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ARTICLE I

PURPOSE

Section 1 – Parties

This agreement is entered into between the School Board of Manatee County and the Manatee Education Association pursuant to and in compliance with Chapter 447, Florida Statutes to provide the wages, hours, and terms and conditions of employment for teachers during the duration of this Agreement.

Section 2 - Waivers to Contract Language

Any school or work site may request a waiver to the provisions of the Master Contract between the Manatee Education Association and the Manatee County School Board. The waiver process shall also apply to any provision a school identified as a "D" or "F" school by the Florida Department of Education elects to include in its School Improvement Plan (SIP) if some portion of the plan requires a waiver of the collective bargaining agreement.

Any waivers granted will apply only to the school which applied for the waiver under the terms of this agreement. Waivers must be approved by the Superintendent and a designated officer or employee of the MEA.

The procedure for a request for a waiver will be as follows:

1. At a meeting of the members of the affected bargaining unit of the school or work site, the plan or program stating the need for requiring a waiver will be presented.

Each member of the affected bargaining unit will receive a written copy of the contract language for which the waiver is requested.

The written proposal for the waiver shall cite the specific article and section to be waived and describe the proposed modifications to the terms and conditions of employment that will exist for the school.

2. Following a minimum of two (2) working days, in a secret ballot election, the members of the affected bargaining unit will vote on whether or not to request the waiver. A provision shall be made for absentee ballots that shall be completed within three working days of the vote. A minimum of seventy-five percent of the members of the affected bargaining unit voting on the waiver must approve the waiver. The MEA building representative and the Principal will certify in writing the procedure was followed and the results of the vote. This written documentation will be included in the request for a waiver. Any teacher who is on leave during the entire voting period shall not be considered in the count of the total bargaining unit.

3. The plan and all written documentation, including a written statement outlining the need for the waiver must be approved by the Superintendent or designee and a representative of the MEA authorized to approve a waiver of the contract. If approved, the waiver along with the plan will be presented to the School Board for approval. If the request is not approved by the Superintendent or the union, a copy of the request along with a written explanation of why the request was not approved will be returned to the school. In this case, the school may have the option of addressing the concern and resubmitting the request for approval.
4. Approved waivers will be valid for a period of one school year only and will apply only to the school requesting the waiver. A request to continue the waiver beyond one school year must be re-submitted through the entire process each school year.
5. After any semester during the school year in which the waiver has been in effect a request for a review stating the reason for the review and signed by thirty percent (30%) of the affected bargaining unit may be presented to the Superintendent and the MEA. The Superintendent and the Association will meet to discuss and suggest a resolution to the concerns raised by the request for review.
6. Waivers granted to the Master Contract for the teachers bargaining unit will apply only to the personnel specified as members of the teachers bargaining unit and will not apply to any employees not a part of the bargaining unit.
7. The contract provision regarding Article V, Section 2, The Basic School Day, will not be waived.
8. Schools requesting a waiver may vote for that waiver any time during the school year but may vote only once per year on a given subject. A subject will be defined as any section of an Article or an attachment of the current contract. Schools may vote during the Spring Semester of the previous school year for items that will be in effect the following school year. The vote will count as the only vote allowed on the given subject for the following school year.

ARTICLE II

DEFINITIONS

Section 1 - School Board

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "School Board" shall mean the School Board of Manatee County or designated representatives of the School Board.

Section 2 - Association

For the purposes of this Agreement, the term "Association" shall mean the Manatee Education Association or its designated representative(s).

Section 3 - Teacher(s)

For purposes of this Agreement, the term "teacher" shall mean those persons in the appropriate unit who work twenty (20) hours or more per week in a regularly established position.

ARTICLE III
RECOGNITION

Section 1 - Recognition

In accordance with Chapter 447, Florida Statutes, the School Board recognizes the Manatee Education Association as the exclusive representative of teachers employed by the School Board.

Section 2 - Appropriate Unit

The Association shall represent all regular certificated full-time teachers of said School Board in any of the following identified positions regardless of source of funding: classroom teachers, including art teachers, music teachers, librarians and physical education teachers; speech teachers, teachers of educable mentally retarded, teachers of trainable mentally retarded, teachers of learning disabilities, teachers of varying exceptionalities, teachers of the emotionally disturbed, teachers of the gifted, teachers of the homebound, teachers of the visually handicapped, and teachers of the socially maladjusted; Chapter I teachers, early intervention teachers, ESOL teachers; student support specialist, testing administrators, guidance counselors, occupational specialists; teachers who are grade level chairmen; teachers who are department heads and primary specialists or instructors assigned to the ROTC or Cadet program. The appropriate unit is limited to employees in any of the above positions and shall EXCLUDE the following positions: principals, assistant principals, administrative assistants, curriculum specialists, deans, teacher assistants, short-term substitutes, non-instructional, non-certificated positions and all county office administrative positions including Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, directors, coordinators, supervisors, managers, specialists and psychologists.

ARTICLE IV
ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

Section 1 - Right to Views

Nothing contained in this agreement shall be construed to limit, impair or affect the right of any teacher or his representative to the expression or communication of a view, grievance, complaint or opinion on any matter related to the conditions or compensation of public employee or his betterment.

Section 2 - Right to Join

Teachers shall have the right to form and join labor or employee associations and shall have the right to form and join such associations.

Section 3 - Bulletin Board & Mail

The Association shall have the right to post notices of activities and matters of Association concern on an appropriate bulletin board on each school campus. The Association shall have the right to use the school system's email, and mail service, including teacher mailboxes.

Section 4 - School Access

Duly authorized representatives of the Association and its respective affiliates shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or disrupt normal school operations and provided that they make their presence known and secure permission from the Principal or his designee. If the Superintendent and the MEA agree a topic is of mutual concern, a representative of the Association may be included on the school center faculty meeting agenda.

Section 5 - Request for Dues Deduction

Teachers shall have the right to request and be allowed dues deduction provided that dues deduction and the proceeds thereof shall not be allowed any teacher association that has lost its right to dues deduction pursuant to 447.507(4) of Florida Statutes.

Upon receipt of a properly executed authorization card of the teacher involved the school district shall deduct from the teacher's paycheck no later than the second pay period from the date notice of deduction is received by the Human Resource Department, the dues that the teacher has agreed to pay to the teacher association as certified by the Association. These deductions shall remain in effect while the employee remains employed by the School Board or until the employee revokes said deductions upon 30 day written notice to both the school district payroll office and the Association.

Deductions shall be made over 20 equal pay periods and made available at the School Board offices or placed in the US mail monthly to the Teachers Association on or before the first workday of the following month unless unforeseen circumstances cause a delay.

Any teacher who requested dues deducted who leaves the employment of the school district shall not be required to pay any further dues to the Association. Any dispute as to the amount of dues deducted shall be solely between the Association and the teacher involved and the Association shall hold the School Board harmless from any liability arising from the deductions of any dues certified by the Association. Dues deduction shall remain in effect until deductions are terminated by the teacher.

Section 6 - Uniform Assessment

Teachers shall have the right to request and be allowed a uniform assessment. This assessment shall appear in the second dues deduction window and shall be deducted annually from the June 10 paycheck. For purposes of clarity, the word "uniform" shall refer to the amount deducted, date deducted, and the deduction form.

Section 7 - Leave for Association President

The Board shall grant unpaid leave for up to two (2) members of the bargaining unit if requested by the Manatee Education Association (MEA.) Leave time will count toward accruing seniority, benefits, salary, increments, steps, etc. The employees on leave for the purposes of this section of the contract shall be entitled to participate in all Board approved benefit plans (health insurance, flexible benefits, FRS, Social Security, etc.).

The Board shall provide payroll services at no cost to the MEA. The MEA will reimburse the Board for the salary and benefits cost. There shall be no contribution to salary or benefits by the Board.

The leave(s) shall be renewed annually. The Superintendent agrees to approve the leave(s) if requested by the MEA. Request(s) for such leave will be made within one week of the MEA elections held in May.

At the conclusion of the leave(s), the employee(s) shall be returned to the positions held prior to the commencement of the leave(s) unless otherwise agreed to by MEA and the Superintendent.

The Board agrees to grant the President half time (20) hours employment status if the Principal is able to make arrangements that she deems to be satisfactory for replacing the Association President during the remainder of his/her duty day. The Association President shall be at the school center for three teaching and one planning period. The working conditions shall be the same as for other half time teachers.

Section 8 - Leave for Bargaining Team Members

The parties agree to normally schedule bargaining during summer months when the regular school year is out of session and during the school year when teachers are normally not on duty, if possible. However, the parties recognize that unusual circumstances arise on occasion, such as special master hearing or mediation which, in order to expedite bargaining, may make it necessary for the MEA team members to be released from their teaching duties to attend bargaining session(s). On such occasions, the Superintendent agrees to release MEA team members from their teaching duties to attend such meetings. The number of team members released shall not exceed ten (10).

Section 9 - Professional In-service Days

Up to eight (8) duly elected Association delegates may be approved to attend in service programs conducted at the state FEA Convention, if after the Superintendent reviews the agenda, the Superintendent and Association agree that release of such teachers will benefit the school system. Such leave shall only be granted on an in service day and shall be at no additional cost to the School Board. Upon request by the Association, the Superintendent may grant leave to an individual who represents the Association when the Superintendent deems the purpose of the leave to support the mission of the Board. The Association agrees to reimburse the Board for the costs of providing substitutes. Travel expenses shall not be paid by the Board.

ARTICLE V

WORKING CONDITIONS

Section 1 - School Calendar

The School Board will continue to receive input from the Association in the development of the school calendar.

Section 2 - Basic School Day

The specific daily hours of employment for teachers may vary according to the needs of the educational program of the school district. The specific hours for each school center shall be designated by the Superintendent or his designee. It is understood that the daily hours of employment for teachers shall be a maximum of 7 ½ hours per day, inclusive of lunch. Exceptions to the 7 ½ hour day shall be:

- 1. Back-to-School Night:** An annual back to school night may be held. Teachers shall be notified twenty (20) days prior to back to school night. Permission for absence from this event shall be obtained from the principal, in advance except in cases of emergency, by those teachers having conflicts.
- 2. Supervisory Duties:** It is not the intent to increase teacher's supervisory duties beyond what had been the general practice in the past.
- 3. Faculty Meetings:** Principals shall take steps to minimize the need for more than one faculty meeting per month by utilizing E-mail, memos, or other alternate means of communication. Principals shall schedule no more than 14 faculty meetings per year on student attendance days. The intent of this language is not to increase the number of faculty meetings outside the normal workday. It is not the intent to increase faculty meetings beyond what has been the general practice in the past.

Faculty meetings will be defined as a mandatory meeting of all the staff assigned to the school.

Emergency meetings will not be counted as a part of the allotted 14 faculty meetings per year. An emergency will be defined as something which could not be reasonably anticipated.

All other faculty meetings beyond the allotted number will be on a voluntary basis. Staff members will not be required to attend.

- 4. Accreditation:** Teachers shall participate in accreditation activities.
- 5. Early dismissal:** In recognition that teachers may work beyond the normal work day because of the exceptions, principals may permit teachers to leave school before the close of the normal teacher workday on school days immediately preceding a holiday or a non-student day as long as students are not left unsupervised.

6. Elementary Early Release/Elementary Report Card Pick up

(a) Scheduling: Teachers will be released early on two student attendance days for each report card pick up and scheduled for a comparable amount of time for parent conferences outside the regular work day. The plan for scheduling these parent conferences shall be by consensus of the principal and teachers. Included in this plan shall be a procedure to assure coordination of conferences and a procedure for notifying parents. Also included in the plan shall be the assignment of assistance in arranging conferences. The School Board shall determine the dates for elementary early release no later than the first board meeting of the school year and no later than the first board meeting in September for each subsequent year during the calendar adoption process. Unless the School Board authorizes early release for elementary students, all parent conferences outside the regular duty day shall be voluntary.

(b) Conferences on Record Days: No teacher will be required to schedule parent conferences on the designated Record Days; however, teachers may schedule parent conferences on the designated Record Days at their discretion.

(c) Modified Instructional Week: Should the School Board institute a modified instructional week, the conditions in (a) and (b) above shall apply with the addition of the following:

During the first and third quarters, teachers will be provided two early release days on two Wednesdays to be determined by consensus of the teachers and principal at each school, rather than being determined through the calendar adoption process. One of the other two Wednesdays will be teacher planning and one will be for school/district use.

7. Modified Instructional Week

Should the school board institute a modified instructional week, the time available after student dismissal on Wednesdays shall be used as follows:

- Two (2) Wednesdays per month shall be used for individual teacher planning. No scheduled meetings shall take place on these days.
- Two (2) Wednesdays per month shall be reserved for school/district use
- The fifth (5th) Wednesday in a month shall be reserved for district use.
- In no month shall teachers have less than one Wednesday for individual planning if at least one (1) Wednesday in the month is a scheduled student day.
- If the modified day were to be a day other than Wednesday, this language still pertains.

8. Banking and Voting: The principal may permit teachers to conduct banking business on paydays and vote on election days during non-student contact time as long as students are not left unsupervised and school sign out and sign in procedures are followed. Any teacher may have the reason for denial of this benefit reviewed by the Superintendent, upon request.

Section 3 - Duty-Free Lunch

All teachers shall have an uninterrupted duty-free lunch period each school day. This lunch period will be at least 30 minutes unless the local situation makes this impossible.

Section 4 - Preparation Time

1. Except as noted below, elementary and secondary classroom teachers shall have a continuous, uninterrupted planning and/or preparation as provided in this section. It is understood that teachers shall have the right to use restroom facilities, as necessary, throughout the student day.

a) Elementary:

1. Inside the student day:

a. Elementary teachers shall have no less than 40 minutes of continuous, uninterrupted planning and preparation time during each student day, five days a week, except in those cases of emergency such as, but not limited to, an occasion when a substitute cannot be obtained to cover an absent teacher's class. The planning period shall be at least the length of a "specials" class.

b. Planning during the student day on the Wednesday in a modified instructional week shall be no less than the length of a "specials" class, or the 40 minutes immediately following student dismissal.

2. **Outside of student day:** Teachers are entitled to 225 minutes of planning time per week outside of the regular student day. For weeks when students are present less than five days, a proportionate amount of time will be provided. No more than 45 minutes of that time may be scheduled and used for, but not limited to: team meetings, department meetings, grade level meetings, progress monitoring, collaborative planning, data analysis or any other purposes for academic enhancement, enrichment or improvement. Planning time will consist of blocks of time of no less than 15 minutes and may be before or after the student day.

3. **Special Area Teachers:** If any Special Area teacher is absent, the administrator responsible for requesting substitutes will request a substitute for the special area teacher using the normal procedure. If no substitutes are available and no other coverage for special area teachers is available, the schedule may be altered to accommodate this situation.

4. **Relief Period:** A ten minute relief period will be provided for each teacher in the half of the day opposite the teacher's planning period unless there is an emergency such as, but not limited to, an occasion when an employee used to give breaks is absent and no others are available.

5. If and when the Manatee County School Board should reinstate a 6 and one half hour

student day, the Elementary Planning Time provisions of the prior Master Contract will also be reinstated.

b) Middle School

1. Inside the student day:

a. Middle School classroom teachers shall have no less than 40 minutes or one full period, whichever is greater, of continuous, uninterrupted planning and preparation time during each student day, except in those cases of emergency such as, but not limited to, an occasion when a substitute cannot be obtained to cover an absent teacher's class. In the event a field trip necessitates coverage of two consecutive classes or more, a reasonable documented effort shall be made to obtain a substitute.

b. Planning during the student day on the Wednesday in a modified instructional week shall be the length of a class period.

