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NEGOTIATED MASTER AGREEMENT

Between the

ANSONIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

And the

ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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ARTICLE 1 – PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is:

A. To provide for better understanding and communication between the Board of Education, hereafter identified as Board, of the Ansonia Local School District and the certificated/ licensed staff of Ansonia Schools. (The certificated/licensed staff, as used herein, will include all classroom teachers, and support personnel who hold a valid teaching license or certificate.)

B. To set a basis for settling matters of concern which will include the following articles:

ARTICLE 2 – RECOGNITION

The Ansonia Local School District Board of Education recognizes the Ansonia Education Association, OEA/NEA as the sole and exclusive representative, for purposes of and as defined in Chapter 4117 of *Ohio Revised Code*, for all professional certificated/licensed personnel, both full-time and regular part-time, whether actively employed or on leave of absence or on reduction in force suspension with recall rights, including by way of illustration classroom teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, media and program specialists, nurses, and substitutes after they become entitled to regular contract status. Specifically excluded from the bargaining unit are the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Principals, Assistant Principals, Athletic Director for a non-teacher, non-certificated/non-licensed employees and all non-certificated/non-licensed employment, hourly tutors, other substitutes and other administrative personnel as defined in Chapter 4117 of the *Ohio Revised Code.*

ARTICLE 3 – MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

1. Except as specifically abridged, delegated, granted or modified by a specific and express term of this Agreement, the Board hereby retains and reserves to itself and the administration, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in them by the laws and the constitution of the State of Ohio, including but not limited to management'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; hire, assign, direct, schedule, supervise, and evaluate teachers; maintain and improve the efficiency the effectiveness of school operations, determine the methods, processes, means and personnel by which school operations are to be conducted, and suspend discipline, demote, or terminate teachers for just cause, layoff, non-renew, transfer, promote, or retain teachers; 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 mission of the school district; determine the instructional hours for pupils; and direct, assign, and schedule pupils. The exercise of any of the foregoing management rights requires neither prior negotiation with nor agreement of the Association.

ARTICLE 4 – ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

A. The Association shall have the following exclusive rights:

1. The Association President shall receive a copy of Board of Education Meeting Minutes and Agenda.
2. The use of individual teacher mailboxes for correspondence only.
3. Ohio Education Association Labor Relations Consultant (OEA/LRC) Representation visitation.
   a) The OEA/LRC must sign-in and sign-out at the Principal's office.
   b) The OEA/LRC may meet with the teachers only during the teacher's duty-free lunch period.
   c) The OEA/LRC may meet with teachers before and after the regular school day for teachers.
4. Names of newly employed teachers shall be provided to the Association, along with their addresses, within seven (7) working days, from the beginning of the school year.
5. Board Policy will be available on the district's website as part of the Board of Education's webpage.
6. The Association shall be granted the right to use Fax machines and email for Association business as these and other technologies are introduced. Such use shall not interfere with the business of Ansonia Schools. The Board may charge the Association a reasonable fee for use of such technology.
7. The Association shall be granted two (2) days of Association leave each school year. The Association President shall notify the Superintendent or designee as far in advance as possible of the purposes, dates, and person(s) who will be using the leave.

ARTICLE 5 – NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

A. DEFINITIONS

1. Negotiation shall mean conferring, discussing, and negotiating in good faith by the Board/Administration and the Association in an effort to reach agreement with respect to matters of concern to the Board and the Association.
2. Good Faith involves coming to the negotiations table with the intention of negotiating, not of dogmatically pursuing preconceived stands. Good Faith requires that the Board/Administration and the Association be willing to react to each other's proposals. If a proposal is unacceptable to one party, that party is obligated to respond with rationale.

   Good Faith requires parties to recognize negotiations as a shared process. The obligation of the Board/Administration and the Association to meet for the purposes of negotiations does not compel either party to agree to a proposal or require the making of concession.
3. When used in this agreement: School shall mean any work location; Administrator shall mean the Superintendent and his/her management team; Teacher shall mean anyone covered in the recognized bargaining unit; Association Representative shall mean the agent of the Association at any work location; Association Designee shall mean any person assigned by the Association to handle a particular case; and Day shall mean work day unless otherwise stated.

B. INTENT TO NEGOTIATE

Ninety (90) calendar days prior to the expiration of the agreement, the President of the Association shall notify the Board of Education or their designated representative, in writing, of the intent to open negotiations.

C. NEGOTIATIONS TEAM

Each negotiation team shall consist of the following:

1. Association Team – up to five (5) Association Members and Association President or the President's designee. The Labor Relations Consultant (LRC) shall be a part of the association team when requested by the Association President.

2. Board Team – Two (2) Board Members, and three (3) participating members of the Board's choice.

3. Observers may interchange with members of the team only during caucus.

D. POWER AND AUTHORITY

While no formal Agreement shall be executed without ratification by the Association and adoption by the Board, the parties mutually pledge that their representatives will have all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations.

E. OFFICIAL NOTES

The teams will use the sign-off format for recording agreement.

F. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

1. The Board will require its central office to furnish the Association's Negotiating Team, via the Association President, public documents concerning the operation of the School District upon request at a cost of 10 cents per copy for 8-1/2" x 11" pages and 20 cents per copy for 11" x 17" pages. The Association President shall submit, in writing, to the Superintendent the documents requested. There shall be a turnaround time of not more than ten (10) working days for the requested information.

2. The Association agrees to furnish pertinent information on its proposals to the Board's negotiating team to support their development of sound programs for the School District. The Board's representative will furnish pertinent information on any items it initiates.

G. NEGOTIATIONS LIMITS

1. A limit of sixty (60) days shall be spent in negotiations. The sixty (60) days shall begin with the first session, which shall be held no later than ten (10) days from the date of formal notification to negotiate, and at which session, formal, detailed proposals shall be exchanged by both sides. After these proposals have been exchanged, no other items shall be added to those for consideration, unless otherwise agreed to by the parties.

2. If negotiations have not concluded within the allowable period, impasse will automatically be declared and the unresolved issue(s) will be submitted to mediation according to Section I of this Article.

H. AGREEMENT

1. If agreement is reached on all matters being bargained, the tentative agreements shall be reduced to writing and submitted as a complete package to the Association for its ratification and the Board for approval. The Association President shall notify the Superintendent within fifteen (15) days of the Association's action. Once ratified by the Association, the Board shall take action within thirty (30) days. When approved, in accordance with the provisions of this section, this agreement shall be signed by both parties and shall become effective according to the terms and the date signed.

   a) Upon final approval by both parties, two (2) copies of the total agreement shall be signed. Both parties shall retain a copy of the Agreement, which shall be binding on both parties.

   b) The Board shall be responsible for typing the final agreement. However, the Board and the Association shall share the cost equally for the typing. A time sheet shall be maintained by the secretary for all hours worked.

   c) All present language unless deleted or modified will be incorporated into a successor agreement at such time the new agreement is ratified and approved.

I. IMPASSE

1. In the event agreement is not reached after sixty (60) days from the filing of the notice to negotiate, either party shall have the right to request assistance of a mediator from the Federal Mediation and Conciliation Service (FMCS), and such request shall be deemed a joint request. In the event the services of a mediator are called upon, the mediation process shall last for a maximum of thirty (30) days unless mutually agreed otherwise.

2. Should the mediation process not produce agreement within thirty (30) days, the parties shall request the appointment of an arbitrator through the American Arbitration Association. The parties shall select an arbitrator according to the American Arbitration Association's Voluntary Rules.

3. The arbitrator shall have the authority to hold hearings and to confer with the parties or their representatives in any manner he/she deems appropriate. The arbitrator shall transmit his/her written findings of fact and recommendations on the unresolved items at the earliest possible time to the negotiation teams. It is agreed by the parties that the recommendation of the arbitrator is not binding on either party except as set forth hereafter and is of an advisory nature only. Each party shall pay one-half (1/2) the cost of the arbitrator.

4. Within seven (7) days of receipt of the arbitrator's finds of fact and recommendations, the Association and the Board shall both consider and vote on the recommendations. The Board shall vote on the arbitrator's recommendations in a public meeting and may reject them by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of its total membership. All members of the Association who are present at a meeting held for said purpose may vote on the arbitrator's recommendations by secret, written ballot. The recommendations may be rejected by a three-fifths (3/5) vote of the total membership of the Association. For purposes of this section, "Membership of the Association" shall be defined as it is in *ORC* 4117.14 as interpreted by SERB. The tally and results of the association's vote shall be certified to the Board President in writing by the Association President within twenty-four (24) hours of the balloting. The ballots shall be retained by the Association for at least six (6) months following the vote and shall be made available to any representative of SERB upon request. If neither rejects the recommendations by the required three-fifth (3/5) vote, the recommendations shall be deemed agreed upon as the final solution of the issues submitted and a

collective bargaining agreement shall be executed between the parties, including the recommendations except as otherwise modified by the parties by mutual agreement.

5. If either party rejects the arbitrator's recommendations, then the arbitrator's findings of fact and recommendations shall be made public and the parties may continue to meet in an attempt to resolve the issues still in dispute.

6. If the parties are unable to reach agreement by the expiration date of their collective bargaining agreement or any extension thereof to which they have mutually agreed, the employees in the bargaining unit represented by the Association shall have the right to strike provided the arbitrator's findings of fact and recommendations have been made public and further provided that the Association has given a ten (10) day prior written notice of an intent to strike to the Board and to the State Employment Relations Board as required by 4117.14 of the *Ohio Revised Code*.

ARTICLE 6 – GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

GRIEVANCE POLICY. The Board recognizes that in the interest of effective personnel management, a procedure is necessary whereby its employee's members can be assured of a prompt, impartial, and fair hearing on their grievances. Such procedures shall be available to all employees of the bargaining unit and no reprisals of any kind shall be taken against any employee initiating or participating in the grievance procedure. The grievance shall not be made a part of the grievant's personnel file.

A. GRIEVANCE DEFINED. A grievance is an alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the master contract or conditions of employment.

B. PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVES. The primary purpose of this procedure shall be to obtain at the lowest administrative level and in the shortest period of time, equitable solutions to grievances, which may arise from time to time. Both the Board and the Association agree that grievance proceedings shall be handled in a confidential manner and that all meetings shall be private and hearings shall be in executive session.

C. RIGHTS OF THE GRIEVANT AND THE ORGANIZATION. The Association will designate one or more representatives for processing grievances. The name of the designated representative/s shall be given to the Superintendent when they have been named.

1. A grievant shall appear in his/her own behalf and be represented at each level of the grievance procedure. No grievance meeting or adjustment of a grievance shall take place without the presence of the Association. Further, no grievance solution shall be made without the knowledge of the Association.

2. The President of the Association shall receive prior notice of each meeting held to resolve a grievance. Decisions rendered at each level will be made in writing on the forms hereto attached setting forth the decision and the reasons therefore, and will be transmitted promptly to all parties in interest, to the President of the Association and the administrator involved.

