

By Holly Smith
Team Member

By Verdie C. Williams
Team Member

By Mark Blotz
Team Member

By [Signature]
Team Member

By [Signature]
Team Member

Pickaway-Ross County Joint Vocational
School District Board of Education

By [Signature]
PRJVSD President

By [Signature]
PRJVSD Superintendent

By [Signature]
PRJVSD Treasurer

APPENDIX

RC 5705.41, 5705.412, AND 5705.44 CERTIFICATES

CERTIFICATE TO BE ATTACHED TO CONTRACTS


The undersigned, Treasurer of the Board of Education of the **Pickaway-Ross County Joint Vocational School District, Ohio**, certifies that the money required to meet the obligations of the Board during the fiscal year (July 1st to June 30th), 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 an previous encumbrances.


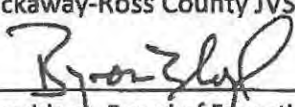
The undersigned, Treasurer, President of the Board of Education, and Superintendent of the **Pickaway-Ross County Joint Vocational School District, Ohio**, hereby certify that the District has in effect, for the term of the contract, the authorization to levy taxes including the renewal or replacement of existing levies which, when combined with the estimated revenue from all other sources available to the District at the time of certification, are sufficient to provide the 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 years, equal to the number of days instruction was held or is scheduled for the current fiscal year.

This certificate is given in compliance with Sections 5705.41, 5705.412, and 5705.44 of the Ohio Revised Code.

5/26/20
Dated

Pickaway-Ross County Joint
Vocational School District
Board of Education
895 Crouse Chapel Road
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601


Treasurer, Board of Education of Pickaway-Ross
County JVSD, Ohio


Superintendent of Schools
Pickaway-Ross County JVSD, Ohio

President, Board of Education of Pickaway-Ross
County JVSD, Ohio

SALARY SCHEDULE

2022-2023

				Class III BS			Class IV			Class V MA	
	Class II BS			+ 150			MA			OR EQUIV	
	Degree or			SEMESTER			DEGREE OR			+ 15 SH	
Yrs of Exp	Equiv	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	HRS	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	EQUIV	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	APPROV	Dollar
0	1.000	\$ 45,536	0	1.000	\$ 47,815	0	1.000	\$ 50,592	0	1.000	\$ 51,501
1	1.052	\$ 47,904	1	1.099	\$ 50,045	1	1.164	\$ 53,005	1	1.187	\$ 54,051
2	1.095	\$ 49,862	2	1.147	\$ 52,230	2	1.216	\$ 55,372	2	1.242	\$ 56,556
3	1.137	\$ 51,774	3	1.196	\$ 54,461	3	1.269	\$ 57,785	3	1.298	\$ 59,107
4	1.180	\$ 53,733	4	1.244	\$ 56,648	4	1.321	\$ 60,154	4	1.353	\$ 61,612
5	1.222	\$ 55,645	5	1.293	\$ 58,878	5	1.374	\$ 62,567	5	1.409	\$ 64,161
6	1.264	\$ 57,557	6	1.341	\$ 61,065	6	1.426	\$ 64,934	6	1.465	\$ 66,711
7	1.307	\$ 59,516	7	1.390	\$ 63,296	7	1.479	\$ 67,348	7	1.520	\$ 69,215
8	1.349	\$ 61,428	8	1.438	\$ 65,481	8	1.531	\$ 69,717	8	1.576	\$ 71,765
9	1.392	\$ 63,387	9	1.487	\$ 67,712	9	1.584	\$ 72,130	9	1.631	\$ 74,270
10	1.434	\$ 65,299	10	1.535	\$ 69,898	10	1.636	\$ 74,498	10	1.687	\$ 76,820
11	1.477	\$ 67,258	11	1.584	\$ 72,130	11	1.689	\$ 76,911	11	1.742	\$ 79,324
12	1.519	\$ 69,170	12	1.632	\$ 74,316	12	1.741	\$ 79,279	12	1.798	\$ 81,875
13	1.561	\$ 71,082	13	1.681	\$ 76,547	13	1.794	\$ 81,692	13	1.853	\$ 84,379
14	1.604	\$ 73,040	14	1.729	\$ 78,732	14	1.846	\$ 84,060	14	1.909	\$ 86,929
15	1.604	\$ 73,040	15	1.729	\$ 78,732	15	1.846	\$ 84,060	15	1.909	\$ 86,929
16	1.604	\$ 73,040	16	1.729	\$ 78,732	16	1.846	\$ 84,060	16	1.909	\$ 86,929
17	1.604	\$ 73,040	17	1.729	\$ 78,732	17	1.846	\$ 84,060	17	1.909	\$ 86,929
18	1.604	\$ 73,040	18	1.729	\$ 78,732	18	1.846	\$ 84,060	18	1.909	\$ 86,929
19	1.604	\$ 73,040	19	1.729	\$ 78,732	19	1.846	\$ 84,060	19	1.909	\$ 86,929
20	1.646	\$ 74,953	20	1.778	\$ 80,964	20	1.899	\$ 86,474	20	1.964	\$ 89,434
21	1.646	\$ 74,953	21	1.778	\$ 80,964	21	1.899	\$ 86,474	21	1.964	\$ 89,434
22	1.646	\$ 74,953	22	1.778	\$ 80,964	22	1.899	\$ 86,474	22	1.964	\$ 89,434
23	1.646	\$ 74,953	23	1.778	\$ 80,964	23	1.899	\$ 86,474	23	1.964	\$ 89,434
24	1.646	\$ 74,953	24	1.778	\$ 80,964	24	1.899	\$ 86,474	24	1.964	\$ 89,434
25	1.660	\$ 75,591	25	1.800	\$ 81,965	25	1.920	\$ 87,431	25	2.000	\$ 91,073