2. Outside of student day: Teachers are entitled to 225 minutes of planning time per week outside of the regular student day. For weeks when students are present less than five days, a proportionate amount of time will be provided. No more than 45 minutes of that time may be scheduled and used for, but not limited to: team meetings, department meetings, grade level meetings, progress monitoring, collaborative planning, data analysis or any other purposes for academic enhancement, enrichment or improvement. Planning time will consist of blocks of time of no less than 15 minutes and may be before or after the student day.

c) High School

1. Inside the student day:

a. High School classroom teachers shall have the average of at least 40 minutes per day of planning and preparation during the student day, or the length of a "skinny" period per day of planning time, whichever is greater, over a ten day cycle: except in those cases of emergency such as, but not limited to, an occasion when a substitute cannot be obtained to cover an absent teacher's class. In the event a field trip necessitates coverage of two consecutive classes or more, a reasonable documented effort shall be made to obtain a substitute.

b. Planning time during the modified instructional week shall be the average of at least 40 minutes per day over a ten day cycle.

2. Outside of student day: Teachers are entitled to 225 minutes of planning time per week outside of the regular student day. For weeks when students are present less than five days, a proportionate amount of time will be provided. No more than 45 minutes of that time may be scheduled and used for, but not limited to: team meetings, department meetings, grade level meetings, progress monitoring, collaborative planning, data analysis or any other purposes for academic enhancement, enrichment or improvement. Planning time will consist

of blocks of time of no less than 15 minutes and may be before or after the student day.

2. **Guidance Counselors:** All Guidance Counselors will be provided with no less than 40 minutes or the equivalent of one student period daily for duties other than those requiring supervision or student contact.
3. **Notice of Duty Roster Implementation:** Where the principal or his/her designee knows in sufficient time in advance that a period will be shortened or the duty roster will be implemented, the affected teacher(s) shall be notified of this event at least 3 days in advance. If the principal or his/her designee does not know 3 days in advance, as much notice as reasonable possible shall be given.
4. **Scheduling:** The specific scheduling of preparation and/or planning time shall be determined at each school center by the principal after consultation with his/her teacher and appropriate district administrators.
5. **Conferences:** Parent conferences shall not be considered planning and/or preparation within the student day. No parent conference will be scheduled within the student day planning or preparation period unless initiated or scheduled by the teacher. Parent conferences shall be considered planning and/or preparation within the 45 minutes planning time scheduled outside the student day.
6. **Emergency Roster:** To insure fairness in the assignment of teachers in emergency situations, each principal shall maintain and post a roster and shall make emergency assignments to all available teachers on a rotating basis as equitably as possible.

The emergency roster shall not be used to cover athletic events.

A priority shall be given to using a teacher's duty period, if such exists, rather than the teacher's planning period, when implementing the emergency roster.

The parties agree that the purpose of the emergency rosters established under Article V, Section 4, is to record administrative assignments to cover emergency situations. Only assignments made by the principal or his designee shall be recorded on the roster. Where the principal allows a teacher to be away from his/her assignment and the teacher has made mutually agreeable arrangements with another teacher to cover the absent teacher's assignment, this situation shall not be recorded on the emergency roster.

7. **Payment for No Sub:** If a substitute for a teaching position that is requested through the Substitute Employee Management System (SEMS) cannot be secured, the sum of \$50 per day will be credited to the school's instructional supply account. The Principal will involve the teachers of the school as to how the money that is generated through this provision will be spent.

Section 5 - Additional Activities

Teacher participation in extracurricular activities for which no additional compensation is paid shall be voluntary.

Section 6 - Special Teachers

In cases where special teachers (such as art, music, physical education) are used, the regular teacher will not be required to remain in the classroom at the same time the special teacher is present, except in cases of emergency. This time shall be used as a preparation and/or planning time by the regular classroom teacher.

Section 7 - Teaching Materials

The parties recognize that tests, library reference materials, software, maps, globes, laboratory equipment, audio-visual equipment, art supplies, physical education equipment, current periodicals, standard tests and questionnaires, and other supplies are the tools of the teaching profession. The School Board agrees to afford teachers the opportunity to be involved in the selection of such materials.

Section 8 - Notification of Assignment

Prior to making teacher assignments for the following year, the principal shall request preferences for assignments from teachers. Teachers will be notified of their teaching assignment for the following year two weeks before the last calendar work day of the teacher's contract year. If scheduling problems necessitate a change in this teaching assignment, the teacher shall be notified of the change at the earliest possible date.

Section 9 - Issue of Contracts

Annual contracts and professional service contracts shall be issued to teachers who hold a valid teaching certificate no later than the first day of employment each year.

Section 10 - Teaching Out of Certification Area

Except in case of emergency, a teacher will not be given a teaching assignment outside the scope of his/her teaching certificate. In the event such an assignment is necessary, any evaluation conducted for responsibilities outside his/her area of certification shall be specifically noted on the evaluation form and due consideration shall be given in the assessment of the teacher's performance.

Section 11 Certification Compliance and Highly Qualified (HQ) Teachers

All teachers must be certified and HQ in his/her assigned subject area by deadlines established by state and/or federal law. Teachers out of compliance will be given the following district-level assistance:

- Notification in writing of requirements, expectations, timelines for completion, available assistance and consequences which will include and possible non-reappointment or termination.
 - Opportunities to attend training
 - Opportunities for certification test tutoring
 - Teachers transferred to out of area position by administration may have test fee paid by district one time only.
- a. The timelines for teachers transferred or reassigned involuntarily to positions for which they are not certified in field or HQ will be as follows:
1. Teachers who are involuntarily transferred or reassigned to positions for which they are not certified or HQ after the ten (10) day count will have until the first day of the following school year to become certified or HQ.
 2. Teachers who are involuntarily transferred or reassigned to positions for which they are not certified or HQ during the Spring for the following school year will have until the end of the first semester of the following school year to become certified or HQ.
- b. For those who volunteer to teach in an identified area of need for which they are not currently certified or HQ, the timeline shall be as follows:
1. Teachers who are ~~involuntarily~~ voluntarily transferred or reassigned to positions for which they are not certified or HQ after the ten (10) day count will have until the first day of the following school year to become certified or HQ.
 2. Teachers who are ~~involuntarily~~ voluntarily transferred or reassigned to positions for which they are not certified or HQ during the Spring for the following school year will have until the end of the first semester of the following school year to become certified or HQ.
- c. Annual notification by last workday to all bargaining unit members of areas of need as well as incentives for becoming certified or highly qualified in the identified area
- Certified or highly-qualified by taking test
 - adding area to certificate
 - district will reimburse cost of test to those who passed test and added it to their certificate

Section 12 - Association Representation

Any teacher summoned by a principal, immediate supervisor, or any administrator, to a conference for the express purpose of discussing dismissal or issuing a formal written reprimand, shall have the right to be accompanied by a representative of the association. The definition of dismissal shall not include the non-renewal of an annual contract.

Any teacher who requests association representation and is denied association representation under this section shall have the right to terminate such a meeting until association representation is available.

The following are the types of instances where employees are entitled to representation:

1. **Informal Conference:** An informal conference is held to identify expectations and provide direction orally. The administrator may document the informal conference in his/her calendar. (The informal conference cannot be used as part of an investigation.)
2. **Directive:** A written notice of expectations given to the employee. A copy of the Directive may be maintained by the administrator in a correspondence file, however, no copy is placed in the employee's personnel file.
3. **Conference of Record or Memo of Conference:** The administrator should give the employee written notice, stating the purpose of the conference. The employee may have representation, if requested. A written record of the conference will be placed in the employee's personnel file and a copy provided to the employee.
4. **Letter of Reprimand:** The administrator should give the employee written notice, stating the purpose of the conference. The employee may have representation, if requested. A copy of the reprimand will be placed in the employee's personnel file and a copy provided to the employee.

Note that these four instances are examples of actions that may be used depending on the particular situation.

Except in cases deemed to be an emergency, teachers shall be given prior written notice and a statement of the reason for any conference called for the express purpose of discussing dismissal or issuing a formal written reprimand.

In the case of an emergency such as assault, intoxication or influence of narcotics, the teacher's right to association representation may be postponed, but not denied. A teacher may have association representation at any meeting with an administrator, called by the administrator for the express purpose of discussing dismissal.

Teachers are not entitled to Association Representation in evaluation or observation conferences unless the teacher has been notified that performance deficiencies could result in dismissal or unless the meeting is for the purpose of such notification.

When an administrator deems it necessary to reprimand a teacher, it shall not be done publicly unless the situation is such that immediate or emergency action must be taken. For purposes of this agreement, the word "reprimand" shall mean "censure formally"

Section 13 - Classroom Interruptions

Classroom interruptions shall be kept to a minimum. Teachers, when possible, shall be notified when students are to be taken from regularly scheduled instructional time, except for disciplinary action and emergencies. An effort shall be made to schedule custodial and maintenance activities so that instructional activities will receive a minimum of interruption.

Section 14 - Unsafe Conditions

When a teacher reports in writing to his/her immediate supervisor any unsafe working conditions, or alleges environmental hazards, the Superintendent or his designee shall investigate these reported conditions. The teacher shall be informed of the results of the investigation. Unsafe working conditions may include alleged environmental hazards not associated with atmospheric conditions, weather conditions, or the quality of outside air.

Section 15 - Access to School Budget

Upon written request to the principal, the school budget shall be made available to a teacher.

Section 16 - Procedures for Teachers not Re-nominated

Teachers reappointed for the ensuing school year shall be notified of the reappointment on or before six weeks before the last calendar work day. Teachers not reappointed for the ensuing school year shall be notified, in writing, six weeks before the last calendar work day.

Section 17 - Change of Class Notice

A teacher shall be notified when a student is taken off his/her roll, if the change is one of a non-routine nature and after the first three weeks of a semester.

Section 18 - Physical Space for Teachers

Each school will have the following facilities:

1. A space in which each teacher shall have a place to store instructional materials and supplies. A space in each teacher's classroom shall be provided if space is available. If a teacher is physically handicapped and that handicap affects the teacher's mobility, a space for storing instructional materials and supplies shall be provided in each of the teacher's classrooms. If a teacher has a temporary physical disability which affects his or her mobility, that teacher shall be provided a space in each of his or her classrooms, if possible. Attempts shall be made to accommodate teachers who have a handicap or temporary physical disability which affect their mobility within presently available space.

2. An individual work space;
3. Well-lighted and clean teacher rest rooms, and
4. A telephone which permits privacy of conversations.

Section 19- Summer School Week

1. **Workdays:** Workdays for Summer School will normally be Monday through Thursday. If it is beneficial to the school district, Friday may be added to the four-day week for scheduling purposes. The Superintendent or his designee shall discuss the summer school schedule with the Union at least two weeks prior to taking the schedule to the School Board.
2. **Planning time:** Planning time for elementary and middle school teachers will be before the student day. Planning time for high school teachers will be after the student day. This schedule will be maintained unless the principal and teachers agree to another schedule.
3. **Length of Workday:** The teachers' work day shall be five (5) hours for elementary and middle school teachers and six (6) and one-half ($\frac{1}{2}$) hours for high school teachers. Normal bus duty may extend the regular day.
4. **Length of Planning Time for Elementary and Middle Schools:** Elementary and middle school teachers shall receive one (1) hour and fifteen (15) minutes of planning time a day and one (1) fifteen minute recess period a day. Some duty-free time shall be provided during the break.
5. **Planning time for High School Teachers:** High school teachers will receive one (1) hour a day for planning and student make-up and two (2) break periods. Some duty-free time shall be provided during the breaks.
6. **Sick Days:** School center employees will earn one (1) sick leave day for the summer school period which will be credited toward accumulated sick leave.
7. **Use of Sick Leave:** School center employees using sick leave during the summer school session will have one (1) day for each day absent deducted from his/her accumulated sick leave.
8. **Faculty Meetings:** Faculty Meetings may be held during pre and post summer school. A maximum of five (5) additional faculty meetings may be held during the regular summer school session. All faculty meetings shall be held within the teacher work day and during planning preparation time.

9. **Summer School Hiring practices:** Until the applicant list of current employees in the teacher bargaining unit has been exhausted, no teacher or other employee who was not in the bargaining unit the previous school year shall be hired for Summer School, unless there is no properly certificated current employee for the position.
10. **Late Hires for Summer School:** Any Teacher who is hired during the first five (5) duty days of summer school, but after the first duty day, shall be scheduled and paid additional duty time for planning purposes equivalent to the length of the planning day that occurred prior to the teacher's being hired. This additional duty time shall be scheduled within the teacher's first five (5) duty days during summer school.
11. **Summer School Salary:** The hourly rate for teaching Summer School shall be the same hourly rate as earned during the previous regular school year. The basic teacher's salary schedule shall be used to determine their hourly rates

Section 20- Senior High School Scheduling Options

Except as provided in Article V, Section 22, prior to implementing any significant changes to the school bell schedule, a committee consisting of the school principal or designee, a senior MEA building representative and one representative elected by each department shall be established.

Said committee shall recommend any type of bell schedule as long as it falls within the parameters of the collective bargaining agreement and the school's staffing allocation.

High School teachers (excluding MAVTC-adult school teachers) with full-time classroom teaching responsibilities assigned to teach six periods a day shall receive a daily planning period. Such assignments shall be in accordance with The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Guidelines.

Section 21- Additional Duty Hour

1. The teacher assigned to an 8.5 hour day shall be paid an amount equal to the individual teacher's hourly rate on the salary schedule for the additional hour for each day worked on the 8.5 hour schedule.
2.
 - a. No department chairman shall lose a current planning period as a result of working an 8.5 hour day.
 - b. The principal shall consider qualified volunteers before making an assignment to the 8.5 hour day.
3. The parties recognize that adjustments are necessary to Article V, Section 2, 4 and 8 of the current Teachers' Contract as follows:
 - a. Supervisory duties for teachers assigned to work 8.5 hours per day shall be scheduled to avoid use of planning time.

- b. Faculty meetings for teachers assigned to work 8.5 hours per day shall be scheduled to meet the needs of the teachers.
- c. Planning time may be scheduled during, before and/or after the regular 7.5 hour day.
- d. Teachers in the extended day program may not have more than an 8.5 hour day, except as specified in ARTICLE V, Section 2.
- e. If additional materials, textbooks, etc., are necessary as a result of the additional duty hour, the School Board shall make such allocations from the earmarked funds for this purpose from the School Board Budget.

Section 22- In-service Points

The School Board agrees to annually provide the teachers the total number of in service points accumulated during their current validity period.

Section 23- MAVTC (MTI) Contracts

- 1. **MAVTC (MTI) Teachers on Extended Contracts:** Manatee Area Vocational Technical Center (MTI) teachers in the following programs shall have contracts which differ from the normal teacher's contract as follows:

Practical Nursing	11 months
Dental Assisting	11 months
Cosmetology	11 months
Emergency Medical Technician	11 months
Machine Shop	11 months
MTI Guidance Counselors	11 months
Electronics Technician	11 months
Computer Technology Services	11 months
Auto Mechanic	11 months
Industrial Electricity	11 months

- 2. **Terms and conditions of MTI contracts:** All terms and conditions of the School Board of Manatee County Policies and procedures and the MEA Master Contract shall be the same for employees at MTI as for other unit members with the following exceptions:
 - a. Personnel may voluntarily agree with the administration to have their work days and hours established to meet the needs of the clients at the cost center where they are assigned.
 - b. The normal work day will be a 7.5 hour workday which shall include 30 minute duty free lunch period and no less than one hour per day for planning.