3. Level 4 hearings shall be structured so that due process under the circumstances and representation is accorded both sides. Each hearing shall have provisions for: initial presentation of grievant's case, cross-examination and/or questioning and final summaries, with either party having the right at its option to waive any or all of the foregoing.

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

5. The Association shall have the right to file a grievance, if the subject matter involved concerns the Association, its officers, representatives of the Association or two (2) or more members of the bargaining unit.

6. Nothing in this contract shall bind the Association from limit or prohibit exercising discretion at any level of the grievance procedure. A grievance may be withdrawn at any level without prejudice or record.

D. RIGHTS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. Administrators may have the right of counsel or representation at any level.

E. PROCEDURE

1. LEVEL 1. Prior to the filing of a grievance the grievant and association representative shall first discuss his/her/their grievance with the appropriate administrator with the objective to resolve the grievance informally. The aggrieved person(s) shall state to the administrator at the start of the conference that this is Level One of the grievance procedure.

2. LEVEL 2. In the event the aggrieved person(s) is/are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One, the grievant(s) may file a grievance in writing with the involved supervisor on the prescribed form. Upon receipt of the grievance, the involved supervisor, within five (5) workdays after receiving the claim, will then schedule a meeting at the time and place mutually agreeable, to investigate the claim. The meeting should include the involved supervisor in interest, the aggrieved person, Association representative(s), and any other person who may be needed to give information as to the claim. Within five (5) workdays following the meeting, the involved supervisor will render a written decision based upon the circumstances of the case. In the event no decision is forthcoming within the prescribed time, the grievance will be advanced to Level Three.

3. LEVEL THREE. In the event that the aggrieved person or the Association is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two, the employee/member(s) may then appeal within five (5) workdays, the grievance to the Superintendent.

   The Superintendent, within five (5) workdays shall schedule a meeting concerning the grievance. The Superintendent shall make a written decision within ten (10) workdays of such meeting. In the event no decision is forthcoming in the prescribed time, the grievance will be advanced to Level Four.

4. LEVEL FOUR. In the event that the aggrieved person(s) is/are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Three, the aggrieved person(s) may then initiate the grievance at Level Four within five (5) workdays.

   The grievance shall be initiated at this level by communicating the grievance, in writing, to the President of the Board, the Treasurer, and Superintendent. The Board shall conduct a hearing on the grievance at its next regularly scheduled Board meeting. Within ten (10) work days of such hearing, the Board shall deliver its written decision to the grieving party. The hearing shall be in executive session.

5. LEVEL FIVE. Binding Arbitration. If the Association and the grievant are not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Four, the Association shall notify the Superintendent of its desire to appeal the issue to Arbitration within fifteen (15) days after receipt of the Level Four reply.

   The Arbitrator shall be selected from a list submitted to both parties by the American Arbitration Association and in accordance with the voluntary rules and regulations of the AAA.

The Arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of the agreement, **or** to make any award, which is inconsistent with this agreement or contrary to law. The decision of the arbitrator shall be binding on the grievant, the Association and the Board, and shall not be the basis of depriving either party of any rights under the law. The Board of Education shall take necessary action to implement the Arbitrator's award at the next regular board meeting following receipt of the award.

The cost of the arbitrator's services shall be shared equally by the Association and the Board. All expenses incurred by the representatives of the parties shall be the responsibility of the party incurring the expense.

F. TIME LIMITS.

1. The number of days indicated at each step is considered a maximum. The time limits specified, however, may be extended by written agreement of the parties in interest.
2. If any grievance is not initiated within fifteen (15) workdays after the grievant knew or reasonably should have known of the event or condition upon which it is based, the grievance may not be presented as such. However, if a condition is recurring, the fifteen (15) workday's time limit will be applied to the most recent occurrence.
3. All grievances must be appealed to the next formal level within the time limits cited. Failure to do so shall deem the grievance settled on the basis of the disposition at the present level. Failure of the Board to respond within their time limits shall advance the grievance to the next level automatically.

ARTICLE 7 – FAIR PRACTICES

A. RIGHTS OF INDIVIDUALS

Nothing in this document will prohibit any certificated/licensed employee from presenting views, proposals, or grievances to the Superintendent or the Association's members in accordance with established procedure. Negotiations, however, will be conducted according to this document. Members of the bargaining unit may present grievances and have them adjusted, without the intervention of the bargaining representative, as long as the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of the collective bargaining agreement then in effect and as long as the bargaining representatives have the opportunity to be present at the adjustment.

B. NON-DISCRIMINATION

No provision of this document will discriminate against a certificated/licensed employee because of membership or non-membership in the Association or because of his/her race, age, marital status, disability, handicap, sex, or religious beliefs.

C. PERSONAL FILES

1. Files will be handled according to ORC 149.43.
2. If a teacher has completed three (3) successful years of teaching following the placement of critical material in his/her file, the teacher may request that his/her file be reviewed and upon mutual agreement of the teacher and the current principal and Superintendent, said material shall then be removed from the file and destroyed. No anonymous material shall be placed in a teacher's files, nor be made a matter of record. Letters of commendation or praise shall be included in a teacher's personal file.

ARTICLE 8 – TASK FORCE LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE (LMC)

The Task Force Labor Management Committee (LMC) is a group of administrators, teachers and other staff dedicated to improving the quality of education for Ansonia students.

The Task Force Labor Management Committee (LMC) shall meet to discuss issues of concern to either party.

Meetings shall be scheduled in a timely manner at the request of either party.

The Task Force shall meet as determined by the Superintendent and Association President to address concerns and develop goals. The groups at times may call in experts to gain information in order to make well-informed recommendations.

The goals and recommendations of this group, while not binding, are to be seriously considered all parties involved since they reflect sincere efforts to improve our school.

The membership of the Task Force will consist of Administrators, the Guidance Counselor, and teacher members appointed by the Association President. Three (3) elementary school, two (2) middle school and three (3) high school teachers will be appointed to serve in this group.

When this group's work culminates in a written report, copies will go to the Administrators, the Board and the AEA.

ARTICLE 9 – EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF

The Board of Education is responsible for a standards-based teacher evaluation policy which conforms to the framework for evaluation of teachers as approved by the State Board of Education and aligns with the "Standards for the Teaching Professions" as set forth in State law.

The Ansonia Board of Education adopts the Ohio Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) model as approved by the State Board of Education.

The Board believes in the importance of ongoing assessment and meaningful feedback as a powerful vehicle to support improved teaching performance and student growth, as well as promotion and retention decisions for teachers.

This policy shall be implemented as set forth herein and included in the collective bargaining agreement with Ansonia Education Association (AEA), and in all extensions and renewals thereof.

This policy has been developed in consultation with teachers employed by the Board.

The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish and maintain an ongoing evaluation committee, with continuing participation by District teachers represented by the AEA, for the express purpose of recommending necessary changes to the Board for the appropriate revision to this policy.

Reference: p03220

ARTICLE 10 – REDUCTION IN FORCE

A. RIF POLICY

1. Any Reduction in Force will be in compliance with the collective bargaining agreement. If the Board determines it necessary to reduce the number of faculty positions under ORC 3319.17 or for financial reasons, the following procedures shall apply. Reductions shall be made by suspending contracts based upon the Superintendent's recommendation. Those contracts to be suspended will be chosen as follows:

   All members of the faculty will be placed on a list for each teaching field for which they are properly certificated/licensed. Teachers serving under continuing contracts will be placed at the top of the list, teachers serving under limited contracts will be placed on the list under continuing contract teachers, then in order of seniority.

   a) Seniority will be defined as the length of continuous services as a certificated/licensed employee under regular contract in this district.

      1) Board approved leaves of absence will not interrupt seniority, but time spent on such a leave shall not count toward seniority.

      2) If two (2) or more teachers have the same length of continuous service, seniority will be determined by:

         - the date of the Board meeting at which the teacher was hired, and then;
         - the date the teacher signed his/her initial employment contract in the district, and then by;
         - any remaining ties will be broken by lot.
         - A teacher so affected may elect to displace a teacher who holds a lower position on a seniority list for another area of certification/licensure. Any such election must be made within ten (10) days from the time the teacher is notified in writing he/she will be affected.

   b) Recommended reductions in a teaching field will be made by selecting the lowest person on the seniority list for that area of certification/licensure who is currently assigned to a position in that teaching field. A teacher so affected may elect to displace a teacher who holds a lower position on a seniority list for another area of certification/licensure. Any such election must be made within ten (10) days from the time the teacher is notified in writing he/she will be affected.

2. The names of teachers whose contracts are suspended in a reduction in force will be placed on a recall list for up to twenty-four (24) months from the date of the reduction. Teachers on the recall list will have the following rights:

   a) No new teachers will be employed by the Board while there are teachers on the recall list who are certificated/licensed for the vacancy.

   b) Teachers on the recall list will be recalled in order of seniority for vacancies in areas for which they are certificated/licensed.

   c) If a vacancy occurs, the Board will send a certified announcement to the first known address of all teachers on the recall list who are qualified according to those provisions. It is the teacher's responsibility to keep the Board informed of his current address. All teachers are required to respond in writing to the district office within seven (7) calendar days. The most senior of those responding

will be given the vacant position. Any teacher who fails to respond within seven (7) calendar days, or who declines to accept the position, will forfeit all recall rights.

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

3. The parties agree that these procedures apply only to the suspension of contracts under 3319.17 or for financial reasons. This article shall not require the Board of Education to fill any vacancy, nor shall it interfere with any other lawful personnel procedures in the district.

ARTICLE 11 – WORKING CONDITIONS

A. TEACHER'S YEAR – The teaching staff's regular contract year will consist of the following:

1. One hundred eighty (180) student days.

2. Four (4) days for professional meetings and workdays.

a) Programs/Meetings will not be scheduled past noon of the first teacher workday each school year. Programs and schedules for the remaining professional meeting days and workdays will be determined in consultation with the Task Force.

3. Staff new to the District may not have more than five (5) days for professional meetings/workdays.

B. LENGTH OF TEACHER DAY

1. The normal teacher workday shall be no longer than seven and one-quarter (7-1/4) hours, inclusive of a thirty (30) minute, uninterrupted, duty-free lunch.

2. Part-time teachers will be given a written contract supplement specifying their hours of work, the length of their day and assigned responsibilities.

3. A three (3) hour delay may be used for fog or road conditions. In the case of road conditions, even if calamity days are not used already, if a level one emergency status is reached in time, the three (3) hour delay policy will be used. Bargaining unit members who have previously scheduled after school appointments that cannot be changed shall be permitted to attend those appointments with no loss of sick or personal leave as long as proper documentation is provided.

C. PLANNING TIME

The schedule of each full-time classroom teacher shall include at least two hundred (200) minutes per week for instructional planning and evaluation and conferences. Each teacher shall have a minimum of forty (40) minutes planning time per school day. Any proposed waiver of all or part of this planning time shall be agreed to by the staff person(s) involved and the Principal, and notification will be given to the Association.