Appendix A

SALARY SCHEDULE

2023-2024

Yrs of Exp	Class II BS Degree or Equiv	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class III BS + 150 SEMESTER HRS	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class IV MA DEGREE OR EQUIV	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class V MA OR EQUIV + 15 SH APPROV	Dollar
0	1.000	\$ 46,447	0	1.000	\$ 48,771	0	1.000	\$ 51,604	0	1.000	\$ 52,531
1	1.052	\$ 48,862	1	1.099	\$ 51,046	1	1.164	\$ 54,065	1	1.187	\$ 55,132
2	1.095	\$ 50,859	2	1.147	\$ 53,275	2	1.216	\$ 56,479	2	1.242	\$ 57,687
3	1.137	\$ 52,809	3	1.196	\$ 55,550	3	1.269	\$ 58,941	3	1.298	\$ 60,289
4	1.180	\$ 54,808	4	1.244	\$ 57,781	4	1.321	\$ 61,357	4	1.353	\$ 62,844
5	1.222	\$ 56,758	5	1.293	\$ 60,056	5	1.374	\$ 63,818	5	1.409	\$ 65,444
6	1.264	\$ 58,708	6	1.341	\$ 62,286	6	1.426	\$ 66,233	6	1.465	\$ 68,045
7	1.307	\$ 60,706	7	1.390	\$ 64,562	7	1.479	\$ 68,695	7	1.520	\$ 70,599
8	1.349	\$ 62,657	8	1.438	\$ 66,791	8	1.531	\$ 71,111	8	1.576	\$ 73,200
9	1.392	\$ 64,655	9	1.487	\$ 69,066	9	1.584	\$ 73,573	9	1.631	\$ 75,755
10	1.434	\$ 66,605	10	1.535	\$ 71,296	10	1.636	\$ 75,988	10	1.687	\$ 78,356
11	1.477	\$ 68,603	11	1.584	\$ 73,573	11	1.689	\$ 78,449	11	1.742	\$ 80,910
12	1.519	\$ 70,553	12	1.632	\$ 75,802	12	1.741	\$ 80,865	12	1.798	\$ 83,513
13	1.561	\$ 72,504	13	1.681	\$ 78,078	13	1.794	\$ 83,326	13	1.853	\$ 86,067
14	1.604	\$ 74,501	14	1.729	\$ 80,307	14	1.846	\$ 85,741	14	1.909	\$ 88,668
15	1.604	\$ 74,501	15	1.729	\$ 80,307	15	1.846	\$ 85,741	15	1.909	\$ 88,668
16	1.604	\$ 74,501	16	1.729	\$ 80,307	16	1.846	\$ 85,741	16	1.909	\$ 88,668
17	1.604	\$ 74,501	17	1.729	\$ 80,307	17	1.846	\$ 85,741	17	1.909	\$ 88,668
18	1.604	\$ 74,501	18	1.729	\$ 80,307	18	1.846	\$ 85,741	18	1.909	\$ 88,668
19	1.604	\$ 74,501	19	1.729	\$ 80,307	19	1.846	\$ 85,741	19	1.909	\$ 88,668
20	1.646	\$ 76,452	20	1.778	\$ 82,583	20	1.899	\$ 88,203	20	1.964	\$ 91,223
21	1.646	\$ 76,452	21	1.778	\$ 82,583	21	1.899	\$ 88,203	21	1.964	\$ 91,223
22	1.646	\$ 76,452	22	1.778	\$ 82,583	22	1.899	\$ 88,203	22	1.964	\$ 91,223
23	1.646	\$ 76,452	23	1.778	\$ 82,583	23	1.899	\$ 88,203	23	1.964	\$ 91,223
24	1.646	\$ 76,452	24	1.778	\$ 82,583	24	1.899	\$ 88,203	24	1.964	\$ 91,223
25	1.660	\$ 77,103	25	1.800	\$ 83,604	25	1.920	\$ 89,180	25	2.000	\$ 92,894