- c. Personnel will be granted scheduled in service days and provided with information regarding scheduled in service programs so that they may participate in relevant programs of choice.
- d. Personnel accepting an extension of the regular 10 month contract shall be paid their hourly rate of pay as determined by the step and rank on the salary schedule where they are currently placed for any additional work days beyond the regular 10 month contract year. This shall become effective upon ratification of this agreement.
- e. In the event of an extended workday, all work shall be on a voluntary basis. Employees shall not be assigned to work more than a 40 hour week.
- f. Employees shall not be scheduled to work on paid holidays and shall receive the Fourth of July as a paid holiday if they are working an extended contract.
- g. Employees on an extended contract shall earn one day of sick leave per month of work, in any case, no less than 11 sick leave days for an 11 month contract or 12 sick days for a 12 month contract.

Section 24- New Programs

Prior to implementation of any major new program initiated at the school center level, the principal or his/her designee shall provide an opportunity for input regarding implementation of the program from teachers. Where teachers are required to have special expertise to implement such a program, training shall be provided prior to implementation of the program.

Section 25- Media Specialists

In order to facilitate media services in elementary schools, the elementary media specialists are authorized up to three (3) additional duty days. After consultation with the media specialists, the principal will determine when the days will be utilized.

Section 26 - Elementary Early Release/Elementary Report Card Pick Up

Scheduling: Teachers will be released early on two student attendance days for each report card pick up and scheduled for a comparable amount of time for parent conferences outside the regular work day. The plan for scheduling these parent conferences shall be by consensus of the principal and teachers. Included in this plan shall be a procedure to assure coordination of conferences and a procedure for notifying parents. Also included in the plan shall be the assignment of assistance in arranging conferences. The School Board shall determine the dates for elementary early release no later than the first board meeting in September during the calendar adoption process. Unless the School Board authorizes early release for elementary students, all parent conferences outside the regular duty day shall be voluntary.

Section 27 - School Center Staff Development Plans

An In-service Plan shall be developed by a committee at each school center, to address staff development needs of the school center and other in service priorities identified by state, federal, or school district officials.

This committee shall be composed of elected teacher representatives, the elected teacher education center representative, the principal or his/her designee and other persons impacted by the plan.

The school level plan must be approved by the principal and then approved by consensus of the teachers and other appropriate persons, according to procedures determined at the school center.

This provision shall not preclude county-level staff development. All school center plans shall operate within district guidelines.

Participation in school center staff development activities during evenings and on weekends shall be voluntary and compensated as per Article XII, Section 13.

Section 28- Safe Learning Environment

In order to provide a safe learning environment the parties agree that:

- 1. Two Way Communication:** Each school will be responsible for developing a two way communication plan which provides for communication between the teacher and the main office. Where an electronic communication between classroom and the office is available, an attempt will be made to keep the system in working order.
- 2. Notification of Danger:** Teachers shall be notified on a need to know basis if there is a situation which may involve danger to students or teachers.
- 3. Student Control Techniques:** Teachers who teach EH, SED, or autistic students on a full time or mainstream basis who have not received training in their degree program or elsewhere shall be given an opportunity for training in student control techniques prior to being given the responsibility for teaching student who have been staffed into EH, SED or Autistic programs. Teachers may not refuse to accept an EH, SED, or Autistic children in their classroom because they have not been trained. The school district shall offer training in student control techniques to teachers.
- 4. Damages to Clothing and Personal Items:** Articles of clothing which are damaged as a result of a battery which occurs while the teacher is discharging his/her duties in accordance with his/her job description, shall be repaired or replaced by the school district up to an amount of \$100. Shoes, hosiery, jewelry, watches, and the like items are not covered by this provision. Hearing Aids and glasses shall be repaired or replaced in such circumstances in an amount not to exceed \$400, less any amount covered by applicable insurance on the item.

5. Committees:

a. District-Wide Safe Learning Environment Committee: There shall be a District-Wide Safe Learning Environment Committee consisting of six (6) representatives appointed by the Superintendent and six (6) representatives appointed by the Association. The purpose of this committee shall be to recommend to the Superintendent strategies for addressing issues related to safe learning environment.

b. School Safe Learning Environment Committee: Each school shall have a safe learning environment committee composed of a school administrator(s), and the following persons elected by their constituent groups; teachers, students (if appropriate), parents, and other shareholders.

The purpose of this committee shall be to:

1. Development or review of school center crises plan.
2. Develop strategies aimed at diminishing disruptive behavior in the school. This committee may be a subcommittee of the School Improvement Committee.

6. Teacher Authority:

a. Referrals: The principal or designee shall consider the recommendation for discipline made by a teacher or a member of the instructional staff when making a decision regarding student referrals for discipline. Additionally, the principal should consult with the referring teacher prior to enacting a lesser disciplinary action unless circumstances prevent such consultation. Such circumstances shall be defined as those in which immediate action on the part of the principal is required. The Principal shall return a copy of all referral forms to the teacher with the decision for consequences noted.

b. Removal of Students: A teacher has the authority to remove from class a student:

1. Who has been documented by the teacher to repeatedly interfered with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn or
2. Whose behavior the teacher determines is so unruly, disruptive or abusive that it seriously interferes with the teacher's ability to communicate effectively with the students in the class or with the ability of the student's classmates to learn.

The Principal may not return the student to that teacher's classroom without the teacher's consent, unless the school's Placement Review Committee determines that such placement is the best or only available alternative. The teacher and the placement review committee must render decisions within 5 days of the removal of the student from the classroom.

Teachers are responsible for using appropriate means of discipline before sending a student from the classroom unless the student seriously interferes with the teachers' ability to communicate. Interventions which must be implemented and documented prior to requesting permanent removal from the classroom will be established at the school center by the Discipline Committee.

1. Placement Review Committee:

1. **Membership:** Each school shall establish a Placement Review Committee to determine placement of a student when the teacher disagrees with the Principal's decision to return a student to the classroom. Committee membership must include at least the following:
 - (a) Two teachers elected by the school's faculty
 - (b) One teacher selected by the teacher who has withheld consent for the disruptive student to return to his/her classroom.
 - (c) One member of the school's staff who is selected by the principal.
 - (d) One alternate teacher elected by the faculty. The alternate teacher shall serve as a replacement for any teacher on the committee who may be the teacher withholding consent to readmit a student. The alternate shall participate in all training provided for the committee and shall meet with the committee in an advisory capacity unless the alternate is required to serve in place of a teacher member.

The teacher who withheld consent for the disruptive student to return to his/her class has the right to appeal the committee's adverse decision to the superintendent.

2. **Training:** The members of the Placement Review Committee shall receive training as is appropriate and determined by the committee. When possible, the committee shall meet during the regular workday for teachers. Committee members will not be required to use any sick or personal leave to serve on the committee.
3. **Placing Students:** In determining the placement of a student the committee must consider the appropriateness of the instructional strategies (e.g. students with disabilities, ESOL/LEP students, and students with plans under Section 504).
4. **Professional Development:** Any teacher who removes 25 percent of the total enrollment of any class shall be required to complete professional development to improve classroom management skills. The program for professional development will be developed cooperatively by the teacher, principal and the teacher on assignment for personnel assistance, if this position is funded. Twenty-five percent will be determined by counting the number of different students referred for removal.

Section 29 - Medical Procedures

1. **Non-medical personnel:** Non-medical school district personnel shall not be allowed to perform invasive medical procedures that require special medical knowledge, nursing judgment or nursing assessment. These procedures shall include but are not limited to sterile catheterization, Naso-Gastric tube feeding and cleaning and maintaining or deep suctioning of a tracheotomy.
2. **Invasive Procedures:** Employees will not be required to perform any invasive medical procedure unless the employee voluntarily chooses to do so or the procedure is a part of the job description explained to the employee before the employee accepts the position involving the need for performing invasive medical procedures.

Section 30 - Juvenile Justice Employees

The terms and conditions of employment of members of the units represented by MEA that work in programs whose students are enrolled in residential programs supervised by the Department of Juvenile Justice, State of Florida will be as follows.

1. **Terms and conditions:** All terms and conditions of the School Board of Manatee Policies and Procedures and the MEA/School Board Contract shall be the same as other unit members with the following exceptions:
 - a. Personnel that are on 10-month contract may have their workdays and hours established to meet the needs of the clients at the cost center they are assigned. However, the **length of a contract year for 10 month personnel** will not normally exceed 198 days, of which 180 will be student contact days.
 - b. **The normal workday will be a 7.5 hour workday** which shall include a duty free lunch period and no less than one hour per day for planning. Student contact will be limited to the equivalent of 300 minutes per day.
 - c. **Personnel will be granted scheduled in service days** and provided with information regarding scheduled in service programs so that they may participate in relevant programs of their choice.
 - d. **Personnel will be granted 3 record days**, mutually chosen by the facility and the personnel, and scheduled during the regular school year. If the personnel work an additional period beyond the regular school year, one additional record day will be granted during that time period.
2. **Scheduling:**
 - a. Members of the unit shall have preference for work assignments and for work days beyond their normal contracted days, if any, at the facility they are assigned. Acceptance of work assignment beyond the normal work year will be on a voluntary basis.

- b. Members of the unit shall be paid their hourly rate of pay as determined by the step and rank on the salary schedule where they are currently paid for any days of work beyond the regular contract year.
- c. Members of the unit shall be paid their hourly rate of pay, based on their step and rank on the appropriate salary schedule for any hours they are required to work beyond the normal 7.5 hour day as defined in the collective bargaining agreement. This provision shall apply to any extra time worked beyond the normal contract which does not meet the definition of a full 7.5 hour day.
- d. Employees shall not be required to work more than a 40 hour work week.
- e. Employees shall not be scheduled to work on paid holidays.

3. Required 240 Day Student Schedule:

Teachers will be employed on the normal district 198 day contract. The “summer” period will be covered primarily by two twenty day teaching contracts, one for the period between the end of the regular school until the last day of June (June) and one for the period encompassing the days from July 1st to the start of the regular school year. Teachers who work under such “summer” contracts will earn one sick leave day per twenty day “summer” contract to a maximum of two.

It is further understood that any required instructional days not covered by the two twenty day summer contracts or those that occur during other time frames throughout the year not included in the normal 198 day teacher contract will be staffed through the use of teachers hired via the non-contracted hourly process. Non-contracted hourly employment does not entitle the employee to earn sick leave days in any circumstance.

Section 31 - Contract for Guidance Counselors

Secondary Guidance Counselors may work an additional 45 hours per year. The extended time will be scheduled by the school principal. Each secondary school shall receive an additional 15 hours per counselor to be scheduled by the Principal based on the needs of the school.

Section 32 - Employment Practices

1. **Additional Certification Requirements:** At the time of employment, teachers will be notified in writing by the Human Resources office of any additional certification or endorsement requirements they must meet to be granted a Professional Service Contract.
2. **ESOL:** The district agrees to develop alternate training which is provided in a teacher friendly, instructionally sound and cost efficient manner. The Superintendent or a designee will meet with a representative of the Union to develop diverse and sufficient training opportunities to meet the requirements. Teachers who have Limited English Proficient

(LEP) students assigned to their classrooms will begin the ESOL training as required in the META agreement. Management will be responsible for notifying the teacher in writing that a designated LEP student has been assigned to the teacher and will notify the teacher of the requirements for ESOL training as a result of the LEP student assignment.

The superintendent shall notify the MEA of any intent to change the school district's LEP plan.

- 3. Out of Field Assignments:** Teachers who are employed in a position out of their field of certification will complete at least the minimum required college credit or additional training each year. Out of field requirements must be met within a three year period.

Section 33 - School Improvement Plan Committee

All schools shall have a school improvement planning committee whose purpose shall be to develop the school improvement plan using a consensus process within the legislative requirements for school accountability and improvement. The number of committee members and the structure shall be determined by a participatory decision making model determined by the Principal. The committee shall have no fewer than three members elected by a majority vote of the faculty. Teachers shall be provided with a copy of the plan via electronic or print media. The entire plan at least in draft form must be presented to the faculty, staff, and the School Advisory Council (SAC) for discussion and review prior to presenting to the School board.

Section 34 - Academic Subject Area Preparations

If academic subject area preparations are excessive in the case of an individual high school teacher, the MEA representative, after addressing the problem to the principal, may request the Superintendent or his designee to review the situation. In no case shall three or less academic preparations be considered excessive. Academic subject areas shall be defined as (1) Math, (2) Science, (3) Social Studies, and (4) English. Exceptional student teachers shall not be included as part of this agreement. If a teacher is supplemented for a class, or is contracted for an additional class, that class shall not be considered a prep.

Section 35 - Pay for Other Assignments

Except for those duties listed in this section, any duty or other assignment outside of the regular duty day, will be paid at the hourly rate of the employee who is performing the duty. The exceptions to this section will be (1) part time hourly contracts for the evening program at MTI (2) assignments covered by Article XII, Section 8 of the Master Contract and (3) supervisory duties as covered by Article V, Section 2(2) supervisory duties.

Section 36 - Paperwork Committee

1. As per Florida statute 1008.385(2) (b) (1), a district oversight committee shall be formed to review and approve required district forms and paperwork. The committee will be composed of five (5) school administrators appointed by the School Board and six (6) classroom

teachers and one other representative appointed by the Manatee Education Association. The committee shall meet monthly, at minimum, during the regular school year and will be responsible for developing and recommending procedures for the reduction, revision, consolidation, and elimination of paperwork and data collection requirements. An annual report of the committee's findings and activities shall be submitted to the school board.

2. The committee will consider, at minimum:
 - a. The type and origin of the form/paperwork, whether it is a paper form or electronic form or generated by computer or e-mail.
 - b. Whether or not the information exists elsewhere and can be accessed or pre-inserted on the form.
3. Existing forms/paperwork will be reviewed to determine the need for the paperwork and to eliminate duplication.
4. All existing and newly developed forms will be approved or disapproved by the committee and will be assigned a review date, number, and distribution list.
5. School level forms are not subject to approval by the district oversight committee but may be reviewed upon appeal to the committee by any person at the implementing school site. The process for appeal will be developed by the committee.
6. Teachers will not be responsible for the completion or return of any new district required forms/paperwork that have not been approved by the oversight committee.

Section 37 – Virtual Education Program Teachers

1. Teachers employed as Virtual Education Program Teachers (“eTech Teachers”) shall be entitled to all rights and privileges guaranteed within the collective bargaining agreement unless specifically modified within this section.
2. eTech Teachers’ 7.5 hour workday may be scheduled between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M. only. eTech teachers shall not be required to work on Saturdays, Sundays, or paid holidays.
3. eTech Teachers will be granted scheduled in service days and provided information regarding scheduled in service programs so that they may participate in relevant programs.
4. The District shall provide eTech teachers the necessary technology and online access required to perform the requirements of the position including, but not limited to, computer hardware and software, fax/printer hardware, fax and internet connectivity, and materials and supplies. Any use of District-provided equipment, and any communications made thereupon, shall conform to all applicable District policies and procedures and comport with the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida.

5. eTech Teachers shall receive required in service training related to the district and state program and curricular requirements prior to any student contact.

ARTICLE VI

TEACHER PROTECTION

Section 1 - Teacher Protection

Before any such benefits are granted or not granted under the provisions of this Article, the circumstances surrounding the incident shall be reviewed by the administration and the Association. If a teacher is assaulted either on school property or off school property, while carrying out a specifically assigned or sponsored school activity, the School Board shall continue the teacher's full salary and benefits for the duration of the absence due to such assault, not to exceed one year. The absence shall not be charged against the teacher's regular sick leave.

Section 2 - Personnel Files

A teacher shall be permitted to see his/her county office personnel file, except for confidential letters of recommendation upon reasonable request, and may duplicate any information in the file at his/her own cost.

Any derogatory materials must be provided to the employee before the material may be placed into that employee's file.