D. REQUIRED MEETINGS

During the months of September through May, the first and third Monday afternoons and/or evenings are to be kept open for various staff activities. An attempt will be made to schedule all local meetings on those two (2) Monday nights. Meetings, which need or would benefit from parent or Board member input, should be

held in the evenings. Although administrators may call a required meeting at other times, these will be of an emergency nature and will have the consent of the participants.

E. INTEGRATING SPECIAL NEEDS STUDENTS

1. The Board recognizes the rights of regular and special area teachers to preserve the educational balance in their classrooms. The following may be used by the teachers who have or will have one or more special needs students included into their classes:

   a) The receiving teacher(s) at the appropriate level have the right to be present at any placement committee meeting. This includes the annual IEP review.

   b) The receiving teacher(s) can request a placement committee meeting at any time to review the student(s) placement. This meeting will take place promptly.

   c) Teachers will not be responsible for any lifting, diapering, or toileting for any student.

   d) Classroom teachers will not be required to administer medication to any student nor shall they be required to perform medical procedures or other such procedures of a physical nature such as catheterization, tube feeding, or similar procedures.

F. SUBSTITUTES

Every reasonable effort will be made to acquire certificated/licensed substitutes for absent teachers. A teacher shall not be required to cover an additional class unless the Superintendent or principal deems it necessary after making a reasonable effort to acquire a substitute. A teacher who acts as a period substitute and gives up his/her planning shall be paid ten dollars ($10.00) per period. For the purposes of use of the above in the Elementary and in the Middle School, a "period" will be defined as the amount of time a teacher has for a conference period. In the High School, a "block" will be defined as two (2) periods.

G. STUDENT DISCIPLINE

1. The Board and the administration will provide teachers with needed support in dealing with student discipline, in accordance with the current student discipline plan.

2. No adverse personnel action or reprisal of any kind will be imposed on a teacher for exercising her/his rights and responsibilities under law and/or under current student discipline policy.

H. STAFF DEVELOPMENT

The stipulations for meeting this requirement are:

1. The completed hours shall be at the personal expense of each participant and shall take place during non-school hours.

2. The hours for the current school year must take place between the last student day of the preceding school year and the last student day of the current school year.

3. The inservice hours must be used to enhance the teaching assignment.

4. Staff Development Appraisal Form should be approved in advance of completion of staff development hours.

I. MENTORS

Bargaining unit members who serve as mentors for holders of the residence license or who serve as mentors for other mandated requirements shall receive release time for their duties.

J. TECHNOLOGY UTILIZATION

Staff members agree to follow the regulations as stated in Board Policy.

ARTICLE 12 – HEALTH AND SAFETY

A. The Board of Education believes that the employees of this District are entitled to function in an environment as free from hazards as can reasonably be provided. In this regard and in accordance with law, the Board will provide reasonable and adequate protection to the lives, safety, and health of its employees in compliance with Federal and State laws and regulations.

   The Superintendent shall be responsible for the maintenance of standards in the facilities to prevent accidents and to minimize their consequences. S/He shall designate an employee who shall conduct periodic audits of health and safety conditions within the facilities of the District and take appropriate action on any violations thereof to the Superintendent.

   The Superintendent shall ascertain that the employees and students of this District are aware of their rights to an environment free of recognized hazards, that they are properly trained in safety methods, that protective devices and equipment are available to meet safety standards, and that proper rules and records are maintained to meet the requirements of the law and the regulation of the Public Employee Risk Reduction Advisory Commission.

   In the event an inspection is made by a representative of the State, the Superintendent shall report the results thereof to the Board at the meeting following the receipt of the State report, and to the Association President.

B. There shall be no reprisal, coercion, or discrimination against any employee for reporting any unsafe or unhealthy working condition, or for refusing to work in an unsafe environment or to perform unsafe tasks.

C. Health or safety concerns of a non-emergency nature are appropriate topics for the task force.

D. Calamity Days: Contractual make-up days will be made up using the scheduled contingency days identified in the Board approved district calendar.

ARTICLE 13 – CLASS SIZE

The Board and the AEA recognize that a manageable student-teacher ratio is an important part of effective and quality instruction. It is agreed that the number of students assigned to a teacher must reflect an efficient use of a teacher's time to develop and implement diversified, quality lessons to address the academic needs of his/her students and meet curricular standards.

At the request of the AEA, the Superintendent shall advise the AEA President, and those teachers so affected, of any problematic student-teacher classroom ratios. This meeting will take place, if possible, in May of the succeeding year, but no later than August 1st. During this meeting remedies will be discussed. If the AEA or if the teacher(s) so affected desire, they have the right to discuss with the Board President (or a Board Committee)

such remedies to address student assignment concerns. The goal is to reach a mutually agreeable solution that benefits students.

ARTICLE 14 – PUBLIC COMPLAINTS

The Board has a responsibility to protect the freedom of inquiry at Ansonia Schools, and to protect its staff from unwarranted complaints.

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

Complaints reaching the Board, Board members, and the administration shall be returned to the Superintendent for consideration according to the following procedure.

A. MATTERS REGARDING A PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER

1. First Level

   If it is a matter specifically directed toward a professional staff member, the matter must be addressed, initially, to the concerned staff member who shall discuss it promptly with the complainant and make every effort to provide a reasoned explanation or take appropriate action within his/her authority and District administrative guidelines.

   This level does not apply if the matter involves suspected child abuse, substance abuse, or any other criminal allegation which may require investigation or inquiry by school officials prior to approaching the professional staff member.

2. Second Level

   If the matter cannot be satisfactorily resolved at the First Level, it shall be discussed by the complainant with the staff member's principal.

3. Third Level

   If a satisfactory solution is not achieved by discussion with the principal, a written request for a conference shall be submitted to the Superintendent. This request should include:

   a) The specific nature of the complaint and a brief statement of the facts giving rise to it;

   b) The respect in which it is alleged that the complainant (or child of the complainant) has been affected adversely;

   c) The action which the complainant wishes taken and the reasons why it is felt that such action be taken.

   A copy of the complaint will be provided to every professional staff member mentioned in the complaint. The teacher(s) shall, upon request, meet with the Superintendent to discuss the complaint and may be accompanied in such meeting by an Association representative.

4. Fourth Level

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

b) The Board, after reviewing all material relating to the case, shall provide the complainant with its written decision and grant a hearing to both the complainant and to the professional staff member who may be accompanied by an Association Representative.

c) The complainant and the professional staff member shall be advised, in writing, of the Board's decision, no more than ten (10) work days following the hearing.

B. MATTERS REGARDING INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

If the complaint relates to instructional materials such as textbooks, library books, reference works, and other instructional aids used in the District, the following procedure shall be followed:

1. The criticism is to be addressed to the principal, in writing, and shall include:

   a) Author;

   b) Title;

   c) Publisher;

   d) The complainant's familiarity with the material objected to;

   e) Sections objected to, by page and item;

   f) Reasons for objection.

   The professional staff member involved in use of the material will be notified of the complaint.

2. Upon receipt of the information, the principal shall, after advising the Superintendent of the complaint, and upon the Superintendent's approval, appoint a review committee which may consist of:

   a) One (1) or more Principals;

   b) One (1) or more Board members;

   c) One (1) or more lay persons knowledgeable in the area;

   d) One (1) or more teachers in the grade level or subject area involved.

3. The Superintendent shall be an ex officio member of the committee.

4. The committee, in evaluating the questioned material, shall be guided by the following criteria:

   a) The appropriateness of the material for the age and maturity level of the students with whom it is being used.

   b) The accuracy of the material.

   c) The objectivity of the material.

   d) The use being made of the material.

5. The material in question may be withdrawn from use pending the committee's recommendation to the Superintendent.

6. The committee's recommendation shall be reported to the Superintendent in writing within twenty (20) business days following the formation of the committee. The Superintendent will advise the complainant and the professional staff member involved, in writing, of the committee's recommendation and advise the Board of the action taken or recommended.

7. The complainant may appeal this decision, within thirty (30) business days, to the Board through a written request to the Superintendent, who shall forward the request and all written material relating to the matter to the Board.

8. The Board shall review the case and advise the complainant, and the professional staff member, in writing, of its decision within five (5) business days.

No challenged material may be removed from the curriculum or from a collection of resource materials except by action of the Board, and no challenged material may be removed solely because it presents ideas that may be unpopular or offensive to some. Any Board action to remove material will be accompanied by the Board's statement of its reasons for the removal.

ARTICLE 15 – VACANCIES/TRANSFERS

During the school year, bargaining unit members will be informed of job vacancies by posting a list of said vacancies of teaching and administrative positions to staff via DistrictNews email.

Posting will be within five (5) workdays after the Superintendent receives the resignation or knows of the vacancy. Exceptions will be made when any administrator or teacher requests that notice of their resignation be withheld until after the Board takes official action on the resignation.

All vacancies are posted to district mail. Any member interested in a posted vacancy shall indicate in writing to the listed contact person within five (5) days of the email posting.

A currently employed teacher holding the appropriate certification/license may apply for a position posted as a vacancy, and will, upon request, be granted an interview for the position. First priority in filling vacancies will be given to present staff members.

ARTICLE 16 – DRUG FREE WORKPLACE

A. All employees shall receive a copy of the Board-adopted resolution regarding a drug-free workplace.

B. All employees shall refrain from the use, manufacture, distribution, or possession of controlled substances or alcohol while in the workplace. The employer shall provide a drug-free awareness and education program for all employees.

C. For the purposes of these provisions, the following definitions shall apply:

"1. Drug abuse offenses" shall be defined as the unlawful possession, use or distribution of controlled substances and alcohol.

"2. Work Place" is defined as any area under the control of the school district or at any school sponsored activity regardless of location.

D. An employee accused of being in violation of this provision shall be afforded due process and shall not be disciplined without just cause. Subsequent offenses may result in further just cause discipline.

ARTICLE 17 – REGULAR TEACHING SALARIES

A. Full-time and part-time teachers who are employed by the Board of Education shall be paid an annual salary according to the adopted salary schedule and as per the master agreement. The Board shall give teachers a written individual annual salary notice**.** The purpose of which is to confirm proper placement on the negotiated salary schedule. A teacher will be placed on the Salary Schedule per the appropriate educational level column, as indicated by official college transcripts and records.

B. Career Technical Education Teacher(s): Career technical education teachers who do have a Bachelor's Degree or more at the time of initial employment with the District shall have their previous full years of work experience in or directly related to the career tech field for which they are hired credited to them on the salary schedules as one (1) year of teaching experience for each two (2) full years of work experience, not to exceed a total of twenty (20) years, equating to a maximum of ten (10) years teaching experience on the salary schedule.

ARTICLE 18 – SALARY AND SALARY SCHEDULE

A. Payroll will consist of twenty-four (24*)* equal installments with the first payroll being three (3) weeks after a staff member commences work. All employees will use direct deposit with email notification. In the event email is unavailable, paper copies may be requested. If a payroll date falls on a holiday or vacation, payroll will be distributed and/or mailed not earlier than the Board's payroll account depository closing hour on the day prior to the regular payroll date.