Appendix B

SALARY SCHEDULE

2024-2025

Yrs of Exp	Class II BS Degree or Equiv	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class III BS + 150 SEMESTER HRS	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class IV MA DEGREE OR EQUIV	Dollar	Yrs of Exp	Class V MA OR EQUIV + 15 SH APPROV	Dollar
0	1.000	\$ 47,376	0	1.000	\$ 49,746	0	1.000	\$ 52,636	0	1.000	\$ 53,582
1	1.052	\$ 49,839	1	1.099	\$ 52,067	1	1.164	\$ 55,146	1	1.187	\$ 56,235
2	1.095	\$ 51,876	2	1.147	\$ 54,341	2	1.216	\$ 57,609	2	1.242	\$ 58,841
3	1.137	\$ 53,865	3	1.196	\$ 56,661	3	1.269	\$ 60,120	3	1.298	\$ 61,495
4	1.180	\$ 55,904	4	1.244	\$ 58,937	4	1.321	\$ 62,584	4	1.353	\$ 64,101
5	1.222	\$ 57,893	5	1.293	\$ 61,257	5	1.374	\$ 65,094	5	1.409	\$ 66,753
6	1.264	\$ 59,882	6	1.341	\$ 63,532	6	1.426	\$ 67,558	6	1.465	\$ 69,406
7	1.307	\$ 61,920	7	1.390	\$ 65,853	7	1.479	\$ 70,069	7	1.520	\$ 72,011
8	1.349	\$ 63,910	8	1.438	\$ 68,127	8	1.531	\$ 72,533	8	1.576	\$ 74,664
9	1.392	\$ 65,948	9	1.487	\$ 70,447	9	1.584	\$ 75,044	9	1.631	\$ 77,270
10	1.434	\$ 67,937	10	1.535	\$ 72,722	10	1.636	\$ 77,508	10	1.687	\$ 79,923
11	1.477	\$ 69,975	11	1.584	\$ 75,044	11	1.689	\$ 80,018	11	1.742	\$ 82,528
12	1.519	\$ 71,964	12	1.632	\$ 77,318	12	1.741	\$ 82,482	12	1.798	\$ 85,183
13	1.561	\$ 73,954	13	1.681	\$ 79,640	13	1.794	\$ 84,993	13	1.853	\$ 87,788
14	1.604	\$ 75,991	14	1.729	\$ 81,913	14	1.846	\$ 87,456	14	1.909	\$ 90,441
15	1.604	\$ 75,991	15	1.729	\$ 81,913	15	1.846	\$ 87,456	15	1.909	\$ 90,441
16	1.604	\$ 75,991	16	1.729	\$ 81,913	16	1.846	\$ 87,456	16	1.909	\$ 90,441
17	1.604	\$ 75,991	17	1.729	\$ 81,913	17	1.846	\$ 87,456	17	1.909	\$ 90,441
18	1.604	\$ 75,991	18	1.729	\$ 81,913	18	1.846	\$ 87,456	18	1.909	\$ 90,441
19	1.604	\$ 75,991	19	1.729	\$ 81,913	19	1.846	\$ 87,456	19	1.909	\$ 90,441
20	1.646	\$ 77,981	20	1.778	\$ 84,235	20	1.899	\$ 89,967	20	1.964	\$ 93,047
21	1.646	\$ 77,981	21	1.778	\$ 84,235	21	1.899	\$ 89,967	21	1.964	\$ 93,047
22	1.646	\$ 77,981	22	1.778	\$ 84,235	22	1.899	\$ 89,967	22	1.964	\$ 93,047
23	1.646	\$ 77,981	23	1.778	\$ 84,235	23	1.899	\$ 89,967	23	1.964	\$ 93,047
24	1.646	\$ 77,981	24	1.778	\$ 84,235	24	1.899	\$ 89,967	24	1.964	\$ 93,047
25	1.660	\$ 78,645	25	1.800	\$ 85,276	25	1.920	\$ 90,964	25	2.000	\$ 94,752

Appendix C