Any material originating with the school district which is derogatory to an employee's conduct, service, character or personality relating to performance, shall be placed into the employee's file according to one of the following procedures:

- 1. By Personal Delivery:** If the material is provided by personal delivery to the employee, the employee shall sign a copy of the document to acknowledge that he/she has received such material. The employee's signature does not indicate agreement with the content of the material.
- 2. By Witness:** If an employee refuses to sign the material, the supervisor may get a third party to witness that the employee has been provided the material. The witness must sign and date the material before it is placed into the personnel file.
- 3. By Certified Mail:** If an employee fails to sign such material, or circumstances prevent personal delivery, the supervisor may send the material via certified mail to the employee. The material may be placed into the county office personnel file ten (10) days after the registered receipt has been returned to the sender.

Addendum: If the teacher so desires, he/she will be given an opportunity to make a written addendum to any statement.

Paper Files: The Board shall maintain the hard copy of an employee's file only at the county office. Any file kept by an immediate supervisor shall contain only those materials for current evaluation data. A teacher shall also be permitted to see this file upon his/her reasonable request.

Electronic Files: The Board may also maintain and manage a secure electronic copy of the employee's personnel file in addition to the paper file. Only those human resources employees authorized to manage and maintain the paper files may manage and maintain the electronic files. A teacher shall be permitted to see and obtain copies of this file upon reasonable request.

Anonymous material: Anonymous data shall not be placed in a teacher's personnel file.

ARTICLE VII
TEACHER EVALUATION

Section 1 - Procedures

1. Annual Evaluations: Teachers shall be evaluated annually. The following procedures shall be followed for teachers in the minimum competency program:

Subdivision 1: **Classroom observation** will precede the completion of the formal evaluation. Annual contract teachers will be observed by the principal or his designee at least two (2) times a year with the observation occurring no later than November 22.

Subdivision 2: **Number of times:** Teachers shall be officially evaluated at least once each school year.

Subdivision 3: **Notice:** Annual contract teachers shall be given prior notice of the first official classroom observation. A conference will be scheduled by the principal or his designee to discuss the formal classroom observation and the formal evaluation.

Subdivision 4: **Other observations:** All other classroom observations and evaluations shall be conducted at the discretion of the principal or his designee.

Subdivision 5: **Copies:** Teachers shall be provided copies of written classroom observations and evaluations within ten (10) working days following such observations and evaluations.

Subdivision 6: **Forms:** The forms will be delineated in the district's Performance Appraisal System and shall be used for formal written observations, evaluations and teacher response to formal evaluation.

The Association shall have input into the development or contemplated change of any such form.

Subdivision 7: **Knowledge of observation:** All formal classroom observations and evaluations shall be conducted with knowledge of the employee being evaluated.

Subdivision 8: **Addendum:** An employee has the right to include an addendum to any written evaluation.

Subdivision 9: **Improvements:** Should necessary improvements become apparent during the evaluation process, said improvements shall be noted on the form together with:

- a. specific improvements desired,
- b. time for improvement to be made,
- c. assistance to be provided, if necessary.

Subdivision 10: **Signing Evaluations:** No teacher shall be required to sign his or her observation or evaluation form prior to a conference.

2. **Professional Growth Plan:** The procedures in the Professional Growth Program shall be included in that plan

Section 2 - Evaluation Committee

The parties agree to have a committee of teachers and administrators study the evaluation system and recommend improvements. Until such time as new forms are adopted, the current new forms shall be used.

The committee shall also review any changes which may be required in the evaluation process by the Florida Legislature and shall make recommendations to bargaining teams during the collective bargaining process.

ARTICLE VIII
FAIR DISMISSAL

Section 1 - Just Cause

No teacher shall be dismissed except for just cause.

Section 2 - Annual Contract

This procedure shall not limit the right of the School Board to renew or not renew any annual contract.

ARTICLE IX

PAID LEAVES AND MILITARY LEAVES

Section 1 - Personal Illness, Family Illness, Bereavement

Any teacher who is unable to perform his duties because of illness, or because of the illness or death of father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, other close relative, or member of his own household, and consequently has to be absent from his work shall be granted leave of absence for sickness by the Superintendent, or by someone designated in writing by him to do so. The following provisions shall govern sick leave:

Extent of Leave: As outlined in Florida Statutes 1012.61, each full-time member of the instructional staff shall be granted four (4) days of sick leave as of the first day of employment of each current year, and thereafter during that fiscal year shall be credited with one (1) additional day of sick leave at the end of each month of employment until the allowance for ten-month employees reaches ten (10) days.

The same provision shall apply for 11-month employees until they have reached eleven (11) days, and for 12-month employees until they have reached twelve (12) days.

Leave not used during any fiscal year may accumulate without limit.

Section 2 - Use of Sick Leave by a Family Member

An employee of the Manatee County School District may authorize his or her spouse, child, parent, or sibling who is also a district employee to use sick leave that has accrued to the authorizing employee. The recipient may not use the donated sick leave until all of his or her sick leave has been depleted, not including sick leave from a sick leave pool, if the recipient participates in a sick leave pool.

Donated sick leave under this provision shall have no terminal value to the recipient as provided in Article XIII of this contract and Florida Statute 1012.61(2) (c). However, unused donated sick leave will revert to the individual who donated it at the end of the fiscal year or upon termination of employment and shall maintain its value upon retirement.

Section 3- Illness-In-Line-of-Duty Leave

As outlined in Florida Statutes 1012.63, any full-time teacher shall be entitled to illness-in-line-of-duty leave when he/she needs to be absent from his/her duties because of a personal injury received in the discharge of duty or because of illness from any contagious or infectious disease contracted in school work, excluding common colds, flu and other sickness of this nature.

A physician's statement verifying the nature of the injury or illness must be provided by the employee before illness-in-line-of-duty leave pay is granted. Furthermore, it is incumbent upon

the employee to provide reasonable evidence that such illness was contracted or such injury was incurred during her/his line of duty. Such leave may be authorized for a total not to exceed ten (10) duty days during any school year for illness contracted, or injury incurred, from such causes as prescribed above, such leave not to be deducted from the employee's sick leave.

Request for additional line of duty leave shall be recommended at the discretion of the Superintendent. Upon the favorable recommendation of the Superintendent, the Board may approve up to the number of additional days recommended by the Superintendent.

Section 4- Professional Leave

Instructional personnel may be granted leave for attendance at educational meetings, clinics, etc., while school is in session, when request has been made in writing to the Superintendent and approved by him as being in line of duty. During such leave personnel shall be paid as though they were on duty in the school.

Personnel normally employed for ten (10) months from year to year but given additional work in summer programs will not be eligible for a professional leave during this extra period of employment.

Professional leave is initiated by the individual for the benefit of the individual.

Subdivision 1. All professional leaves must be substantiated by a short written report delivered to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Travel expenses and per diem may be paid for professional leaves during period of employment. Forms for reports and expense vouchers may be procured from the county school office.

Section 5- Assignment for Temporary Duty

Teachers may be assigned to be temporarily away from their regular duties and places of employment for the purpose of performing other educational services including participation in surveys, professional meetings, study course, workshops, etc. Such assignment will ordinarily be initiated by the county school administration. Employees will receive regular pay and may be allowed expenses as provided by state law and county regulations. Approval of "assignment for temporary duty" must be secured in the same manner that leaves are approved.

Temporary duty is a duty day for benefit of the school and initiated by the school or district office.

Subdivision 1: All assignments for temporary duty leaves must be substantiated by a short written report delivered to the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction. Travel expense and per diem may be paid for assignment for temporary duty during period of employment. Forms for reports and expense vouchers may be procured from the county school office.

Section 6 - Pre-School and/or Post-School Leave for 10-Month Personnel

Leave during the pre and post-period may be granted to ten-month personnel for attending college courses or other special programs when the request in writing has been approved by the Board with the approval of the Superintendent. Such approval shall be granted only when the activity is considered to be in line of duty and not for the purpose of merely raising the rank of a certificate. When such is the case, the leave shall be considered personal and subject to salary deductions.

Leave during the pre-school and post-school will be carefully scrutinized since these days were provided to meet a definite need for staff planning and in service training. Florida institutions provide summer school on a schedule that does not conflict with the school schedule. In most cases when staff members arrange a schedule that conflicts with pre-school and post-school it will be considered that such leave is for personal advantage and, if granted, generally should be personal leave and subject to salary deductions. However, in special cases, consideration will be given and professional leave may be granted. Professional leave may be granted to instructional personnel either for the purpose of self-improvement of the teacher or in order that the teacher may make a greater contribution to the total educational system in Manatee County.

Section 8 7- Jury Duty Leave

Assignment for temporary jury duty will be granted with no loss of pay. In cases where such duty would work an unusual hardship, the employee should appear in answer to the summons and plead his/her case. The expenses paid to a juror are not considered wages. They should not be remitted to the Board.

Any employee called for duty during school hours or who is subpoenaed to testify during school hours in any judicial matter in which he/she is not a principal party shall be paid his/her full salary for such time.

Section 8- Leave for Personal Reasons

"Personal Reasons" shall be adequate explanation for such leave but it shall be understood to entail pressing personal problems or emergencies which cannot be resolved outside of regular employment hours.

- 1. Use and notification:** A teacher shall be granted leave for personal reasons with pay of five (5) days per fiscal year from accumulated sick leave. A teacher using such leave shall notify the principal, or his designee, at least 24 hours prior to taking such leave, except in cases of emergency.
- 2. Special circumstances:** Use of leave for personal reasons before or after a school holidays or vacation, during the first five (5) or last five (5) days of the school year or during the first three (3) or the last three (3) duty days of summer school must be applied for at least ten (10) days in advance.

3. **Limits on personnel:** Further, leave for personal reasons shall not be available on a given student day to over ten percent (10%) or five (5) teachers maximum in a single school.
4. **Applying:** Leave for personal reasons shall be applied for in the same manner as other leaves prescribed by the Board. "Personal Reasons" shall be adequate explanation for such leave.

Section 9- Military Leaves

1. Temporary Military Leave

All regular full-time teachers (except hourly or daily paid employees) of the Board who are members of the Reserve in the United States Armed Services or members of the National Guard of the United States, shall receive remuneration for up to a maximum of 17 days of absence from their regular work (contractual period) during any fiscal year, if they are ordered by the Armed Services or National Guard to report for temporary duty, provided that:

Full-time regular employees not receiving annual paid vacations are to plan to render their temporary military service during the time school is not in session. If this is impossible, requests for leaves for temporary military service with military orders must be submitted to the Human Resources Department at least four (4) weeks prior to the beginning of the leave. If the administration is not successful in having the commanding officer change the training period to a time when school is not in session, it will be approved.

2. Call-Up of Military Reservists

All regular full-time employees who are reservists called to full-time active military service and are unable to complete contractual obligations to the Board shall be paid according to the salary schedule plus supplements for the first 30 days of such service. Thereafter, any such reservists shall have his or her total gross military pay supplemented up to the amount he/she was earning on the salary schedule, plus supplements, at the time they were called to active duty. For the purpose of administering this provision, the reservists shall be required each month to provide substantiation of total gross military pay by providing copies of the "monthly leave and earnings statement" or comparable certified information to the Board and shall provide a copy of his/her orders or comparable statement giving estimated length of full-time active service. Such statement shall be updated as necessary by the employee. This provision may be used in lieu of, not in addition to, temporary military leave. Accrued leaves shall continue to accrue during any employee's absence approved pursuant to this provision.

Any reservists who are called to full-time active military service will also be eligible to continue their School Board health insurance coverage by paying the employee's share of the cost of such coverage.

During the period of leave required by the call-up, the employee shall continue to maintain his or her seniority number. Upon returning from leave, the employee shall receive credit on the salary schedule for the time of the military call-up.

3. Full-time Military Leave

A full-time employee (except hourly or daily paid employees) of the Board may be granted a military leave of absence, without pay, provided that:

He/she is inducted into the Armed Services via Selective Service Act or he/she volunteers in lieu of induction.

He/she enlists in the Armed Services during the period our forces are engaged in combat.

The conditions and benefits of a military leave of absence for a full-time regular employee are as follows:

He/she is to be considered as being in continuous employment of the Board during his/her period of service and shall receive all benefits of employment upon his/her return that would normally accrue to him/her if he/she had been actually filling his/her position (except time in military service is to count as a void for credit toward continuing contract and continuous service).

Credit will be given on the teacher's salary schedule for each year.

He/she is to return to the employ of the Board within sixty (60) days after receiving his/her final discharge or present evidence of his physical disability to return.

If after the combat period is over, the teacher refuses final discharge in order to lengthen or accept another period of service, he/she will forfeit his/her rights under this regulation.

ARTICLE X
UNPAID LEAVES

Section 1 - Unpaid Leaves

Unpaid personal leaves are provided according to the following guidelines for the following purposes: leave of absence for personal reasons, sick leave, child care leave, leave granted under the Family and Medical Leave Act, and professional leave.

1. Unpaid Sick leave

- a. Unpaid leaves, satisfactorily substantiated by medical evidence, requested for illness, illness or death of a family member, and illness or incapacity due to pregnancy related reasons shall be granted.
- b. The employee may be required to provide satisfactory documentation for the necessity for such leave, if requested.
- c. Unpaid leaves requested for illness will be granted only when all accumulated paid sick leave is exhausted.
- d. The beginning and ending dates of such leaves shall be based on medical opinion.
- e. Sick leave shall not be granted for a period longer than the remainder of the year in which the request is made and one (1) full additional school year.

2. Unpaid leave for other reasons

- a. Requests for unpaid leaves for reasons other than illness shall be recommended at the discretion of the Superintendent or his designee, unless the employee is entitled to such leave pursuant the Family and Medical Leave Act.
- b. Unpaid leave will be granted in order for an employee to take employment elsewhere. This shall include the opportunity to work in a Charter School. Employees will notify Human Resources in writing by March 1 of their intent to return to work for the following year. This date will apply district wide to notification for return from unpaid leaves other than illness or military leave.
- c. Except emergencies, unpaid leave requests shall be made prior to May 1 of the school year preceding the school year during which the leave is to be taken if such leave is to commence at the beginning of the school year. Any such leave shall be for the entire school year unless other arrangements are more beneficial to the school district, as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.

- d. Leaves requested during a school year shall normally commence with the end of a grading period and shall be for the remainder of the school year unless other arrangements are more beneficial to the school district, as determined by the Superintendent or his designee.
- e. Leave requests shall be for specific period of time not to exceed any portion of a school year. An employee may request leave for one (1) additional school year.
- f. Employees may be required to provide satisfactory documentation for the necessity of the requested leave.

Section 2 - Insurance Coverage

Any teacher granted a leave of absence as provided in this Article shall be given the opportunity, if the carrier permits, to continue insurance coverage in existing school programs during the leave, provided that the full premiums for such insurance programs shall be paid by the teacher on a monthly basis in advance of the month due. It is the teacher's responsibility to handle all arrangements with the Benefits office.

ARTICLE XI

VACANCIES, TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS

Section 1 - Posting of Vacancies

Known instructional vacancies for the following school year shall be posted for ten (10) workdays starting on the first workday in April and continuing through the first day of July. Instructional vacancies which occur after the first of July through the remainder of the school year shall be posted for five (5) work days in all school buildings, except that vacancies that occur from five (5) days prior to the teachers' first workday through five (5) days after the student year begins shall be posted for two (2) days. Postings will include vacancy notices being placed on the district's electronic Personnel Applicant Tracking System (PATS), electronic bulletin board, job vacancy recordings and in written form at school sites and the district office and at summer school program job sites.

The Board shall place a copy of the posting of vacancy in the Manatee Education Association mailbox in the office services building at the County Office.

Vacancy notices shall include the name of the positions, location and anticipated level. After the applicant has been officially approved to fill the position, other applicants will be promptly notified of the decision.