B. Professional dues authorized for payroll deductions may be deducted from the remaining payrolls falling on or after October 1 but before the date of June 30 of each year. Dues deducted will be paid to the designated professional organizations but in no case will payment be made prior to the payroll deductions. The Association wishing to have its members' dues deducted will submit a typed list of the members with their signature authorizing such deduction. This list will be submitted to the Treasurer fourteen (14) days prior to the first scheduled deductions.

   Dues shall be collected in twenty (20) equal deductions during the school year and shall be monthly submitted to the Treasurer of the Association with a list of those employees for whom dues deductions have been made.

   Payroll deduction shall be continuous and remain in effect until revoked in writing between the dates of August 21 and 31. If a dues deduction is not revoked, dues deductions shall be continuous. The payroll office, if requested, shall provide the Ansonia Education Association Treasurer a list of any revocation of payroll deduction of dues in accordance with this provision.

   The Association agrees to indemnify and save the Board harmless against any and all claims that may arise out of or by any reason of action taken by the Board in reliance upon any authorization for dues deduction submitted by the Association to the Board.

C. All lists of organizations available for payroll deduction in this section will be updated by the Board annually.

   1. Annuities are available for payroll deduction, a list of current companies is available upon request (additional programs need three (3) members):

      Annuities will be deducted from an employee's regular salary on the written request of the employee provided such request is made fourteen (14) days before the start of the employee contract year. Annuity deductions will be limited to the companies listed above.

2. Other payroll deductions will be:

    a) Retirement payments required by state or federal law.

    b) Income tax and other assessments required by federal, state or local regulations.

    c) United Way assessments of not less than two dollars ($2.00) per pay period upon employee's written request. All requests must be made fourteen (14) days prior to the start of the first scheduled deduction.

    d) Wright-Patterson Credit Union

3. Cancer Insurance – is available upon request, at employee's expense.
(minimum of three (3) employees each)

D. The schedule of payroll deductions will be:

1. Annuities – first and second payrolls of each month.
2. Professional Dues – each payroll of October through June 30.
3. Medical Insurance – First and second payroll of each month.
4. Retirement and Taxes – all payrolls of each month.
5. Wright-Patterson Credit Union – all payrolls of each month

E. This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2029. A 4% increase on the base with normal step movement for the 2026-2027 school year. The parties agree that all terms and conditions contained herein shall remain in effect for the duration of the Agreement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the salary schedule and employee compensation shall be reopened for negotiation annually. All other provisions of the Agreement shall remain closed and shall not be subject to negotiation during the term of this Agreement unless required by law or by mutual agreement of the parties.

ARTICLE 19 – EXTRA DUTY SCHEDULE

A. The extra duty percentage schedule for employees covered under this agreement will be as set forth in ADDENDUM B attached hereto.

B. GUIDELINES:

1. The Board reserves the right to add new positions with percentages if the need arises**.**
2. Any percentage increases or new positions which either the Association or the Board wishes to negotiate at the end of the current contract, along with any position and/or percentage rate added by the Board.
3. Position deletions and/or lowered percentage rates may not be considered and/or made unless by mutual agreement, i.e. memorandum of understanding (MOU), the Board and the Association, or during the negotiation period.
4. It is understood that in the event there are not enough students participating in any given activity, as determined by the Administration, the Extra Duty percentage for that position will not be paid.

C. STATEMENTS OF CLARIFICATION FOR EXTRA-DUTY SALARY SCHEDULE

1. To determine placement on the Extra-Duty salary schedule, personnel will be credited with years of experience they have earned in an activity or sport. If, at a later date, the employee accepts another extra duty position on the schedule, (s)he will be placed at the beginning salary in that activity or sport. (Example: Jane Doe has coached the 7th grade volleyball and 9th grade volleyball and has accepted the varsity volleyball position. She will be credited with all her volleyball experience on the varsity volleyball schedule. However, if she later accepts the National Honor Society advisor or 7th and 8th grade girls track positions, she will be placed at the beginning step of that schedule).

2. Any extra-duty personnel coaching two (2) sports in a given season will receive the salary of the highest paying sport plus the salary of the lowest paying sport.

3. Extra-duty personnel will be paid once a month during the months listed on the attached pay schedule.

ARTICLE 20 – SEVERANCE PAY

A. Severance pay will be a one-time, lump-sum payment to eligible employees according to the sections of this item.

B. An employee's eligibility for severance pay will be determined as of the final date of employment according to the following criteria:

1. The individual retires from the school system.

2. An individual must notify the Superintendent by May 1 of their intent to retire, unless a special circumstance is approved by the Superintendent.

3. The individual has retirement-disability or service retirement under any state and/or federal system in the State of Ohio.

4. The individual must be eligible for disability or service retirement as of the last day of employment.

5. The individual must, within one hundred twenty (120) days of the last day of employment, prove acceptance into the retirement system by having received and cashed his/her first retirement check.

C. The amount of benefit due an employee will be ¼ accrued but unused sick leave up to sixty-five (65) days. In the event of death, the amount of benefit due an employee will be ¼ days accrued but unused sick leave. In the event of death where an employee has confirmed retirement eligibility from the STRS and a written intent of retirement has been submitted to the Superintendent, the deceased teacher's estate shall receive death benefits equivalent to the severance pay due on retirement.

D. Receipt of payment for accrued but unused sick leave will eliminate all sick leave credit accrued by the employee.

ARTICLE 21 – CONTRACTS

A. SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS

Teachers who are employed and are to be compensated by the Board for approved supplemental duties in addition to regular teaching duties, shall be employed on "supplemental contracts". A supplemental contract shall automatically expire at the end of its term without further action or notice by the Board. An incumbent may be continued in a supplemental position without posting.

B. SEQUENCE OF LIMITED CONTRACTS

1. All teachers new to the district shall be granted a one (1) year limited teaching contract.
2. After the expiration of the first limited teaching contract, the teacher shall be granted a second one (1) year limited teaching contract.
3. After the expiration of the second limited teaching contract, the teacher shall be granted a two (2) year limited teaching contract.
4. Thereafter, the teacher shall be issued a three (3) year limited teaching contract unless:
    a. The teacher is granted a continuing contract, or
    b. The Board alters the sequence of limited contracts by offering up two (2) additional one (1) year limited contracts prior to becoming eligible for the initial three (3) year limited contract.

C. NON-RENEWAL OF LIMITED CONTRACTS

A teacher whose limited contract for regular teaching duties is expiring shall be deemed re-employed for the successive school year unless;

1. The Board adopts a resolution in public session of its intention not to renew the employment of that teacher; and
2. The Superintendent mails written notice of the non-renewal by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the teacher at the address appearing for that teacher on the Treasurer's records. It is the responsibility of each teacher to keep a current address on file with the Treasurer and to make any necessary changes therein. Timely mailings of the notice of non-renewal shall be the Board's only obligation in serving such notice.
3. Timely mailing of notice shall be no later than April 30**.**

D. RETURN OF CONTRACTS

A timely return of contracts is encouraged by the Board of Education. Such return will reflect on the willingness of the employee in fulfilling duties as prescribed by the Board of Education. Any contract which has been approved by the Board of Education and not returned to the Treasurer's office properly signed by the employee shall be void if not returned within ten (10) days of the postmark due or of the date received.

E. EMPLOYMENT OF RETIRED TEACHERS

The following provisions will apply to the rehire of staff members who have retired from Ansonia Local Schools, or otherwise retired under the State Teachers' Retirement System and expressly supersedes all

relevant provisions of the Ohio Revised Code, including but not limited to 3319.11 and 3319.111 and all other applicable Ohio statues.

1. Re-employment The parties are committed to recruiting and hiring the best qualified teachers to fill vacancies. Rehire of retired teachers is not automatic, but will be guaranteed for the first year, a teacher chooses to retire then rehire. Retired teachers must apply for each vacancy for which they wish to be considered, and compete with other applicants as part of the selection process.

2. Break in Service and Seniority Retirement of a teacher from the District will be considered a break in service, and a teacher who is later rehired will be considered a newly hired teacher with no system seniority.

3. Placement on Salary Schedule A retired teacher who is rehired will be placed on step seven (7) for purposes of placement on the salary schedule at present education level. This provision expressly supersedes Ohio Revised Code 3317.13 and other applicable laws.

4. Contract This paragraph expressly supersedes Ohio Revised Code 3319.09 and 3319.11 and other applicable laws.

   a) A retired teacher who is rehired will be employed on a limited contract for a term of one (1) year. Such contract will expire automatically by its own terms at the end of the school year, without the necessity of a resignation from the teacher, or without the necessity of Board action. Such staff member shall not be deemed re-employed when notice of non-renewal is not given. Any further employment of the teacher will be pursuant to paragraph A of this Section.

   b) A retired teacher who is rehired will not be eligible for a continuing contract.

5. Evaluation A retired teacher who is rehired will be evaluated in accordance with evaluation policy in place for all certified staff.

6. Severance Pay If retiring from Ansonia Local Schools, a teacher must take severance pay at the time of retirement, payable upon agreed terms between teacher and Ansonia Local Schools Board of Education.

7. Sick Leave A retired teacher who is rehired will begin employment with zero (0) days of accumulated sick leave and will accrue and accumulate sick leave in accordance with the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code. Such teacher is not eligible to convert sick leave to severance pay upon subsequent retirement. This provision expressly supersedes Ohio Revised Code 124.39 and all other applicable laws.

8. Other Fringe Benefits Retired teachers who are rehired will receive retirement contributions, insurance, personal leave and any all other fringe benefits not specifically addressed in this memorandum in accordance with this Agreement.

9. Applicability of Other Contract Provisions Except to the extent specifically addressed in this Article, all provisions of this Agreement apply to retired teachers who are rehired.

F. COLLEGE CREDIT +

1. The Board shall implement and/or afford College Credit Plus (CCP) teachers the opportunity to attend quality professional development workshops, courses, and conferences related to CCP. Teachers who need professional development (additional college courses) in order to teach CCP courses are eligible for the district tuition reimbursement fund.

2. CCP teachers serve as adjunct instructors of the host institution. OTES may conflict with established college evaluation procedures. CCP teachers may choose to allow for the observation of their CCP class, by building principal, to be considered as one of their formal observations within their OTES evaluation cycle. Such permission will be provided in writing at the sole discretion of the CCP teacher.

3. Teachers of CCP courses shall not be assigned excessive numbers of students, inclusive of their regular, high school course schedule, beyond the recommended ratio of twenty-six (26) students per single regular class block for optimum classroom instruction.

4. Although high school CCP teachers serve as adjunct instructors, they are still employees of their local school district and, as such, are granted appropriate leaves of absence and/or sick or personal days as outlined in the negotiated contract.

5. The CCP teacher will be placed on Schedule I on the Extra Duty Salary Schedule for each CCP class taught per semester. Payment will follow extra duty pay schedule.

6. Teachers shall receive compensation of thirty dollars ($30)/hour for each day of orientation and/or workshops required by the host institution that fall in the summer months, during breaks, on the weekends, or after the regularly scheduled school day.