Section 2 - Involuntary Transfers

1. Should involuntary transfers become necessary, among other facts, length of service in the county, certifications, and major and minor fields of study shall be the determining factors as to which teachers shall be transferred. MEA shall be consulted prior to and at every step of the involuntary procedure.
2. Volunteers to transfer shall be requested prior to assigning an involuntary transfer. Each teacher in the affected school will be notified of the positions to be transferred and given a list of the open vacancies and a form to designate transfer positions in which they may be interested. Teachers wishing to be considered for transfer shall return the form as directed on the form within the time deadlines stated on the form.
3. The teacher with most seniority within the area of certification shall have the first option to stay in a position, or transfer, with such option extended to all teachers on a diminishing basis until one elects to transfer or until such time as the teacher with the least amount of seniority is required to transfer.
4. A written notice of involuntary transfers will be made at least five days in advance of the date of transfer. Upon request the MEA shall be provided the rationale leading to the proposed involuntary transfer(s).

5. Involuntary transfers shall be made only after a meeting between the teacher(s) involved and the Superintendent or his designee, at which time the teacher(s) shall be notified of the reasons for the transfer(s). The Superintendent shall recommend to the Board all transfers of personnel.
6. Teachers involuntarily transferred or reassigned after school begins shall be provided at least one (1) released day to be utilized in preparation of the new assignment.
7. It is understood that nothing in this section shall limit the right of the Superintendent to transfer a teacher for disciplinary reasons or the right of the teacher to due process.

Section 3 - Voluntary Transfers

1. During the posting period any teacher possessing the appropriate certification may apply for a posted vacancy.
2. All currently employed teachers who apply for a posted vacancy shall have their file reviewed prior to considering any new applicant for the vacancy. Currently employed teachers will be given strong preference for a vacancy for which they are certified. Vacancies occurring after the first teacher workday through the end of the school year will require consent from the sending and receiving principal prior to allowing the current employee to transfer into the vacant position. Vacancies occurring for the following school year will not require the consent of the sending principal before allowing the employee to transfer.
3. For any posted vacancy, the principal or his/her designee (hiring officer) shall interview a minimum of four direct qualified transfer candidates one of which must be a minority candidate, if available. Should less than four direct qualified transfer applicants apply for a posted vacancy, all shall be interviewed. A candidate who has been interviewed in the previous 15 months at a particular cost center site need not be interviewed again.
4. Applications for a posted vacancy shall be on file in the personnel office within the required posting time. A transfer applicant who is not recommended for the transfer will be notified and may request, in writing, reason(s) for not being selected.

Section 4 - Promotions

School personnel are encouraged to prepare themselves for advancement in the profession. Vacancies shall be posted for ten (10) working days. When an employee believes that he meets certification and other requirements for an administrative or supervisory position, the employee should make application through the district's electronic application system (PATS).

ARTICLE XII
COMPENSATION AND HEALTH INSURANCE

Section 1 - Salary

The salary schedule shall be as set forth in Appendix "A".

In any year in which bargaining is concluded prior to the legislature's adoption of the state education budget, either side will have the ability to reopen bargaining if the funding for the Manatee County School District, through the FEFP appropriations, is more than +/- 2% per student different than had been anticipated in the bargaining process.

Section 2 - Supplemental Salary Schedule

The supplemental salary schedule shall be as set forth in Appendix "B".

Section 3 - Commitment of the Parties

The Manatee Education Association agrees to work with the Manatee County School Board to ensure the continued actuarial viability and stability of the insurance fund by negotiating any necessary plan and rate changes.

The Manatee County School Board will provide the cost of the health insurance plan as defined by the provisions of Appendix E.

Any change in health insurance benefits and/or premiums will be negotiated between the Board and the Association before the Board takes action on any change.

Any change in the voluntary benefits offered to employees shall be negotiated between the Board and the Association. This does not give the MEA the right to negotiate the specific plan administrator.

Section 4 - Health Insurance Committee

The parties agree to a Health Insurance Committee, involving representatives appointed by the bargaining agents of employee groups and those designated by the Superintendent for the purpose of continuing to explore ways of containing the cost of health insurance. The committee shall not exceed 16 members, eight of whom will be appointed by the Superintendent, including the chair, and eight members appointed by the District's unions. The Health Insurance Committee (HIC) shall have the authority to make recommendations to the negotiating team regarding health insurance issues and propose language. The health insurance committee shall recommend changes to the health plan to include wellness and an Employee Assistance Program, other voluntary benefits offered to employees at no or reasonable costs to employees.

In collaboration with the Procurement Department, a RFP (Request for Proposals) may be developed by the Insurance Committee to be issued in the early spring of any given year with the intent to permit a change in insurance carriers during the ensuing school year, if such a change is beneficial to the Board and its employees.

Section 5 - Plan Design

A summary of the health insurance plan designs and their associated premiums for the 2017-2018 plan year are located in Appendix E.

Participants in the health insurance plans for 2017 will have a premium holiday for the month of December 2017, as a result of a premium cycle change. Participants will not have employee premiums deducted for the December 2017 paydays. The Board premium will continue to be paid.

- 1. Terminally Ill Employees** - Any employee who has credit for a minimum of 2 years of service with the School Board, who, at the time of the leave, is covered under the Board health insurance plan and who is terminally ill or has a family member who is terminally ill shall have the School Board portion of his or her insurance premium paid by the Board for up to 12 months from the date that the individual begins his or her unpaid sick leave.

Any documentation of terminal illness shall remain confidential and not be placed in the personnel file of the employee.

- 2. Full Year Coverage** - Teachers who complete their contract year and have paid for a full year's health insurance coverage shall receive a full year's health insurance coverage.
- 3. New Teacher Coverage** - New teachers who wish to purchase health insurance so that they will have coverage from the date that they begin work until the normal effective date of coverage, may purchase such coverage at full monthly cost, including Board share of premiums, for each month or portion thereof during this interim period of time.

Section 6 - Codification of Salary Guidelines and Fringe Benefits

Subdivision 1. Placement on the Salary Schedule: Placement on the Teachers' Salary Schedule is determined by in-county and out-of-county public school teaching experience for those teachers hired prior to July 1, 2013. When merging the AC schedule with the negotiated schedule for the 2013-2014 salary schedule, teachers were placed on the step closest to their current salary. No teacher shall suffer a reduction in pay due to the merging of the schedules. For teachers hired beginning with the 2013-2014 school year, credit on the salary scale will be a maximum of eight years of public school experience. As required by F.S. 1012.22 all teachers hired after July 1, 2014, will be placed on the performance salary schedule.

Subdivision 2. Advancement on the Salary Schedule: If applicable, one (1) year advancement on the Salary Schedule shall be based upon ninety-nine (99) or more day's employment,

including paid holidays, within the district during a school year. The method of advancement to succeeding levels after the 2010-2011 school year shall be determined through negotiations. There shall be no presumption of status quo with respect to advancement to a different level on the salary schedule. No experience step advancement was granted for the 2011-12 work year.

Subdivision 3. Advancement in Rank: Employees shall be eligible for payment for an advanced degree (Master, Specialist or Doctorate) upon completion of the required credits as indicated on the official transcript bearing the seal of the institution. Payments shall be effective as of the date indicated on transcript. Evidence of completion must be filed with the Executive Director of Human Resources by June 1st of the fiscal year for advancement on the salary schedule to be effective that fiscal year. In the event the university fails to cooperate by supplying a transcript by this date, after a timely request for it is made by the teacher, the teacher may provide a letter no later than June 1st of the fiscal year stating that the advanced degree is or will be completed and proof of the degree will be forthcoming.

The teacher shall submit with this letter proof of timely request to the university. This will not entitle the teacher to payment, but will reserve payment until proof is received.

Subdivision 4. Advanced Degrees for Teachers hired on or after July 1, 2011: Teachers hired on or after July 1, 2011, shall be eligible for an advanced degree supplement only if an advanced degree is held in an area of the teacher's certification as reflected on the teacher's certificate. The amount of the Advanced Degree Supplements are identified in Appendix A Salary Schedule.

The District shall utilize the State Board Rules and Guidelines pertaining to certification to determine if the advanced degree is within the teacher's area of certification.

Subdivision 5. Fringe Benefits:

1. Term Life Insurance Policy:—The School Board will pay the premium for a Term Life Insurance policy in an amount equal to the employee's Annual Earnings for all newly-hired employees. The newly-hired employee will also have the option to purchase additional life insurance up to one, two or three time Annual Earnings. Additional life insurance amounts in excess of \$300,000 will require evidence of insurability and approval by the life insurance provider. Any requests for additional life insurance after the employee receives their first payroll deduction will require evidence of insurability and approval by the life insurance provider.

Employees hired before April 1, 2012, will have their School Board-paid two-times Annual Earnings life insurance benefit reduced to a School Board-paid one times Annual Earnings amount. These employees shall be allowed to purchase the additional life insurance premium for the School Board-reduced one-times Annual Earnings benefit amount lost during a special one-time enrollment period to be held during the months of February/March 2012 without evidence of insurability.

Any requests for additional life insurance up to one, two, or three times Annual Earnings, after this special one-time enrollment period, will require evidence of insurability and approval by the life insurance provider.

Life insurance premiums are expressed in Appendix "F."

2. Worker's Compensation. Teachers on worker's compensation leave shall be permitted to supplement such payments with their own accumulated sick leave benefits, up to their regular daily rate of pay. Deductions for use of sick leave will be made according to past practice, unless otherwise agreed. Sick Leave Bank may not be used for worker's compensation absences.

3. Payroll deduction for a Tax Shelter Annuity.

4. Master Plan for In-service Education.

Subdivision 6 - Teacher Payday:

Semi-Monthly Pay: Salary shall be divided by 24 equal pays issued on the 10th and 25th of the month with these exceptions:

- a. If a pay date falls on a non-work day or holiday, teachers shall receive their paychecks on the last weekday prior to the payday, even if it is a non-work day.
- b. Teachers shall receive one check equivalent to five regular pay checks on the 10th of June. Their final paycheck will be paid on the 10th of June. Should June 10th fall on a non-work day or holiday, teachers shall receive their paychecks on the last weekday prior to the June 10th payday. If the school year ends in June, the final paycheck will be paid on the 25th of June and will include one check equivalent to the balance of the remaining contract.
- c. Teacher's December 25th check will be deposited into employees' bank account on the last weekday prior to the holiday for the District Office, even if it is a non-work day.
- d. Employees will be paid as described in "b" above, or Teachers have the option of 24 equal payments over a 12 month period. Selection of this pay option will be in the spring of the preceding school year and cannot be changed for that school year.
- e. The first paycheck of the school year will be issued on the scheduled semi-monthly pay date in accordance with the Pay periods and Pay Dates published annually by the District. Pay on the 10th of each month includes work days from the 16th through the end of the month and pay on the 25th includes work days from the 1st through the 15th.

The parties shall meet no later than January 30, 2018, to establish mutually agreeable procedures to ensure that payroll discrepancies that may occur within the new payroll system are timely addressed.

Subdivision 7. Payroll Errors: Payroll errors which are not the result of teacher error shall be corrected within five (5) days of notification unless the teacher and the Board mutually agree to extend the correction period.

It is the Board's intent to extend the date for those teachers who have been inadvertently overpaid. Extensions may be for no longer than one calendar year from the time the error is identified. At no time will extensions occur beyond the final employment date of the employee.

Section 8 - Legal Services Indemnification

It is the policy of the School Board of Manatee County, Florida, that legal services for School Board members, Superintendent of Schools, School Board Attorney, officer, employees, and present or former agents of the School Board who are charged with civil or criminal actions arising out of and in the course of the performance of assigned duties and responsibilities be afforded legal services.

The School Board may authorize:

- a. coverage by legal liability insurance; or,
- b. provision of legal services by the School Board Attorney, or special counsel; or,
- c. reimbursement of reasonable expenses of legal services upon successful defense, or
- d. all or a combination of the above (a) through (c).

However, in any case in which the officer or employee pleads guilty or nolo contendere or is found guilty of any such action, the officer or employee shall reimburse the School Board for any legal services supplied pursuant to this section.

The policy of the School Board is that upon affirmative action of the Board, School Board members, Superintendent of Schools, School Board Attorney, officers, employees, and present or former agents may be reimbursed for any judgment which may be granted against him or her in a civil action, and for damages, costs, and attorney's fees.

Defense of the legal actions governed by this policy shall include but not be limited to, any civil rights lawsuit seeking relief personally against such officers, employees, present or former agents, School Board members, Superintendent of Schools, and School Board Attorney, under color of state law, custom, or usage. Any personal final judgment including damages, costs, and attorney's fees may be paid unless it has been determined by the School Board and the final judgment that the harm was caused intentionally.

In the event the School Board provides legal liability insurance, it is the policy of the School Board that:

- a. the provisions of this policy providing for legal services and indemnification, shall also pertain and be available for School Board members, Superintendent of Schools, School Board Attorney, officers, employees, and present or former agents, in the circumstances set forth in (b) immediately following.
- b. legal service and indemnification for any "gap" caused by a deductible provision in any legal liability policy; and legal service and indemnification for all areas of exclusions from coverage set forth in such a policy.

Section 9 - Curriculum Development and Special Projects

The Board may make curriculum development and other special projects identified by the Superintendent available to teachers outside the regular workday at a rate of pay no less than \$15 per hour.

Section 10 - Fingerprinting Costs

Any school district finger printing and/or criminal background check of any currently employed teacher required as a result of changes in Florida or Federal Statutes shall be provided free of cost to the teacher.

Section 11 - Family Status Changes

Family Status Changes means a difference in family circumstances based on those events defined within Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. Changes to pre-tax benefit elections requested outside of the annual enrollment period may only be made under limited circumstances, as provided by established IRS 125 rules.

A sample of some of the approved list of Family Status Changes are:

- A significant change in my family's health coverage attributable to my spouse's employment.
- Marriage
- Divorce
- Birth or Adoption
- Death of my spouse and or dependent
- Termination or commencement of employment by my spouse
- Switching from part time to full time (or vice-versa) employment on the part of me or my spouse
- A switch between part time to full time (or vice-versa) employment on the part of me or my spouse
- Commencement of, or return from, an unpaid leave of absence on the part of the employee or spouse

Section 12 – Longevity

1. Longevity payments will be based on total time of employment with the Manatee County School Board (MCSB) in the Instructional Bargaining Unit position. In cases where service is broken, only time as an active duty status employee will be eligible for longevity purposes.
2. The length of service for longevity purposes shall be determined based on years on active duty status as an MSCB employee, one day more than half of a normal work year counting as a year of service. Active service is defined to include time of duty plus any time the employee is on paid leave or Worker's Compensation Leave.
3. Beginning with the 2017-2018 school year, on July 1, of any given school year, each

eligible employee will be placed into the appropriate longevity salary grouping as follows:

Years of Service Completed As of June	Longevity Salary Grouping As of July 1
30	
16	16 plus years
25	25 plus years

4. Longevity payments will be considered as a salary supplement for the purposes of the Florida Retirement System.
5. Longevity payments will be divided by 24 and added to each paycheck effective with the 2017-2018 school year.
6. The Longevity Supplement is in addition to any advancement in level or adjustment on the salary schedule.
7. The amount of the Longevity Supplement is subject to negotiations each year. However, employees that received the supplement in prior years shall continue to receive the Longevity Supplement so long as those employees continue to be employees of MCSD.

ARTICLE XIII

TERMINAL PAY

Section 1 - Terminal Sick Leave Benefit

1. The terminal sick leave benefit shall be provided in a manner consistent with Florida Statutes for all teachers in the bargaining unit as defined by Florida Retirement System (FRS) Rules at the time of the teacher's retirement.
2. If a retiree who has previously received terminal pay benefits returns to active employment, they are not eligible for additional terminal pay benefits.
3. General provisions: Only those sick days earned during employment with Manatee County School Board shall be used to calculate terminal pay benefits.
 - a. The teacher's average base salary rate over the last five years of employment with the School District of Manatee County will be used to calculate terminal pay benefits.