7. No teacher will be forced to teach a College Credit Plus course in order to keep his or her job. It is the teacher's individual choice to teach said class.

ARTICLE 22 – ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUING CONTRACT STATUS

Teachers shall be eligible for a continuing contract status in accordance with ORC 3319.08 who have taught for at least three years in Ansonia Local Schools, unless they have taught in another school district under a continuing contract. If the teacher previously held a continuing contract, the Board may grant a continuing contract after two years of employment with the Ansonia Board of Education.

A teacher will be considered for a continuing contract at the end of the contract year in which he/she becomes eligible upon written request by the employee. Written request must be given to the Superintendent or his/her designee by September 15 for the current school year. Teachers must meet the following:

Any teacher holding a professional educator license who has completed one of the following:

(1) If the teacher did not hold a masters degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, thirty (30) semester hours of coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board of education shall adopt;

(2) If the teacher held a masters degree at the time of initially receiving a teacher's certificate under former law or an educator license, six (6) semester hours of graduate coursework in the area of licensure or in an area related to the teaching field since the initial issuance of such certificate or license, as specified in rules which the state board of education shall adopt.

ARTICLE 23 – LEAVE

A. SICK LEAVE

1. Sick leave will be granted at the rate of one and one quarter (1-1/4) days per month.

2. Employees may accumulate either by transfer and/or by earning up to and including two hundred sixty (260) days.

3. Absences which sick leave may be used for are defined in ORC 3319.141.

4. Leave to attend the funeral of an immediate family member shall be limited to five (5) consecutive days per occurrence.

5. The immediate family shall be defined as the teacher's mother, father, grandmother, grandfather, mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother, sister, wife/husband, child (includes foster and step), brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, first cousin, and any dependent.

B. SICK LEAVE POOL

1. The purpose of this pool shall be to provide a certificated/licensed staff member paid leave for catastrophic illness or injury to themselves, their spouse or dependent(s) when their sick leave and other paid leaves have been exhausted. Leave from the sick leave pool in not intended for elective surgeries, based on doctor recommendation.

2. A joint committee consisting of three (3) staff appointed by the AEA President, and two (2) Administrators selected by the Superintendent will be formed to review and approve applications to draw days from the Sick Leave Pool.

3. Application to draw days from this pool shall be made on the appropriate form to the joint committee. The form will provide information as to the extent of injury/illness and the estimated date that the employee can return to regular employment. The committee may grant up to the maximum number of accumulated days currently in the pool.

4. The maximum days to be carried in the pool shall be one hundred eighty-five (185) days per school year. Once the total accumulation in the pool drops below one hundred (100) days, the Association President shall solicit additional days from the certificated/licensed staff members in the district, provided they have not already donated their maximum number of fifteen (15) days in the current school year.

5. No employee, during the school year, may draw more than ninety (90) days from the pool.

6. The sick leave pool shall not be an alternative to disability retirement nor delay the application for disability retirement.

7. Should the employee granted sick leave days from the pool decide to retire, no days advanced from the pool shall be used in the calculation of severance pay.

C. WORKERS COMPENSATION

The Board recognizes that employees may desire to work in the school buildings outside their normal work hours or workdays to effectively perform their duties. The Board will adhere to the definition of an allowable injury included in ORC 4123.01 on worker's compensation. The Board reserves the right to dispute any suspected abuse involving a worker's compensation claim.

D. PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

1. Personal Leave in the amount of three (3) days yearly is provided employees for their use to take leave with pay subject only to the advance approval of the Superintendent or his designee. Employees who have at least one (1) day of personal leave remaining at the end of a school year, may carry over one (1) day of personal leave to the following school year, not to exceed a balance of four (4) days per year**.** Personal Leave Request Forms (Addendum E) must be completed and submitted to the Superintendent for approval in advance, before leave can be taken, except in emergency situations, as approved by the Superintendent or designee.

2. Personal Business Leave is defined as absence necessitated to conduct personal business including absence due to illness and/or death not covered by Board policies.

3. Personal Leave may be denied for days immediately before or after holidays or when the Superintendent deems it inadvisable to grant such.

4. Personal Leave not requested three (3) days in advance will only be approved in case of emergency.

E. ASSAULT LEAVE

The member of the bargaining unit who is absent due to physical disability resulting from an assault which occurs during such member's course of employment shall be entitled to assault leave.

The following shall be used:

1. Any case of assault on a professional staff member shall be reported as soon as reasonably possible to the building principal.

2. No teacher shall be denied the right to notify the appropriate law enforcement agency at his/her discretion.

3. A written report of all assaults on professional staff personnel will be made to the office of the Superintendent.

    a. To be eligible for assault leave, a member must apply for benefits under the Worker's Compensation statutes. The amount of such benefits, if any, shall be deducted from the member's per diem salary.

    b. The number of days granted as assault leave shall not exceed ten (10) days annually. Such leave shall not be deducted from sick leave.

F. ATTENDANCE INCENTIVES

1. The District values the daily commitment our teachers make to students and families. Effective at the beginning of the 2026-2027 school year, and based thereafter on a school year, attendance incentives shall be as follows. If the combined average attendance rate of all certified teaching staff:

   a. 98.00% or higher attendance rate is a $1,000 bonus per staff member.

   b. 95.00% to 97.99% attendance rate is a $500 bonus per staff member.

   If the attendance rate is 98.00% or higher the staff will get the higher of the two bonuses and not both, so the staff will receive $1,000.

2. Calculations

   a. Percentage will break down the 100th percentile (examples 94.81% will not qualify for the bonus, it will not round up to 95%

   b. Attendance Incentive will be calculated based on the total number of certified employees covered under the Master Negotiated Agreement multiplied by 184 working days. If working days are modified in Article 11 then that will be the basis of the working days for this incentive.

   c. If an employee leaves mid-year, then their days and absenteeism will stop on their effective resignation date.

   d. The total number of sick days, personal days and Dock or unpaid days will then be determined by running an absent report from the Treasurer's office. This report will give a total of all days absent by the staff to be used to calculate the percentage of absenteeism.

   e. Attendance updates will be given to the association president quarterly to review.

   Example of the formula: Total employees = 50

   Working Days = X 184

   Total Days = 9,200 working days

   Total sick , personal and Dock or unpaid days for all staff = 475

   475 absent days/9200 working days =4.89%

   100% - 4.98% = 95.11%, this example will qualify for the $500 bonus.

3. Approved conference, professional, and supplemental leaves count as days of attendance. The use of Assault Leave, as defined in this Article, will not affect the ability to receive this incentive.

4. Attendance Incentive will be paid no later than the June 20th payroll each year.

ARTICLE 24 – FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

The district agrees to comply with the Family and Medical Leave Act as amended. This information may be accessed at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/fmla.

ARTICLE 25 – PAID INSURANCE BENEFITS

A. Employees covered herein may choose to participate in optional medical plan coverage provided by the employer during the term of this contract. The Board will pay 90% of the premium for a single plan and 80% of the premium for a family plan. The employer's share for regular part-time employees shall be pro-rated based on their time of employment, (i.e., if they work 50% of the normal schedule, they receive 50% of the employer's contribution toward the medical insurance selected.)

B. This benefit is limited to use for insurance premiums only and cannot be diverted to salary purposes. This benefit is limited to those insurance programs listed below. This benefit shall be limited to employees, their spouse, and dependent children.

C. Participation in this program will be voluntary on the part of the employee.

D. Board paid insurance benefits shall be applied to the current plan as recommended by the Board of Education and approved by the Ansonia Education Association

E. Board paid insurance benefits will apply only to those employees who contract for these benefits and for whom this insurance coverage and benefits are not matched by other insurance groups in the majority of benefits. This includes plans provided by spouse by means of his/her employment. Spousal coordination will be required if, employer of spouse must provide 80% of health care cost and plan of spouse must provide coverage equal to PPO of Ansonia Local Schools. If covered employees spouses have access through his/her employment, they are required to enroll for at least single coverage, during the plan's next enrollment opportunity. Spouses enrolled in their employer's plan may be enrolled as a covered dependent for secondary coverage under the district's plan.

F. SECTION 125 PLAN

1. The Ansonia Board of Education shall provide a Section 125 Plan for each employee for reimbursement for dental, optical and other medical care. The Board shall provide a yearly five hundred dollar ($500) contribution to said Section 125 Plan for each employee.

2. Dental/Optical/Prescription/Other Medical Reimbursement:

   a) The Ansonia Board of Education shall provide Section 125 Plan for each employee for reimbursement for dental, optical and other medical care. Each employee who wishes to contribute additional monies may do so. Coverage shall be for the following:

      1) Employee

      2) Employee's spouse and children living in the employee's household.

   b) Employees must pay the bill for said benefits/costs and submit a copy of his/her receipt to American Fidelity.

G. VSP AND DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE COVERAGE

1. The attached VSP and Delta Dental Plan will be paid for by the BOE at 100% of the premium cost for each employee and their families. See Appendix A and B.

H. JOINT COMMITTEE ON INSURANCE

The Ansonia Education Association (AEA) shall appoint by September 15 two (2) representatives to serve on the Joint Committee on Insurance. The Committee shall consider all items related to the Ansonia Local Schools insurance benefits plan. The Superintendent shall also appoint two (2) administrators to serve on this committee. The committee shall meet on an as-needed basis. The committee will establish its own procedures and protocols for conducting meetings, selecting a chairperson, terms of office, soliciting professional consultants and researching/producing reports. This Joint Committee shall review the current insurance plan of Ansonia Local Schools, and all components related to insurance benefits. This Committee is an advisory and research body that provides updated information and research about current trends and changes in the insurance industry that impact Ansonia Local Schools employees. It does not have the authority to bargain, nor institute changes to the Master Agreement of either association or board policy. Any insurance plan changes must be bargained as required under ORC 4117.03 (A4). Reports will be made available to all parties upon request. Such reports may be used to support and/or recommend insurance plan changes to all parties.

ARTICLE 26 – STRS PICK UP TAX SHELTERING THE CERTIFIED TEACHER EMPLOYEE'S STRS CONTRIBUTION

Based on Internal Revenue rulings 77-462 and 81-36 and on Attorney General Opinions 78.049,

79-001, 79-001, and 82-097, the Board shall commence tax sheltering the certified "Teacher" employee's STRS contribution on or before the second payroll in October 1983.

As a condition of this agreement, however, should the IRS or STRS find this procedure violating IRS Code or in any way jeopardize the STRS plan in the future, the STRS "Pick Up" shall be immediately discontinued.

Since this procedure is considered as a qualified tax sheltered plan, no employee may exceed a total of 20 per cent of their gross salary placed in a tax-sheltered program. This would include the employee's retirement contribution.

ARTICLE 27– TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

A. The Board agrees to pay up to one hundred and ten dollars ($110.00) per quarter hour or one-hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) per semester hour to full-time teaching employees who successfully complete (Grade B or better) graduate courses taken in general education, administration, or guidance.

B. An employee may receive reimbursement for a maximum of six (6) semester hours or nine (9) quarter hours per school year under this provision. A certified transcript and a receipt for tuition payments must be submitted to the Board treasurer by August 30 to be eligible for tuition reimbursement.

C. An employee must teach in the district for two years following the earning of the coursework credit and tuition reimbursement or the employee must repay the Board the full amount of tuition reimbursement.

D. The Board will appropriate for tuition reimbursement purposes a maximum of ten thousand dollars ($10,000) for annually, per school year. If the amount of the valid tuition reimbursement requests exceeds this amount, eligible employees will be reimbursed on a prorated basis computed by dividing the appropriated amount by the total number of credit hours district wide for which reimbursement is requested. Payment will be made during October following the submission of the required transcripts and receipts.

E. The amount of the tuition reimbursement shall not exceed the actual cost of the tuition paid by employee for coursework. Additionally, employees who are reimbursed by another agency shall be eligible only for the difference, if any, between reimbursement to which they would be entitled and the amount received from the agency.

F. The Board will reimburse the professional staff member for all costs paid for BCI/FBI background checks and fingerprinting, as required by their position, up to a maximum of three hundred dollars ($300) once every five (5) years.

ARTICLE 28 – DISTRICT CONSOLIDATIONS, JURISDICTIONAL CHANGES AND TERRITORIAL TRANSFERS

If, during the term of this contract, the Board contemplates any district consolidation, jurisdictional change or territorial transfers, the Association will immediately be notified, and any effects on bargaining unit members will be bargained with the Association.

ARTICLE 29 – NO STRIKE

A. It is agreed that during the term of this Agreement there shall be no lockout on the part of the Board, nor any strike, stoppage, slowdown or other interruption of work for any cause whatsoever by the employees or the Association.

   Neither the Union, its agents, or any bargaining unit member shall strike or engage in any slow-down, withholding of services or concerted activities designed to interfere with the normal operations of the school district during the term or extended term of this Agreement. Bargaining unit members shall be subject to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code in accordance with 4117 ORC, including but not limited to §§ 4117.15, 4117.16, and 4117.18, in their entireties, as well as any future revisions to the ORC. Further, bargaining unit members found to be in violation of the above shall be subject to immediate disciplinary action by the Board, including termination.

B. No employee is entitled to pay or compensation from the public employer for the period engaged in any strike.

C. Any violation of this Article (or Section) will be automatic and sufficient grounds for immediate disciplinary action by the Board against the employee(s) involved and shall render the provisions of any existing contract between the Board and the Union null and void.

ARTICLE 30 – PROVISION CONTRARY TO LAW

A. Savings Clause

   Should any provision of this document or any application of this document to any person covered by this document be found contrary to law, such provision or application will be deemed invalid except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions hereof will continue in full force and effect.

B. Rectification

Should any portion or provision of this Agreement be found to be contrary to law or unenforceable by SERB, a court or other tribunal of competent jurisdiction, the parties shall meet within fifteen (15) days to bargain under the terms of the *Ohio Revised Code*, the affected portions of the contract.

ARTICLE 31 – ENTIRE AGREEMENT

The specific provisions of this Agreement shall be the sole source of the rights of the Association and any teacher covered by this Agreement. This Agreement supersedes all previous oral and written agreements between the Board and the Association and between the Board and any teacher within the collective bargaining unit. The parties hereby agree that the relations between them shall be governed exclusively by the terms of this Agreement only and no prior agreement, amendments, modifications, alternations, additions or changes, oral or written, shall be controlling or in any way affect the relations between the parties or the wages, hours, terms and other conditions of employment of the teachers covered by this Agreement. Any item not covered in the negotiated master contract shall be subject to the *Ohio Revised Code* mandates.

All sections of this Agreement that are inconsistent with Ohio law are intended to supersede Ohio law, in accordance with Chapter 4117 of the Ohio Revised Code. The parties agree that some sections of the Agreement may specifically identify certain Ohio laws that are superseded and other may not. If a section does not specifically indicate that Ohio law is superseded, that section shall nevertheless be interpreted to supersede Ohio law.

ARTICLE 32 – DURATION

This contract shall be effective July 1, 2026 and shall remain in effect through June 30, 2029

FOR:

Ansonia Local School Board of Education

PJ Burgett, Superintendent — Date 7/1/2026

Daryl Riffle, President — Date 7-1-26

Nick Hamilton, Treasurer — Date 7-1-26

Clarence Kammer — Date 7-1-26

FOR:

Ansonia Education Association

Emily Williams, President — Date 7/1/2026

Rebecca Schulze, Vice-President — Date 7/1/2026

Kimberly Pearson, Treasurer — Date 7-1-26

Jaci Wink, Member — Date 7-1-26

Morgan Aultman, Member — Date 7/1/2026

ADDENDUM A-1 SALARY SCHEDULE 2026-2027

(ADDENDUM B) ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
CERTIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE
FY 2026-2027

New Index — Base = $ 46,099 — 104.00%

STEP	NON-DEGREE	BACHELORS	BACHELORS + 150	MASTERS	MASTERS + 20
0	$ 39,875 0.8650	$ 46,099 1.0000	$ 48,404 1.0500	$ 53,014 1.1500	$ 55,318 1.2000
1	$ 41,489 0.9000	$ 50,248 1.0900	$ 52,322 1.1350	$ 55,318 1.2000	$ 57,623 1.2500
2	$ 43,102 0.9350	$ 52,092 1.1300	$ 54,396 1.1800	$ 57,623 1.2500	$ 59,928 1.3000
3	$ 44,716 0.9700	$ 53,935 1.1700	$ 56,471 1.2250	$ 59,928 1.3000	$ 62,233 1.3500
4	$ 46,329 1.0050	$ 55,779 1.2100	$ 58,545 1.2700	$ 62,233 1.3500	$ 64,538 1.4000
5	$ 47,943 1.0400	$ 57,623 1.2500	$ 60,620 1.3150	$ 64,538 1.4000	$ 66,843 1.4500
6	$ 49,556 1.0750	$ 59,467 1.2900	$ 62,694 1.3600	$ 66,843 1.4500	$ 69,148 1.5000
7	$ 51,170 1.1100	$ 61,311 1.3300	$ 64,769 1.4050	$ 69,148 1.5000	$ 71,453 1.5500
8	$ 52,783 1.1450	$ 63,155 1.3700	$ 66,843 1.4500	$ 71,453 1.5500	$ 73,758 1.6000
9	$ 54,396 1.1800	$ 64,999 1.4100	$ 68,918 1.4950	$ 73,758 1.6000	$ 76,063 1.6500
10	$ 56,010 1.2150	$ 66,843 1.4500	$ 70,992 1.5400	$ 76,063 1.6500	$ 78,368 1.7000
11		$ 68,687 1.4900	$ 73,066 1.5850	$ 78,368 1.7000	$ 80,673 1.7500
12		$ 70,531 1.5300	$ 75,141 1.6300	$ 80,673 1.7500	$ 82,978 1.8000
13		$ 72,375 1.5700	$ 77,215 1.6750	$ 82,978 1.8000	$ 85,283 1.8500
14		$ 73,297 1.5900	$ 78,598 1.7050	$ 84,361 1.8300	$ 86,666 1.8800
15		$ 74,219 1.6100	$ 79,290 1.7200	$ 85,283 1.8500	$ 87,588 1.9000
17		$ 74,680 1.6200	$ 79,751 1.7300	$ 85,974 1.8650	$ 88,279 1.9150
20		$ 75,141 1.6300	$ 80,442 1.7450	$ 86,666 1.8800	$ 88,740 1.9250
23		$ 76,985 1.6700	$ 81,871 1.7760	$ 88,510 1.9200	$ 90,814 1.9700
26		$ 78,829 1.7100	$ 83,715 1.8160	$ 90,353 1.9600	$ 92,889 2.0150
29		$ 79,751 1.7300	$ 84,637 1.8360	$ 91,275 1.9800	$ 93,580 2.0300
32		$ 80,673 1.7500	$ 85,559 1.8560	$ 92,197 2.0000	$ 94,733 2.0550

ADDENDUM B-1 EXTRA-DUTY SALARY SCHEDULE

ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
SUPPLEMENTAL SALARY SCHEDULE

	BASE:						
	FY2027	$46,099					
ATHLETICS:	**STEP 0**	**STEP 1**	**STEP 2**	**STEP 3**	**STEP 4**	**STEP 5**	**STEP 6**
SCHEDULE A							
VARSITY BASKETBALL BOYS	19.50%	19.75%	20.00%	20.25%	20.50%	20.75%	21.00%
VARSITY BASKETBALL GIRLS							
HEAD BOYS FOOTBALL							
HEAD GIRLS VOLLEYBALL							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$8,989	$9,104	$9,220	$9,335	$9,450	$9,565	$9,681
SCHEDULE B							
HEAD BOYS BASEBALL	14.50%	14.75%	15.00%	15.25%	15.50%	15.75%	16.00%
HEAD GIRLS SOFTBALL							
HEAD BOYS TRACK							
HEAD GIRLS TRACK							
BOYS GOLF							
GIRLS GOLF							
CROSS COUNTRY							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$6,684	$6,800	$6,915	$7,030	$7,145	$7,261	$7,376
SCHEDULE C							
JV GIRLS BASKETBALL	11.50%	11.75%	12.00%	12.25%	12.50%	12.75%	13.00%
JV BOYS BASKETBALL							
JV GIRLS VOLLEYBALL							
JV BOYS BASEBALL (TOTAL HS PROGRAM MUST EXCEED 22 ATHLETES)							
JV GIRLS SOFTBALL (TOTAL HS PROGRAM MUST EXCEED 22 ATHLETES)							
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL (3)							
ASSISTANT FOOTBALL (8TH GRADE-SCOUTING-SCHEDULING)							
BAND DIRECTOR							
YEARBOOK ADVISOR							
DISTRICT TESTING COORDINATOR							
DRAMA CLUB ADVISOR							
POWER LIFTING							
SWIM COACH (MIN. OF 5 ATHLETES) (1 COACH)							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$5,301	$5,417	$5,532	$5,647	$5,762	$5,878	$5,993