Section 2 - Normal Retirement and Early Retirement

1. Benefits Upon Normal or Early Retirement for Sick Leave Days Earned

Employees paid under the teacher salary schedules shall be eligible for terminal sick pay benefits at the time of their retirement from Manatee County School Board, if they elect to take normal retirement as defined - by FRS rules at the time of their retirement. Benefits will be paid in accordance with the following criteria:

- a. From zero (0) year to the completion of the 15th year of service in Manatee County, the daily rate of pay multiplied by fifty percent (50%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.
- b. Beginning year 16 through completion of year 25, the daily rate of pay multiplied by seventy percent (70%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.
- c. Beginning year 26 and thereafter, the daily rate of pay multiplied by one hundred percent (100%) times the number of days of sick leave accumulated.

Section 3- Death Benefit

If service is terminated by death, payment shall be made to the employee's beneficiary in the manner outlined in the provisions for normal retirement regardless of the employee's status.

Section 4- Requirements and Limitations

Notwithstanding the above prescribed requirements and limitations, no teacher shall receive terminal pay or accumulate sick leave in excess of the limits prescribed in Florida Statutes.

Section 5- General Provisions

1. Use of Accumulated Leave from Other Florida Retirement System Employers:

Only Manatee County School Board accumulated sick leave shall be used to calculate terminal pay benefits. However, when calculating the number of Manatee County accumulated days remaining upon retirement, the following formula shall be used:

- a. Determine the number of days accrued from another Florida Retirement System employer.
 - b. Subtract one-half (1/2) of the sick leave used during the time of employment.
 - c. If the total is 0 or less, then all of the ending sick leave days are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave pay.
 - d. If the total is greater than 0, subtract this total from the ending sick leave balance to arrive at a revised number of sick leave days that are eligible for Terminal Sick Leave pay.
1. A year of service in Manatee County is defined as 1/2 the number of workdays in a year plus one.
 2. Full time Employee: An employee in a regularly established position of 20 hours or more per week.

ARTICLE XIV

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Section 1 - Definitions

In the interpretation and construction of this grievance procedure, the terms hereinafter set forth are defined as follows:

Subdivision 1. Grievance: A grievance shall mean an allegation by a teacher, a group of teachers, or the Association, resulting from a dispute or disagreement as to the interpretation or application of this agreement.

Subdivision 2. Grievant: A teacher or group of teachers in the appropriate unit, and the Association, having an alleged grievance.

Subdivision 3. Days: In any place in this grievance procedure where the grievant is required to take any action within a certain number of days, same shall be construed to mean the work days for the particular grievant. In any place in this grievance procedure where the person charged with the responsibility of making a decision is required to take any action within a certain number of days, same shall be construed to mean the work days for the particular person.

Subdivision 4. Extension of Time Limits: Extension of the time limits in this grievance procedure may be granted due to extenuating circumstances. Extensions shall be granted by mutual agreement in writing by the parties at whatever level of processing the grievance may then reside.

Subdivision 5. Definition of PERC: Hereinafter PERC shall mean Public Employees Relations Commission.

Subdivision 6. Definition of AAA: Hereinafter AAA shall mean American Arbitration Association.

Section 2 - Procedure

The procedure in the handling and processing of grievances by teachers covered by this agreement shall be:

Subdivision 1. Informal Conference: Before a formal grievance presentation is filed the grievant and his/her supervisor shall attempt to resolve the alleged grievance in an informal conference. The grievant shall inform the supervisor that the meeting is for the purpose of attempting to resolve a potential grievance.

Subdivision 2. Formal Grievance Presentation: The formal grievance presentation required in Steps One, Two and Three shall be in writing signed by the grievant on the proper form. If the Association is the grievant, or the grievance is on behalf of a group, a teacher affected shall be

listed on the grievance form along with a description of the group affected if the grievance affects more than one teacher.

The statement of the alleged grievance shall include the date said alleged grievance occurred, or the date upon which the grievant obtained knowledge of the alleged grievance and a statement of the facts and circumstances surrounding the interpretation or application of this agreement. Copies of supporting documents or other demonstrative items of evidence may be attached to said formal grievance presentation, or may be incorporated therein by specific reference thereto.

a. Step One, Formal Grievance Presentation and Decision of Principal: Within thirty (30) days of the time the alleged grievance occurred or within thirty (30) days of the time the grievant obtained knowledge of the alleged grievance, the grievant may submit a formal grievance presentation to his principal. In a matter beyond the principal's control, the grievance may be submitted to the Superintendent, who shall determine the appropriate administrator to be assigned. The administrator shall have ten (10) days from the receipt of said formal grievance presentation within which to render a written decision on the merits of the alleged grievance.

b. Step Two, Decision by the Superintendent: In the event the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the alleged grievance at Step One, then and in that event the grievant may within ten (10) days of receipt of the written decision from Step One, submit a formal grievance presentation to the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall have ten (10) days from the date said formal grievance presentation is received by said Superintendent within which to render a written decision on the merits of said alleged grievance. The decision of the Superintendent regarding the merits of the alleged grievance is final, unless the grievant wishes to appeal the alleged grievance to Step Three, Arbitration.

c. Step Three, Binding Arbitration:

1. Procedure: In the event the grievant wishes to appeal the decision of the Superintendent, the grievant and only the grievant, may request that the grievance be submitted to arbitration within ten (10) days of the Step Two decision. Written notice of this action shall be submitted to the Superintendent.

2. Selection of Arbitrator: Upon submission of a grievance to arbitration under the terms of this procedure, the parties shall attempt to agree upon the selection of an arbitrator within five (5) days after the request to arbitrate. If no agreement on an arbitrator is reached after five (5) days the grievant may request AAA to initiate procedures for the selection of an arbitrator, provided such request is made within ten (10) days after request for arbitration. Failure to request an arbitrator from the AAA within the time periods provided herein shall constitute a waiver of the grievance.

3. Submission of Grievance Information:

a. Upon appointment of the arbitrator, the appealing party shall, within five (5) days after notice of appointment, forward to the arbitrator, the submission of the grievance which shall include the following:

- The issue involved,
- Statement of the facts,
- Position of the grievant,
- The written documents relating to the grievance,

b. The School Board shall make a similar submission of information relating to the grievance either before or at the time of the hearing.

4. Hearing: The grievance shall be heard by a single arbitrator. The grievant shall be present and the parties shall have the right to a hearing at which time both parties will have the opportunity to submit evidence, offer testimony, present witnesses, and make oral or written arguments relating to the issues before the arbitrator.

5. Decision: The written decision by the arbitrator shall be rendered within thirty (30) days after the close of the hearing. Decisions by the arbitrator shall be final and binding upon the parties.

6. Expenses: Each party shall bear its own expenses in connection with arbitration, including expenses relating to the parties' representatives, witnesses, and any other expenses which the party causes to be incurred in connection with presenting its case in arbitration. The cost of substitute teachers for personnel called as witnesses shall be paid by the calling party. The parties shall only share equally, fees and expenses of the arbitrator.

7. Restriction on Arbitrator: The arbitrator shall not have the power to add to, subtract from, modify, or alter the terms of this agreement.

Section 3 - Alleged Grievances by a Group

In the event the facts and circumstances constituting the alleged grievance are substantially the same for two or more grievants, at more than one work location, then and in that event the two or more grievants having substantially the same alleged grievance may at their election, submit a single formal grievance presentation signed by each of said grievants. The alleged grievance by a group asserted in and by said single formal grievance presentation shall then be handled and processed in the same manner as provided in this grievance procedure for other formal grievance presentations beginning at Step Two.

In the event there are two or more grievant(s) in the same school or work location with substantially the same grievance, the grievance shall be filed at Step One.

Section 4 - Related Provisions

Subdivision 1. Representation: Teachers shall have the right of Association representation at each step of the grievance procedure and shall be required to be present at Step 2. Nothing in this part shall be construed to prevent any teacher from presenting, at any time, his own grievance, in person or by legal counsel, and having such grievances adjusted without the intervention of the

Association, if the adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and if the Association had been given reasonable opportunity to be present at any meeting called for the resolution of such grievances.

A grievant may discuss, but not be required to discuss, their grievance without their chosen representative being present. A grievant shall not be represented by any person who might be required to take action, or against whom action might be taken, in order to adjust the grievance, or by a representative of any other employee organization.

Subdivision 2. Time Limitations: In the event a grievant does not institute Step One of the grievance procedure within thirty (30) days of the time the grievant obtained knowledge of the alleged grievance, or within thirty (30) days of the time the grievant should have obtained knowledge of the alleged grievance, then and in that event the grievant shall be deemed to have waived the alleged grievance. In the event the grievant does not institute the procedure set forth in Steps Two, and Three, within the time herein above prescribed for each particular Step, then and in that event the grievant shall be deemed to have waived the right of said grievant to proceed with the grievance procedure and shall be deemed to have accepted the written decision rendered at the previously completed Step. If a written decision is not rendered at Steps One or Two with the time herein above prescribed in each particular Step, the grievant may proceed to the next Step of the grievance procedure. The time limitations set forth in this grievance procedure may be waived or extended according to Section 1, Subdivision 4 of this Article.

Subdivision 3. Decision Making: In arriving at a decision in Steps One, Two, and Three the person charged with the responsibility of making the decision shall examine the formal grievance presentations, together with any supporting documents attached thereto. Said persons shall confer with the grievant and may take statements from, questions, or confer with any other employee or person who may have actual knowledge of facts material to making a decision.

Subdivision 4: Fair Dealing: The School Board, its members, officers, agents and employees shall not in any manner intimidate, harass, or make reprisals against a grievant who has asserted an alleged grievance merely because said grievant has exercised the right of following the grievance procedure set forth herein. The formal grievance presentation, the written decision rendered in connection therewith and all other appropriate documents in connection with any alleged grievance shall be kept by the School Board as a separate file and no part or portion thereof shall be included or noted in the personnel file of any particular grievant.

Subdivision 5: Resolution

Notwithstanding the expiration of this agreement, any claim or grievance arising there under may be processed through the grievance procedure until resolution.

ARTICLE XV

REDUCTION IN FORCE

Section 1 - General

The School Board shall have the sole authority to determine when a reduction in force (RIF) is necessary and which programs or positions shall be eliminated.

1. The Superintendent or his designee shall determine which schools will lose units as a result of the Board decision.
2. The Superintendent or his designee shall annually prepare and post a list in each school which (a) list the teachers, administrators, supervisors and professional employees, in the order of their length of continuous service in the bargaining unit, including approved leaves, (see exception #6), (b) gives each teacher's certification areas and (c) assigns a seniority number to each teacher, administrator, supervisor and professional employee, which shall be used according to this plan. A copy of this list shall be provided the union. A seniority number shall be determined by the first day of work.
3. Where two or more teachers have the same length of continuous service, including approved leaves, a lottery system will be used to assign seniority numbers. A union representative shall be present at any lottery.
4. Any teacher who would have qualified for retirement during the reduction year and is 61 years old or has 29 years of service, shall be permitted to teach that year to acquire needed service. A teacher who would qualify under this language must place, on file with the School Board, an intent to retire letter. It is understood by both parties that, for the purposes of this ARTICLE, this would be binding document except by special action of the School Board.
5. Administrative, Supervisory and professional personnel who are not in the appropriate bargaining unit who are displaced from their current position, shall be reassigned into the bargaining unit. Seniority or length of service as referred to throughout this Article for these teachers shall mean length of service including approved leaves in the school district.
6. Area of current major teaching assignment shall mean the teaching assignment a teacher has a majority of the time. Where no majority exists, the principal shall identify the major teaching assignment from the two or more assignments a teacher has based on school needs as determined by the principal. Areas of current major teaching assignment are the teacher's current major teaching assignment at the time the School Board authorizes a RIF. Examples of teaching assignment areas are such as but not limited to: Kindergarten, Elementary Education, Art, P.E., Music, English, Social Studies, appropriate Exceptional Student Education certification, Math, Gifted, Media, Science, and Guidance.
7. Certificated or Area of Certification shall mean a teacher's area of Florida Teacher Certification as described on his/her teacher's certificate currently on file in Human Resources at the time the School Board authorizes a RIF.

Section 2 - Procedure

1. The teacher(s) who has (have) the least seniority in his/her major teaching assignment in the unit(s) or program(s) which has (have) been reduced, shall be removed from their assignment area and placed in a pool. If this is not the unit which the administration has identified for reduction, the involuntary transfer provision of this agreement shall be used for transfer purposes. Seniority for this purpose shall be determined by the length of continuous service including approved leaves, in this bargaining unit, except as provided in paragraph 6 above.
2. Those teachers placed in the pool shall bump the least senior teacher within the school system who has his/her current major teaching assignment in any area of the pooled teacher's certification. The "bumped" teacher shall be laid-off. A teacher may not bump outside the bargaining unit. Seniority shall be length of continuous service in the bargaining unit, including approved leave, with the exception of teachers covered by Section 1, paragraph 6.
3. Any teacher who is RIFFED shall no longer be entitled to salary or fringe benefits unless specifically defined in this Article and their contract will be severed except for rights contained in the provisions in the Recall Section of this Article and Article XIII.
4. When the Superintendent determines that it is necessary to recommend a reduction in force to the School Board, the Superintendent or his designee shall notify the union. The union shall be provided a list of employees who will probably be reduced as soon as it is compiled.
5. Within a reasonable time after the teachers to be reduced have been identified and the reduction in force has been approved by the Board, the Superintendent or his designee shall notify all teachers, in writing, who are to be laid off. The administration shall provide the union with a copy of all Reduction In Force notifications.

Section 3 - Recall

1. Annual contract teachers shall not have recall rights. Recall rights only apply to continuing contract teachers and PSC teachers.
2. As vacancies become available, the laid-off teacher with the greatest length of service, including approved leaves, in the bargaining unit, who has the area of certification needed for the major teaching assignment of the vacancy, shall be offered the position first. (Also, see Section 1, paragraph 6, for variation)
3. As long as vacancies exist for which there certified teachers for the major teaching assignment are required by the position, no new teachers shall be hired for the vacancy during the recall period.

Recall rights for continuing contract and professional services contract teachers shall expire after 15 months following Board action authorizing the RIF.

4. It shall be the responsibility of the laid-off teacher to be certain that the personnel office has a correct, current address during lay-off and to be available for mail notification. Failure to do so may result in forfeiture of lay-off rights. A laid-off teacher who is offered recall must or not he/she accepts the recall. Failure of the laid-off teacher to respond shall terminate the teacher's right to recall. If a laid-off teacher declines a position, he/she shall forfeit any rights to any further recall.
5. No credit on the salary schedule shall accrue during lay-off periods.
6. A laid-off teacher shall have the right to continue life and health insurance benefits at no cost to the Board for a period not to exceed the recall period or until the teacher obtains employment elsewhere, whichever occurs first.
7. No teacher shall have recall rights to a supplemented position.
8. Upon returning to work, a recalled teacher will resume fringe benefits that had accrued prior to the lay-off. These include: sick leave and Sick Leave Bank, except that a teacher shall contribute any days due the bank at the time of recall. If a teacher has no days to contribute, he/she shall no longer be in the bank, until such time as he/she has days to contribute.

Section 4 - Unusual Circumstance

If the Superintendent is presented with an unusual circumstance, he may, in the best interest of the School District's instructional program, use the following procedure for securing an exception to this Article during the term of the agreement.

If an agreement cannot be reached between the parties to modify or waive the provisions of this Article, the parties shall participate in mediation with a mutually agreeable mediator. If the parties cannot agree on a mediator, a mediator will be selected by alternate striking from a PERC supplied list.

If the parties are unable to reach agreement through mediation, the person selected for mediation shall assume the role of advisory arbitrator and shall determine whether the waiver or modification desired by the Superintendent is in the best interest of the school district. If the arbitrator determines it is in the best interest of the school district, he or she shall recommend the waiver or modification desired by the Superintendent, to the School Board.