SCHEDULE D							
ASSISTANT MIDDLE SCHOOL FOOTBALL (7TH GRADE)	9.25%	9.50%	9.75%	10.00%	10.25%	10.75%	11.00%
FRESHMAN/ASST. BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL							
FRESHMAN/ASST. GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL							
FRESHMAN/ASST. GIRLS VARSITY VOLLEYBALL							
H.S. CHEERLEADING SIDELINE							
H.S. CHEERLEADING COMPETITION (DANCE)							
7TH - 8TH GRADE CHEERLEADING ADVISOR							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$4,264	$4,379	$4,495	$4,610	$4,725	$4,956	$5,071
SCHEDULE E							
8TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL	5.75%	6.00%	6.25%	6.50%	6.75%	7.00%	7.25%
7TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL							
8TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL							
7TH GRADE GIRLS BASKETBALL							
7TH-8TH BOYS TRACK							
7TH-8TH GIRLS TRACK							
11TH GRADE CLASS ADVISOR							
12TH GRADE CLASS ADVISOR							
8TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL							
7TH GRADE GIRLS VOLLEYBALL							
JV BOYS GOLF (TOTAL PROGRAM MUST EXCEED 12 ATHLETES)							
JV GIRLS GOLF (TOTAL PROGRAM MUST EXCEED 12 ATHLETES)							
ASSISTANT BASEBALL							
ASSISTANT SOFTBALL							
ASSISTANT VARSITY TRACK (TOTAL PROGRAM EXCEEDS 40 ATHLETES)							
BOYS VARISTY BOWLING							
GIRLS VARSITY BOWLING							
INDOOR TRACK (MIN. OF 5 ATHLETES)(1 COACH)							
8TH GRADE TRIP ADIVISOR							
TIGERCREW							
STEM CLUB ADVISOR							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$2,651	$2,766	$2,881	$2,996	$3,112	$3,227	$3,342
SCHEDULE F							
QUIZ BOWL ADVISOR	4.25%	4.50%	4.75%	5.00%	5.25%	5.50%	5.75%
STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR							
ASSISTANT DRAMA CLUB ADVISOR (2)							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$1,959	$2,074	$2,190	$2,305	$2,420	$2,535	$2,651
SCHEDULE G							
SAFETY PATROL ADVISOR	3.50%	3.75%	4.00%	4.25%	4.50%	4.75%	5.00%
MS ASSISTANT TRACK (TOTAL PROGRAM EXCEEDS 40 ATHLETES)							
ASSISTANT BAND DIRECTOR							
ASSISTANT YEARBOOK ADVISOR							
SUMMER WEIGHT TRAINING (2)							
COLLEGE CREDIT PLUS INSTRUCTOR							
ART CLUB							
NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY ADVISOR (2)							
LPDC CHAIR							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$1,613	$1,729	$1,844	$1,959	$2,074	$2,190	$2,305
SCHEDULE H							
10TH GRADE CLASS ADVISOR	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%	3.75%	4.00%
9TH GRADE CLASS ADVISOR							
SPANISH CLUB ADVISOR							
SCIENCE CLUB ADVISOR							
SADD ADVISOR							
FALL, WINTER, SPRING WEIGHT TRAINING (3 POSITIONS)							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$1,152	$1,268	$1,383	$1,498	$1,613	$1,729	$1,844
SCHEDULE I							
OUTDOOR EDUCATION ADVISOR	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%	3.25%	3.50%
6TH-7TH-8TH GRADE STUDENT COUNCIL ADVISOR (3 POSITIONS)							
DOLLAR AMOUNT	$922	$1,037	$1,152	$1,268	$1,383	$1,498	$1,613

Home Instruction and tutor rate $30.00 per hour

The District shall provide two (2) professional days without loss of pay to Special Education Teachers for the purpose of writing IEPS.

ADDENDUM B-2 EXTRA-DUTY PAY SCHEDULE

SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	JAN.	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY
Head VB	Head VB	Head VB	Head VB	HS B Bsktbll	HS B Bsktbll	Baseball	Baseball	Baseball
Head FB	Head FB	Head FB	Head FB	HS G Bsktbll	HS G Bsktbll	Softball	Softball	Softball
Reserve VB	HSChrAdv	HS BBsktbll	HS BBsktbll	MS B Bsktbll	MS B Bsktbll	Track	Track	Track
MS VB	Band Dir	HS G Bsktbll	HS G Bsktbll	V Fr B Bsktbll	HS Chr Adv	HSChrAdv	NHonorSo	NHnrSoc
Asst FB	Yrbk Adv	MS G Bsktbll	MS G Bsktbll	Bowling	Band Dir	NHnorSoc	Stu Conne	Stu Conne
Asst MS FB	DrmaClAdv	Fr B Bsktbll	HS Chr Adv	Cllg Credit+	Yrbk Adv	StuCouncil	Sr Cl Adv	Sr Cl Adv
Boys Golf	Safety Patrol	Res VB	MS Chr Adv		Drma Cl Adv	Sr Cl Adv	Jr Cl Adv	Jr Cl Adv
Girls Golf	Spnsh Cl Adv	MS VB	Band Dir		Safety Patrol	Jr Cl Adv	SophClAdv	SophClAdv
Cross Country	Scnc Cl Adv	Asst FB	Yrbk Adv		Spnsh Cl Adv	SophClAdv	FreshClAdv	FrshClAdv
	Res VB	Asst MS FB	Drma Cl Adv		Scnc Cl Adv	FreshClAdv	SADD	Yearbook
	MS VB	Boys Golf	Safety Patrol		Fr B Bsktbll	Quiz Bowl	Cllg Credit+	DrmaAdv
	Asst FB	Girls Golf	Spnsh Cl Adv		Asst Drama	SADD	Art Club	HSChrAdv
	Asst MS FB	Cross Country	Scnc Cl Adv		Bowling	Cllg Credit+		SftyPatrol
	Asst Band Dir	Bowling	Fr B Bsktbll			Art Club		Quiz Bowl
	Boys Golf	Cllg Credit+	Res VB					OutdorEd
	Girls Golf		MS VB					Band Dir
	Cross Country		Asst FB					SpnshAdv
	Asst Drama		Asst MS FB					ScncAdv
	Cllg Credit+		Boys Golf					Asst Band Dir
			Girls Golf					SADD
			Cross Country					Asst Drama
			Asst Drama					Asst. Yearbook
			Bowling					8th Gr Trip Advisor
			Asst. Yearbook					STEM Advisor
			8th Gr Trip Advisor					Cllg Credit+
			STEM Advisor					Art Club
			Cllg Credit+					

ADDENDUM C FORMAL GRIEVANCE

ANSONIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND ANSONIA SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION

File in Triplicate
Building Principal
Superintendent
President AEA

Grievant: _____

ARTICLE Cited _____
Date of Level I _____
Date of Level II _____
Date of Level III _____
Date of Level IV _____

Describe complaint completely with details of the situation, including names of persons involved.

Note: Use reverse side of this form if additional space is needed.

DISPOSITION:

Note: Use reverse side of this form if additional space is needed.

Grievant agrees to disposition Date

Board of Education or its Representative agrees to Disposition. Date

ADDENDUM D REQUEST FOR PROFESSIONAL LEAVE

ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Request for Professional Leave

Instructions: This form must be completed and submitted to the Superintendent via the Principal five (5) days prior to a Board of Education meeting for consideration. The regular Board of Education meetings are held the third Monday of the month. The teacher should complete the information below and submit to the building principal.

NAME OF TEACHER_____DATE_____

BUILDING/SUBJECT/AND/OR GRADE LEVEL _____

I hereby request professional leave for (date) _____

For the purpose of _____

Location of program/meeting _____

_____ YES _____ NO Has contact or registration been made for the meeting/program?

Other comments to support your request, if desired: _____

Please complete the estimated cost data below: (Board expense)

$_____ Registration

$ _____ Motel

_____ Mileage reimbursed at the current IRS rate minus three cents ($.03) per mile.

_____ Other _____

$_____ Total estimated costs to Board of Education

_____ YES _____ NO Is a substitute teacher needed to cover your position?

Teacher Signature: _____ Date Submitted: _____

____Approved ___ Not Approved _____ _____
Superintendent Date

COMMENTS: _____

___ Approved ___ Not Approved _____ _____
Superintendent Date

COMMENTS: _____

ADDENDUM E PERSONAL LEAVE REQUEST FORM

_____ Personal Leave (List Number from Below)

NAME: _____ Building: _____

REQUEST TO BE ABSENT ON: _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

_____ _____
(Date) (Signature)

The following reasons are approved for personal business, emergency leave:

1. College (entering self or children)
2. Court (required appearance)
3. Financial Transactions
4. Funerals
5. Graduations
6. Legal transactions
7. Meetings (required attendance because of an organization to which you belong that is not other employment, parent conferences, etc.)
8. Moving – self
9. Transportation difficulties
10. Weddings
11. Emergencies as approved by Superintendent
12. Attendance at ceremonies where a member of immediate family is receiving an award.
13. Sick Leave – after all sick leave is exhausted
14. Personal Business Leave as defined in Article XI B.*
15. Real Estate transactions
16. Other personal reasons

Office Use Only

SUBSTITUTE: _____

_____ APPROVED _____ DISAPPROVED

REASON FOR DISAPPROVAL: _____

_____

_____

_____ _____
(Date) (Principal)

_____ _____
(Date) (Superintendent)

Article XI – Personal Leave: B. Personal Leave is defined as absence necessitated to conduct personal business including absence due to illness and/or death not covered by Board Policies.

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ADDENDUM F ASSAULT LEAVE FORM

Name _____

Building Assignment _____

Dates of Absences due to Assault _____

Date of Application for Workman's Compensation _____

Date/s of Medical Attention (if necessary) and Dr.'s. Name _____

_____ _____

Superintendent Approval Date

Assault Leave shall not exceed ten (10) days annually.

ADDENDUM G STAFF DEVELOPMENT APPROVAL FORM

Please fill out top portion of this form prior to attending the workshop/class/seminar. Principal will indicate approval by returning the signed form for you to complete the bottom half.

Name: Today's Date:

Title of Workshop/Class/Seminar:

Speaker's Name (if any):

Location of Workshop/Class/Seminar:

Date & Hours of Workshop/Class/Seminar:

Principal's Signature Indicating Approval Date

Please fill out bottom portion of the form after attending the workshop/class/inservice.

Actual Hours of Workshop/Class/Seminar
(Do not include traveling time or lunch breaks.)

Comments (Optional):

Was this workshop/class/seminar something the administration should look into bringing to the rest of the staff to improve the quality of education at Ansonia Local Schools?

Yes _____ No _____

Teacher's Signature Date

***It is a good idea to keep a copy of the completed form for your records.**

APPENDIX A DELTA DENTAL

DELTA DENTAL

Delta Dental PPO (Point-of-service)
Summary of Dental Plan Benefits
For Group#
ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOLS

This Summary of Dental Plan Benefits should be read in conjunction with your Dental Care Certificate. Your Dental Care Certificate will provide you with additional information about your Delta Dental plan, including information about plan exclusions and limitations. The percentages below will be applied to the lesser of the dentist's submitted fee and Delta Dental's allowance for each service. Delta Dental's allowance may vary by the dentist's network participation. PLEASE NOTE - If you choose a Nonparticipating Dentist, you will be responsible for any difference between the amount Delta Dental allows and the amount the Nonparticipating Dentist charges, in addition to any Copayment or Deductible.

Control Plan - Delta Dental Plan of Ohio

Benefit Year - January I through December 31

	PPO Dentist or Premier		Nonparticipating Dentist	
Covered Services -	Plan Pays	You Pay	Plan Pays	You Pay
Class I Benefits				
Diagnostic and Preventive Services - Used to diagnose and/or prevent dental abnormalities or disease (includes exams, cleanings and fluoride treatments)	100%	0%	100%	0%
Emergency Palliative Treatment - Used to temporarily relieve pain	100%	0%	100%	0%
Radiographs - X-rays	100%	0%	100%	0%
Sealants — Used to prevent decay of pits and fissures of permanent back teeth.	100%	0%	100%	0%
Class II Benefits				
Oral Surgery Services - Extractions and dental surgery, including preoperative and postoperative care	80%	20%	80%	20%
Endodontic Services - Used to treat teeth with diseased or damaged nerves (for example, root canals)	80%	20%	80%	20%
Periodontic Services - Used to treat diseases of the gums and supporting structures of the teeth	80%	20%	80%	20%
Relines and Repairs - Relines and repairs to bridges and dentures	80%	20%	80%	20%
Minor Restorative Services - Used to repair teeth damaged by disease or injury (for example fillings)	80%	20%	80%	20%
Periodontal Prophylaxes - Teeth Cleaning by a specialist	100%	0%	100%	0%
Class III Benefits				
Prosthodontic Services - Used to replace missing natural teeth (for example, bridges and dentures)	50%	50%	50%	50%
Major Restorative Services - Used when teeth can't be restored with another filling material (for example crowns)	50%	50%	50%	50%
Class Iv Benefits				
Orthodontic Services (no age limit) - Used to correct malposed teeth (for example, braces)	50%	50%	50%	50%

Customer Service Toll-Free Number: 800-524-0149
www.deltadentaloh.com
January 1, 2011

- The orthodontic age limitations are hereby waived for eligible Subscribers, spouses and dependent children.
- Oral exams, prophylaxes (cleanings), and fluoride treatment (no age limit) are payable twice per calendar year.
- Bitewing X-rays are payable twice per calendar year and full mouth X-rays (which include bitewing X-rays) are payable once in any three-year period.
- Sealants are only payable once per tooth per 36 months for the occlusal surface of first permanent molars and second permanent molars to age 14. The surface must be free from decay and restorations.
- Inlays are a Covered Service.
- Veneers are payable on upper and lower anterior teeth, including the bicuspids, once in any five-year period.
- Composite resin (white) restorations are Covered Services on posterior teeth.
- Porcelain crowns are optional treatment on posterior teeth.
- Occlusal guards are a benefit one every three years.
- Implants and implant related services are payable once per tooth in any five-year period.
- People with certain high-risk medical conditions may be eligible for additional prophylaxes (cleanings) or fluoride treatment. The patient should talk with his or her dentist about treatment.

Having Delta Dental coverage makes it easy for our enrollees to get dental care almost everywhere in the world! You can now receive expert dental care when you are outside of the United States through our Passport Dental program. This program gives you access to a worldwide network of dentists and dental clinics. English-speaking operators are available around the clock to answer questions and help you schedule care. For more information, check our Web site or contact your benefits representative to get a copy of our Passport Dental information sheet.

Maximum Payment — $ 1,000 per eligible person total per benefit year on all services except orthodontics. For orthodontic services, benefits will not exceed a lifetime maximum of $ 1,000 per eligible person.

Deductible — $25 deductible per person per benefit year limited to a maximum deduction of $50 per family per benefit year on Class II and Class III Benefits. The deductible does not apply to Class I Benefits, periodontal prophylaxes or Class IV Benefits. Any expenses incurred by an eligible person for covered services during the last three months of a benefit year and applied to the deductible for that benefit year will also be applied to the deductible for the following benefit year.

Waiting Period — Coverage for eligible employees who are actively at work is effective on the date specified by the employer. Dependent(s) effective date: Eligible dependent(s) will become covered under the Plan on the later of the dates listed below, provided the employee has enrolled them in the Plan within thirty (30) days of meeting the Plan's eligibility requirements. The date the employee's coverage becomes effective. The date the dependent is acquired, provided any required contributions are made and the employee has applied for dependent coverage within thirty (30) days of the date acquired. Newborn children shall be covered from birth, regardless of confinement, provided the employee has applied for dependent coverage within thirty (30) days of birth. Coverage for a newly adopted child shall be effective on the date the child is placed for adoption, provided the employee has applied for dependent coverage within thirty (30) days of placement.

Eligible People — All regular employees as determined by the employer, shall be eligible to enroll for dental coverage under this plan. Ansonia Local School District (5630-1040).

Also eligible at your option are your legal spouse, your dependent children to the end of the calendar year in which they turn 24.

If you and your spouse are both eligible for coverage under this contract, you may be enrolled together on one application card or separately on individual application cards, but not both, Your dependent children may only be enrolled on one application card. Delta Dental will not coordinate benefits if you and your spouse are both covered under this contract. Unless this is a Section 125 plan, Subscribers and their dependents who enroll in the dental plan are required to remain enrolled for a minimum of 12 months. Any Subscriber or dependent who drops the dental plan may not re-enroll at a later date. If this is a Section 125 plan, an election may be revoked or changed at any time if the change is the result of a change in family status as defined under Internal Revenue Code Section 125. The Employer and Subscriber may share the cost of this plan.

Benefits generally will cease on the last day of the month in which the employee is terminated or a dependent loses eligibility.

Customer Service Toll-Free Number: 800-524-0149
www.deltadentaloh.com
January 1, 2011

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APPENDIX B VSP

VSP

Vison care for life

Your Vision Benefits Summary

Get the best in eyecare and eyewear with ANSONIA LOCAL SCHOOLS (Option l) and VSP@ Vision Care.

Using your VSP benefit is easy.

- **Register at vsp.com.**
  Once your plan is effective, review your benefit information.
- **Find an eyecare provider who's right for you.**
  The decision is yours to make—choose a VSP provider or any out-of-network provider. To find a VSP provider, visit vsp.com or call **800.877.7195**.
- **At your appointment, tell them you have VSP.**
  There's no ID card necessary. If you'd like a card as a reference, you can print one on **vsp.com**.

That's It! We'll handle the rest—there are no claim forms to complete when you see a VSP provider.

Primary EyeCare

As a VSP member, you can visit your VSP doctor for medical and urgent eyecare. Your VSP doctor can diagnose, treat, and monitor common eye conditions like pink eye, and more serious conditions like sudden vision loss, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and cataracts. Ask your VSP doctor for details.

Choice in Eyewear

From classic styles to the latest designer frames, you'll find hundreds of options. Choose from featured frame brands like Anne Klein, bebe®, Calvin Klein, Flexon®, Lacoste, Nike, Nine West and more! Visit **vsp.com** to find a VSP provider who carries these brands.

Plan Information

VSP Provider Network: VSP Signature

Automatically get an extra $20 to spend when you choose a featured frame brand like Anne Klein, bebe®, Calvin Klein, Flexon®, Lacoste, Nike, Nine West and more. Visit vsp.com to find a provider who carries these brands.

Visit vsp.com or call 800.877.7195 for more details on your vision coverage and exclusive savings and promotions for VSP members.

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Benefit	Description	Copay
WellVison Exam	• Focuses on your eyes and overall wellness • Once every service year	$10
Prescription Glasses		$25
Frame	• $130 allowance for a wide selection of frames • $150 allowance for featured frame brands • 20% savings on the amount over your allowance • Once every other service year	Included in Prescription Glasses
Lenses	• Single vision, lined bifocal, end lined trifocal lenses • Once every service year	Included in Prescription Glasses
Lens Enhancements	• Polycarbonate lenses • Progressive lenses • Average savings of 35-40% on other lens enhancements • Once every service year	$0 $50 - $160
Contacts (instead of glasses)	• $130 allowance for contacts and contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) • 15% savings on a contact lens exam (fitting and evaluation) • Once every service year	$0
Additional Coverage	• Primary Eyecare	
Extra Savings	**Glasses and Sunglasses** • Extra $20 to spend on featured frame brands. Go to vsp.com/special offers for details. • 30% savings on additional glasses and sunglasses, including lens enhancements, from the same VSP provider on the same day as your WellVision Exam. Or get 20% from any VSP provider within 12 months of your last WellVision Exam.	
	Retinal Screening • No more than a $39 copay on routine retinal screening as an enhancement to a WellVision Exam	
	Laser Vision Correction • Average 15% off the regular price or 5% off the promotional price; discounts only available from contracted facilities • After surgery, use your frame (if eligible) for sunglasses from any VSP doctor	

Your Coverage with Out-of-Network Providers	
Visit **vsp.com** for details, if you plan to see a provider other than a [i] VSP network provider	
Exam……..up to $50	Lined Trifocal Lenses……up to $100
Frame……..up to $70	Progressive Lenses…….up to $75
Single Vision Lenses….up to $50	Contacts……..up to $105
Lined Bifocal Lenses….up to $75	
VSP guarantees coverage from VSP network providers only. Based on applicable laws benefits vary by location.	

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GLOSSARY

1. Administrative Decision: An administrator may conclude at any point in the school year that a person's job performance has become unsatisfactory. The staff member shall be promptly notified in confidence and in writing and advised of the reasons for the decision. Notification of diagnosis and prescription will be made by the end of the first semester for that current year to allow the staff member time to work through the procedure outlined herein prior to the annual recommendation by the administrators to the Board of Education.

2. Appraisal: The act of giving direction and sharing responsibilities with other individuals to reach job targets and objectives.

3. Appraisee: (Staff Members). Person being formally or informally evaluated.

4. Appraiser: Person who determines if or to what degree job targets have been achieved.

5. Diagnosis, Prescription, and Follow-Through: A prescriptive program of developmental activities which will help the staff member understand and overcome deficiencies shall be developed and carried out cooperatively by the staff member and administrator. Both the staff member and the administration assume shared responsibility in working together in the conferences, work sessions, and the classroom visitation for the purpose of deciding and implementing the developmental activities. The staff member should assume responsibility for achieving and demonstrating continuing improvement.

6. Formal Observation: A witnessing by a supervisor of a staff member performing his/her regularly scheduled duties.

7. Formal Written Appraisal: Steps in the comprehensive evaluation procedure completed to include: strengths, weaknesses, specific suggestions for improvement, and an assessment of progress toward target achievement.

8. General Observation: Observation of staff member activities which take place in or out of the classroom, but are not observed during a formal observation.

9. Informal Appraisal: Evaluation method to be used annually when the staff member is not scheduled for formal evaluation.

10. Job Target: A positive behavioral statement to guide the staff member in improvements and to guide the principal in counseling.

11. Non-Renewal: When it is necessary to discontinue employment by non-renewal of contract, duly established legal procedures will be observed including notification that a recommendation for non-renewal of contract will be made to the Board of Education prior to April 30.

12. Peer Appraisals: An informal appraisal method using another staff member to help assess professional growth.

13. Probational Personnel: Staff member new to the system or one that has been notified in writing by the Superintendent that he/she is on probation for cause.

14. Resignation: A professional person should be accorded the opportunity of submitting a resignation. However, if the appraisee is unwilling to submit a resignation, non-renewal or termination becomes necessary.

15. Self-Appraisal: Self-analysis by staff member in relation to job targets.

16. Termination: Contracts may be terminated as legally prescribed for cause at any time by action of the Board of Education. Depending on the nature of the problem held to be cause for dismissal, action may be immediate or deferred until the close of the school year.