Section 5 - Summer School

1. Should it become necessary to reduce units in summer school, the Superintendent or his designee shall determine the programs or positions to be eliminated.
2. Teachers hired after the beginning of summer school shall be considered temporary and may be reduced as needed, according to program needs. Factors to be considered when identifying temporary teachers to be reduced will be grade level, subject assignment and

seniority.

3. If it is necessary to reduce teachers who have been hired prior to the start of summer school, the reduction shall be by seniority within area of certification in which the teacher has taught in the previous school year. A teacher may be given special exemption from reduction by the Superintendent on rare occasion if the summer school program requires special skills or training of a particular teacher not included on Florida certification requirements.
4. Volunteers shall be requested prior to any reduction in force.
5. All other factors being equal, the last hired for summer school will be the first to be released.

ARTICLE XVI
SICK LEAVE BANK

Section 1 - Membership

A teacher or paraprofessional with at least six (6) days of accrued sick leave as of the date of application may enroll in the Sick Leave Bank by voluntarily authorizing contribution of a newly earned sick leave day to the bank during a two week period between August 16th and October 16th of any school year. A sick leave day donated to the bank by a member will not be returned to the employee except as authorized hereinafter.

Section 2 - Establishment and Duration

The Sick Leave Bank will not come into existence until at least three hundred (300) days are deposited and shall remain in existence until terminated through the collective bargaining procedure.

Section 3 - Replenish Contribution

After the bank is established, all participating members shall contribute one (1) additional newly accrued day each time the bank reaches a balance of 25% of the number of participants. When it becomes necessary to replenish the bank, contributions shall be equally required of all members participating. Members participating in the sick leave bank will be notified the month before a contribution is withdrawn to replenish the bank.

Section 4 - Bank Utilization

In the event of catastrophic illness or injury, (as defined by the sick leave bank committee), of a participating member necessitating the employee's absence from work over an extended period of time, a participating member who meets the definition of having a catastrophic illness or injury may receive paid leave under the following conditions:

1. Any sick leave drawn from the bank by a participating member must be used for said member's personal illness, accident or injury.
2. Any member wishing to draw from the Sick Leave Bank must have been absent for more than thirty (30) consecutive work days, ten (10) of which shall have been without pay, in order to qualify. Once the member has qualified, the member shall be paid retroactively for the ten (10) days without pay.
3. A member must have exhausted all sick leave to become eligible for Sick Leave Bank benefits.
4. A member may not receive benefits for any illness or injury arising prior to January 1st following the member's enrollment in the Sick Leave Bank.

5. Application for use of the Sick Leave Bank must be made five (5) calendar days in advance of anticipated need. Such application shall include:
 - a. A doctor's statement certifying the illness and the necessity for the protracted leave.
 - b. Certification by the member of the date on which all sick leave will be exhausted and the date on which the Sick Leave Bank is to be used.
 - c. If surgery is involved, the doctor must certify that the surgery may not be scheduled during non-working periods because to do so would be detrimental to the health of the sick leave applicant.
6. A member may draw a maximum of one hundred (100) days for any one illness or injury.
7. A member of the Sick Leave Bank shall not be eligible to use sick leave from the bank if the member is on injury or Illness-In-Line-of-Duty leave, worker's compensation or other approved leaves.
8. The Sick Leave Bank may not be used for elective surgery which can be planned to occur during non-working times. The question of elective or necessary surgery shall be determined by the physician in charge of the case. Two doctors concurring diagnoses may be required.
9. Two doctors' diagnoses stating that because of the psychological disorder, the member is unable to perform required duties, may be required for any psychological disorder which does not require hospitalization before a member may use Sick Leave Bank.
10. The Sick Leave Bank committee and/or the Superintendent may require additional medical information or a second medical opinion of a bank applicant. This requirement for additional information must be made prior to the decision of the Sick Leave Bank committee on the applicant's request or prior to extension of the leave by the Sick Leave Bank Committee, whichever is applicable.
11. Any necessary medical opinions are at the expense of the applicant.
12. When determining the maximum number of allowable days per illness or injury, the Sick Leave Bank Committee shall use the Medical Target Data Guide from International Rehabilitation Associates, Inc., as a guide. The parties recognize that many illnesses and injuries listed in the Guide may have a recovery period shorter than indicated in the Guide, and in no event shall the Committee approve more days than is certified as necessary by the member's physician, even if this number of days fall below the minimum indicated in the Guide. The Committee shall approve no more than the maximum number of days of disability indicated in the Guide for any illness or injury unless the member's physician certifies that a specific complication has necessitated a longer disability. Upon such certification, the Committee may grant additional Sick Leave Bank days. The maximum allowable days shall include the days used by the

member from his/her own accumulated sick leave.

Section 5 - Approval of Requests for Utilization

The Manatee Education Association shall appoint five teacher (5) member representatives and one (1) paraprofessional representative to a committee whose purpose is to determine the validity of claims against the bank.

Section 6 - Participation Abuse

If a member is found to have abused the use of the Sick Leave Bank, the member shall repay all of the sick leave credit drawn from the bank and be subject to such other disciplinary action as determined by the School Board through appropriate established procedures.

Section 7 - Withdrawal of Participation

A participating member who chooses to withdraw from participation in the Sick Leave Bank shall not be eligible to withdraw any sick leave already contributed. Withdrawal will be effective one (1) pay period after the employee initiates his/her intent to withdraw to the Payroll Department.

Section 8 - Paraprofessional Employees

The paraprofessional employees shall be permitted membership into the Teacher Sick Leave Bank and shall follow the established rules and regulations.

ARTICLE XVII

DURATION AND RATIFICATION

Section 1 - Term of Agreement

This agreement shall remain in full force and effect for a period commencing July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2020.

Section 2 - Full and Complete Agreement

This agreement constitutes the full and complete agreement between the School Board and the Manatee Education Association.

Section 3 - Severability

The provisions of this agreement shall be severable, and if any provision thereof or the application of any such provision is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction or as a result of State or Federal legislation, it shall not affect any other provision of this agreement or the application of any provision thereof.

Section 4 – Re-openers

Negotiations on the following re-openers shall begin on or before June 1 of each year unless otherwise agreed by the MEA and the School Board. Re-openers shall be:

ARTICLE XII – COMPENSATION AND HEALTH INSURANCE

And each party may re-open two sections of the agreement each year.

For 2017-2018 the parties agree to establish a joint committee of members selected equally by the Superintendent and the Association President to review, evaluate and make recommendations to negotiations regarding modifications to the Differential Pay Salary Schedule, Appendix B.

The parties may mutually agree to re-open any provision of the contract at any time.

ARTICLE XVIII
WORK YEAR - PAID HOLIDAYS

Section 1 - Work Year

Beginning 2005-2006

The standard work year for employees shall consist of 196 days. In addition to the six (6) paid holidays as described below, the standard work year shall consist of 4 preschool days of which two (2) will be reserved for employees to work in their classroom or work site. These 2 days shall be non-student contact workdays. No meetings of any kind may take place on these days. There shall also be 4 additional in-service days, 3 record days, 1 post-school day, and 180 student days.

Section 2 - Holidays

The School Board shall provide six (6) paid holidays, one of which shall be either Florida Heritage Day or President's Day, as part of the 196 days. The calendar adoption process shall determine whether the paid holiday is President's Day or Florida Heritage Day.

Section 3 - Pay for Holidays

Any employee who is on the payroll or compensable leave on the workday preceding or following a paid holiday shall be paid for the paid holiday which falls next to the paid leave or compensable workday. Any employee whose last workday before termination, resignation or retirement falls on the last workday before a holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay. Any employee whose first day of employment begins on the first workday following a holiday shall not be entitled to holiday pay for any holiday preceding the first workday.

Ratification MEA Teacher Agreement

The execution of this Ratification Agreement by the respective parties evidences that this Ratification Agreement and the terms and conditions hereof have been ratified pursuant to Section 447.309, Florida Statutes by the employees who are members of the particular bargaining unit and by the School Board of Manatee County at a meeting held on 12 of December 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Ratification Agreement to be executed this 19 day of December 2017.

Bargaining Agent
Manatee Education Association

Public Employer
School Board of Manatee County

By: 
Ms. Pat Barber, President

By: 
Dr. Diana Greene, Superintendent

By: 
Ron Ciranna, J.D., Chief Negotiator

APPENDIX "A"
INSTRUCTIONAL SALARY SCHEDULES

The parties agree that if all or part of F.S. 1012.22 pertaining to performance pay is repealed or found void by a court with jurisdiction over the Manatee County School District, the parties agree to negotiate a salary schedule similar to the one contained in the 2013/2014 contract.

There are two Teacher Salary Schedules, a Performance Pay Salary Schedule and a Grandfathered Salary Schedule. Placement on the Teacher's Salary Schedule is determined by public school teaching experience. A teacher will be given credit for all public school teaching experience, provided the experience was earned in the United States and provided the teacher was properly certified at the time the experience was earned. All employees whose start date is after July 1, 2009, will be placed on the appropriate step on the Performance Pay Salary Schedule ~~AC~~ salary schedule. Teachers hired prior to July 1, 2009 shall be placed on the Grandfathered Schedule. Teachers on the Grandfathered Schedule may opt to move to the Performance Pay Salary Schedule as provided in law. Teachers opting to move to the Performance Pay Salary Schedule shall relinquish their Professional Services Contract and will be on Annual Contract status. In compliance with F.S. 1012.22 all instructional employees new to the district, returning to the district after a break in service without an authorized leave of absence, or appointed for the first time to a position in the district in the capacity of instructional personnel shall be placed on the performance salary schedule.

For instructional personnel on the Performance Pay Schedule, hired on or before June 30, 2011, the compensation for a credited advanced degree shall be added to their assigned pay schedule Masters, Specialist, Doctorate, and be a part of the permanent base pay. Instructional personnel on the Performance Pay Schedule hired after June 30, 2011, who held an advanced degree in their area of certification will be awarded a degree supplement. Instructional personnel on the Grandfathered Schedule who hold a Masters, Specialist, or Doctorate degree shall be placed on the appropriate level of the salary schedule for the last degree.

Advanced degree pay is part of the employee's daily rate of pay calculation when employees are contracted for additional days or hours.

Advancement on the salary schedule shall be based upon 99 or more day's employment, including paid holidays, within the school district during previous school year. The method of advancement to succeeding levels - shall be determined through negotiation. There is no presumption of status quo

with respect to advancement to a different level on the salary schedule. Note that no step advancement was awarded during the 2011-2012 contract year.

Vocational Teachers initially employed by the District after February 15, 2002 who are locally certified shall be granted full credit on the salary schedule for all previous work experience that is related to the assignment and/or area of certification of the employee. Such experience must be properly documented and submitted to the district for verification.

Teachers in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) who are approved for participation in the extended DROP program by the Superintendent of Schools shall be continued in the DROP program on an annual contract basis. The annual contract basis for renewal shall refer to the contractual status only and shall not affect the salary schedule placement of the teacher.

For the 2017-2018 work year, levels 1a and 1b on the Performance Pay Salary Schedule shall be eliminated and employees on those levels will be moved to level 1c. Level 1c will become the new level for hiring purposes. In addition, each level on the Performance Pay Salary Schedule and the Grandfathered Salary Schedules shall be increased by \$200.00.

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Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018
Bachelor's Degree
GAD2
10-Month

1a	\$ 38,485	11b	\$ 47,855	21c	\$ 57,225	32a	\$ 66,594
1b	\$ 38,787	11c	\$ 48,157	22a	\$ 57,527	32b	\$ 66,897
1c	\$ 39,090	12a	\$ 48,459	22b	\$ 57,829	32c	\$ 67,199
2a	\$ 39,392	12b	\$ 48,762	22c	\$ 58,131	33a	\$ 67,501
2b	\$ 39,694	12c	\$ 49,064	23a	\$ 58,434	33b	\$ 67,803
2c	\$ 39,996	13a	\$ 49,366	23b	\$ 58,736	33c	\$ 68,106
3a	\$ 40,299	13b	\$ 49,668	23c	\$ 59,038		
3b	\$ 40,601	13c	\$ 49,971	24a	\$ 59,340		
3c	\$ 40,903	14a	\$ 50,273	24b	\$ 59,643		
4a	\$ 41,205	14b	\$ 50,575	24c	\$ 59,945		
4b	\$ 41,508	14c	\$ 50,877	25a	\$ 60,247		
4c	\$ 41,810	15a	\$ 51,180	25b	\$ 60,549		
5a	\$ 42,112	15b	\$ 51,482	25c	\$ 60,852		
5b	\$ 42,414	15c	\$ 51,784	26a	\$ 61,154		
5c	\$ 42,717	16a	\$ 52,086	26b	\$ 61,456		
6a	\$ 43,019	16b	\$ 52,389	26c	\$ 61,758		
6b	\$ 43,321	16c	\$ 52,691	27a	\$ 62,061		
6c	\$ 43,623	17a	\$ 52,993	27b	\$ 62,363		
7a	\$ 43,926	17b	\$ 53,295	27c	\$ 62,665		
7b	\$ 44,228	17c	\$ 53,598	28a	\$ 62,967		
7c	\$ 44,530	18a	\$ 53,900	28b	\$ 63,270		
8a	\$ 44,832	18b	\$ 54,202	28c	\$ 63,572		
8b	\$ 45,135	18c	\$ 54,504	29a	\$ 63,874		
8c	\$ 45,437	19a	\$ 54,807	29b	\$ 64,176		
9a	\$ 45,739	19b	\$ 55,109	29c	\$ 64,479		
9b	\$ 46,041	19c	\$ 55,411	30a	\$ 64,781		
9c	\$ 46,344	20a	\$ 55,713	30b	\$ 65,083		
10a	\$ 46,646	20b	\$ 56,016	30c	\$ 65,385		
10b	\$ 46,948	20c	\$ 56,318	31a	\$ 65,688		
10c	\$ 47,250	21a	\$ 56,620	31b	\$ 65,990		
11a	\$ 47,553	21b	\$ 56,922	31c	\$ 66,292		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018
Master's Degree
GAC2
10-Month

1a	\$ 39,392	12b	\$ 49,668	23c	\$ 59,945	35a	\$ 70,221
1b	\$ 39,694	12c	\$ 49,971	24a	\$ 60,247	35b	\$ 70,524
1c	\$ 39,996	13a	\$ 50,273	24b	\$ 60,549	35c	\$ 70,826
2a	\$ 40,299	13b	\$ 50,575	24c	\$ 60,852	36a	\$ 71,128
2b	\$ 40,601	13c	\$ 50,877	25a	\$ 61,154	36b	\$ 71,430
2c	\$ 40,903	14a	\$ 51,180	25b	\$ 61,456	36c	\$ 71,733
3a	\$ 41,205	14b	\$ 51,482	25c	\$ 61,758	37a	\$ 72,035
3b	\$ 41,508	14c	\$ 51,784	26a	\$ 62,061	37b	\$ 72,337
3c	\$ 41,810	15a	\$ 52,086	26b	\$ 62,363	37c	\$ 72,639
4a	\$ 42,112	15b	\$ 52,389	26c	\$ 62,665		
4b	\$ 42,414	15c	\$ 52,691	27a	\$ 62,967		
4c	\$ 42,717	16a	\$ 52,993	27b	\$ 63,270		
5a	\$ 43,019	16b	\$ 53,295	27c	\$ 63,572		
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5c	\$ 43,623	17a	\$ 53,900	28b	\$ 64,176		
6a	\$ 43,926	17b	\$ 54,202	28c	\$ 64,479		
6b	\$ 44,228	17c	\$ 54,504	29a	\$ 64,781		
6c	\$ 44,530	18a	\$ 54,807	29b	\$ 65,083		
7a	\$ 44,832	18b	\$ 55,109	29c	\$ 65,385		
7b	\$ 45,135	18c	\$ 55,411	30a	\$ 65,688		
7c	\$ 45,437	19a	\$ 55,713	30b	\$ 65,990		
8a	\$ 45,739	19b	\$ 56,016	30c	\$ 66,292		
8b	\$ 46,041	19c	\$ 56,318	31a	\$ 66,594		
8c	\$ 46,344	20a	\$ 56,620	31b	\$ 66,897		
9a	\$ 46,646	20b	\$ 56,922	31c	\$ 67,199		
9b	\$ 46,948	20c	\$ 57,225	32a	\$ 67,501		
9c	\$ 47,250	21a	\$ 57,527	32b	\$ 67,803		
10a	\$ 47,553	21b	\$ 57,829	32c	\$ 68,106		
10b	\$ 47,855	21c	\$ 58,131	33a	\$ 68,408		
10c	\$ 48,157	22a	\$ 58,434	33b	\$ 68,710		
11a	\$ 48,459	22b	\$ 58,736	33c	\$ 69,012		
11b	\$ 48,762	22c	\$ 59,038	34a	\$ 69,315		
11c	\$ 49,064	23a	\$ 59,340	34b	\$ 69,617		
12a	\$ 49,366	23b	\$ 59,643	34c	\$ 69,919		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018

Specialist
GAB2
10-Month

1a	\$ 41,810	13b	\$ 52,993	25c	\$ 64,176	38a	\$ 75,360
1b	\$ 42,112	13c	\$ 53,295	26a	\$ 64,479	38b	\$ 75,662
1c	\$ 42,414	14a	\$ 53,598	26b	\$ 64,781	38c	\$ 75,964
2a	\$ 42,717	14b	\$ 53,900	26c	\$ 65,083	39a	\$ 76,266
2b	\$ 43,019	14c	\$ 54,202	27a	\$ 65,385	39b	\$ 76,569
2c	\$ 43,321	15a	\$ 54,504	27b	\$ 65,688	39c	\$ 76,871
3a	\$ 43,623	15b	\$ 54,807	27c	\$ 65,990	40a	\$ 77,173
3b	\$ 43,926	15c	\$ 55,109	28a	\$ 66,292	40b	\$ 77,475
3c	\$ 44,228	16a	\$ 55,411	28b	\$ 66,594	40c	\$ 77,778
4a	\$ 44,530	16b	\$ 55,713	28c	\$ 66,897		
4b	\$ 44,832	16c	\$ 56,016	29a	\$ 67,199		
4c	\$ 45,135	17a	\$ 56,318	29b	\$ 67,501		
5a	\$ 45,437	17b	\$ 56,620	29c	\$ 67,803		
5b	\$ 45,739	17c	\$ 56,922	30a	\$ 68,106		
5c	\$ 46,041	18a	\$ 57,225	30b	\$ 68,408		
6a	\$ 46,344	18b	\$ 57,527	30c	\$ 68,710		
6b	\$ 46,646	18c	\$ 57,829	31a	\$ 69,012		
6c	\$ 46,948	19a	\$ 58,131	31b	\$ 69,315		
7a	\$ 47,250	19b	\$ 58,434	31c	\$ 69,617		
7b	\$ 47,553	19c	\$ 58,736	32a	\$ 69,919		
7c	\$ 47,855	20a	\$ 59,038	32b	\$ 70,221		
8a	\$ 48,157	20b	\$ 59,340	32c	\$ 70,524		
8b	\$ 48,459	20c	\$ 59,643	33a	\$ 70,826		
8c	\$ 48,762	21a	\$ 59,945	33b	\$ 71,128		
9a	\$ 49,064	21b	\$ 60,247	33c	\$ 71,430		
9b	\$ 49,366	21c	\$ 60,549	34a	\$ 71,733		
9c	\$ 49,668	22a	\$ 60,852	34b	\$ 72,035		
10a	\$ 49,971	22b	\$ 61,154	34c	\$ 72,337		
10b	\$ 50,273	22c	\$ 61,456	35a	\$ 72,639		
10c	\$ 50,575	23a	\$ 61,758	35b	\$ 72,942		
11a	\$ 50,877	23b	\$ 62,061	35c	\$ 73,244		
11b	\$ 51,180	23c	\$ 62,363	36a	\$ 73,546		
11c	\$ 51,482	24a	\$ 62,665	36b	\$ 73,848		
12a	\$ 51,784	24b	\$ 62,967	36c	\$ 74,151		
12b	\$ 52,086	24c	\$ 63,270	37a	\$ 74,453		
12c	\$ 52,389	25a	\$ 63,572	37b	\$ 74,755		
13a	\$ 52,691	25b	\$ 63,874	37c	\$ 75,057		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018

Doctorate

GAA2

10-Month

1a	\$ 44,228	13c	\$ 55,713	26b	\$ 67,199	39a	\$ 78,684
1b	\$ 44,530	14a	\$ 56,016	26c	\$ 67,501	39b	\$ 78,987
1c	\$ 44,832	14b	\$ 56,318	27a	\$ 67,803	39c	\$ 79,289
2a	\$ 45,135	14c	\$ 56,620	27b	\$ 68,106	40a	\$ 79,591
2b	\$ 45,437	15a	\$ 56,922	27c	\$ 68,408	40b	\$ 79,893
2c	\$ 45,739	15b	\$ 57,225	28a	\$ 68,710	40c	\$ 80,196
3a	\$ 46,041	15c	\$ 57,527	28b	\$ 69,012	41a	\$ 80,498
3b	\$ 46,344	16a	\$ 57,829	28c	\$ 69,315	41b	\$ 80,800
3c	\$ 46,646	16b	\$ 58,131	29a	\$ 69,617	41c	\$ 81,102
4a	\$ 46,948	16c	\$ 58,434	29b	\$ 69,919	42a	\$ 81,405
4b	\$ 47,250	17a	\$ 58,736	29c	\$ 70,221	42b	\$ 81,707
4c	\$ 47,553	17b	\$ 59,038	30a	\$ 70,524	42c	\$ 82,009
5a	\$ 47,855	17c	\$ 59,340	30b	\$ 70,826		
5b	\$ 48,157	18a	\$ 59,643	30c	\$ 71,128		
5c	\$ 48,459	18b	\$ 59,945	31a	\$ 71,430		
6a	\$ 48,762	18c	\$ 60,247	31b	\$ 71,733		
6b	\$ 49,064	19a	\$ 60,549	31c	\$ 72,035		
6c	\$ 49,366	19b	\$ 60,852	32a	\$ 72,337		
7a	\$ 49,668	19c	\$ 61,154	32b	\$ 72,639		
7b	\$ 49,971	20a	\$ 61,456	32c	\$ 72,942		
7c	\$ 50,273	20b	\$ 61,758	33a	\$ 73,244		
8a	\$ 50,575	20c	\$ 62,061	33b	\$ 73,546		
8b	\$ 50,877	21a	\$ 62,363	33c	\$ 73,848		
8c	\$ 51,180	21b	\$ 62,665	34a	\$ 74,151		
9a	\$ 51,482	21c	\$ 62,967	34b	\$ 74,453		
9b	\$ 51,784	22a	\$ 63,270	34c	\$ 74,755		
9c	\$ 52,086	22b	\$ 63,572	35a	\$ 75,057		
10a	\$ 52,389	22c	\$ 63,874	35b	\$ 75,360		
10b	\$ 52,691	23a	\$ 64,176	35c	\$ 75,662		
10c	\$ 52,993	23b	\$ 64,479	36a	\$ 75,964		
11a	\$ 53,295	23c	\$ 64,781	36b	\$ 76,266		
11b	\$ 53,598	24a	\$ 65,083	36c	\$ 76,569		
11c	\$ 53,900	24b	\$ 65,385	37a	\$ 76,871		
12a	\$ 54,202	24c	\$ 65,688	37b	\$ 77,173		
12b	\$ 54,504	25a	\$ 65,990	37c	\$ 77,475		
12c	\$ 54,807	25b	\$ 66,292	38a	\$ 77,778		
13a	\$ 55,109	25c	\$ 66,594	38b	\$ 78,080		
13b	\$ 55,411	26a	\$ 66,897	38c	\$ 78,382		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018
Bachelor's Degree
GXD2
11-Month

1a	\$ 42,414	11c	\$ 52,086	22b	\$ 61,758	33a	\$ 71,430
1b	\$ 42,717	12a	\$ 52,389	22c	\$ 62,061	33b	\$ 71,733
1c	\$ 43,019	12b	\$ 52,691	23a	\$ 62,363	33c	\$ 72,035
2a	\$ 43,321	12c	\$ 52,993	23b	\$ 62,665	34a	\$ 72,337
2b	\$ 43,623	13a	\$ 53,295	23c	\$ 62,967	34b	\$ 72,639
2c	\$ 43,926	13b	\$ 53,598	24a	\$ 63,270	34c	\$ 72,942
3a	\$ 44,228	13c	\$ 53,900	24b	\$ 63,572	35a	\$ 73,244
3b	\$ 44,530	14a	\$ 54,202	24c	\$ 63,874	35b	\$ 73,546
3c	\$ 44,832	14b	\$ 54,504	25a	\$ 64,176	35c	\$ 73,848
4a	\$ 45,135	14c	\$ 54,807	25b	\$ 64,479		
4b	\$ 45,437	15a	\$ 55,109	25c	\$ 64,781		
4c	\$ 45,739	15b	\$ 55,411	26a	\$ 65,083		
5a	\$ 46,041	15c	\$ 55,713	26b	\$ 65,385		
5b	\$ 46,344	16a	\$ 56,016	26c	\$ 65,688		
5c	\$ 46,646	16b	\$ 56,318	27a	\$ 65,990		
6a	\$ 46,948	16c	\$ 56,620	27b	\$ 66,292		
6b	\$ 47,250	17a	\$ 56,922	27c	\$ 66,594		
6c	\$ 47,553	17b	\$ 57,225	28a	\$ 66,897		
7a	\$ 47,855	17c	\$ 57,527	28b	\$ 67,199		
7b	\$ 48,157	18a	\$ 57,829	28c	\$ 67,501		
7c	\$ 48,459	18b	\$ 58,131	29a	\$ 67,803		
8a	\$ 48,762	18c	\$ 58,434	29b	\$ 68,106		
8b	\$ 49,064	19a	\$ 58,736	29c	\$ 68,408		
8c	\$ 49,366	19b	\$ 59,038	30a	\$ 68,710		
9a	\$ 49,668	19c	\$ 59,340	30b	\$ 69,012		
9b	\$ 49,971	20a	\$ 59,643	30c	\$ 69,315		
9c	\$ 50,273	20b	\$ 59,945	31a	\$ 69,617		
10a	\$ 50,575	20c	\$ 60,247	31b	\$ 69,919		
10b	\$ 50,877	21a	\$ 60,549	31c	\$ 70,221		
10c	\$ 51,180	21b	\$ 60,852	32a	\$ 70,524		
11a	\$ 51,482	21c	\$ 61,154	32b	\$ 70,826		
11b	\$ 51,784	22a	\$ 61,456	32c	\$ 71,128		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018
Master's Degree
GXC2
11-Month

1a	\$ 43,321	13b	\$ 54,504	25c	\$ 65,688	38a	\$ 76,871
1b	\$ 43,623	13c	\$ 54,807	26a	\$ 65,990	38b	\$ 77,173
1c	\$ 43,926	14a	\$ 55,109	26b	\$ 66,292	38c	\$ 77,475
2a	\$ 44,228	14b	\$ 55,411	26c	\$ 66,594	39a	\$ 77,778
2b	\$ 44,530	14c	\$ 55,713	27a	\$ 66,897	39b	\$ 78,080
2c	\$ 44,832	15a	\$ 56,016	27b	\$ 67,199	39c	\$ 78,382
3a	\$ 45,135	15b	\$ 56,318	27c	\$ 67,501	40a	\$ 78,684
3b	\$ 45,437	15c	\$ 56,620	28a	\$ 67,803	40b	\$ 78,987
3c	\$ 45,739	16a	\$ 56,922	28b	\$ 68,106	40c	\$ 79,289
4a	\$ 46,041	16b	\$ 57,225	28c	\$ 68,408		
4b	\$ 46,344	16c	\$ 57,527	29a	\$ 68,710		
4c	\$ 46,646	17a	\$ 57,829	29b	\$ 69,012		
5a	\$ 46,948	17b	\$ 58,131	29c	\$ 69,315		
5b	\$ 47,250	17c	\$ 58,434	30a	\$ 69,617		
5c	\$ 47,553	18a	\$ 58,736	30b	\$ 69,919		
6a	\$ 47,855	18b	\$ 59,038	30c	\$ 70,221		
6b	\$ 48,157	18c	\$ 59,340	31a	\$ 70,524		
6c	\$ 48,459	19a	\$ 59,643	31b	\$ 70,826		
7a	\$ 48,762	19b	\$ 59,945	31c	\$ 71,128		
7b	\$ 49,064	19c	\$ 60,247	32a	\$ 71,430		
7c	\$ 49,366	20a	\$ 60,549	32b	\$ 71,733		
8a	\$ 49,668	20b	\$ 60,852	32c	\$ 72,035		
8b	\$ 49,971	20c	\$ 61,154	33a	\$ 72,337		
8c	\$ 50,273	21a	\$ 61,456	33b	\$ 72,639		
9a	\$ 50,575	21b	\$ 61,758	33c	\$ 72,942		
9b	\$ 50,877	21c	\$ 62,061	34a	\$ 73,244		
9c	\$ 51,180	22a	\$ 62,363	34b	\$ 73,546		
10a	\$ 51,482	22b	\$ 62,665	34c	\$ 73,848		
10b	\$ 51,784	22c	\$ 62,967	35a	\$ 74,151		
10c	\$ 52,086	23a	\$ 63,270	35b	\$ 74,453		
11a	\$ 52,389	23b	\$ 63,572	35c	\$ 74,755		
11b	\$ 52,691	23c	\$ 63,874	36a	\$ 75,057		
11c	\$ 52,993	24a	\$ 64,176	36b	\$ 75,360		
12a	\$ 53,295	24b	\$ 64,479	36c	\$ 75,662		
12b	\$ 53,598	24c	\$ 64,781	37a	\$ 75,964		
12c	\$ 53,900	25a	\$ 65,083	37b	\$ 76,266		
13a	\$ 54,202	25b	\$ 65,385	37c	\$ 76,569		

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018
Specialist
GXB2
11-Month

1a	\$ 46,041	14b	\$ 58,131	27c	\$ 70,221
1b	\$ 46,344	14c	\$ 58,434	28a	\$ 70,524
1c	\$ 46,646	15a	\$ 58,736	28b	\$ 70,826
2a	\$ 46,948	15b	\$ 59,038	28c	\$ 71,128
2b	\$ 47,250	15c	\$ 59,340	29a	\$ 71,430
2c	\$ 47,553	16a	\$ 59,643	29b	\$ 71,733
3a	\$ 47,855	16b	\$ 59,945	29c	\$ 72,035
3b	\$ 48,157	16c	\$ 60,247	30a	\$ 72,337
3c	\$ 48,459	17a	\$ 60,549	30b	\$ 72,639
4a	\$ 48,762	17b	\$ 60,852	30c	\$ 72,942
4b	\$ 49,064	17c	\$ 61,154	31a	\$ 73,244
4c	\$ 49,366	18a	\$ 61,456	31b	\$ 73,546
5a	\$ 49,668	18b	\$ 61,758	31c	\$ 73,848
5b	\$ 49,971	18c	\$ 62,061	32a	\$ 74,151
5c	\$ 50,273	19a	\$ 62,363	32b	\$ 74,453
6a	\$ 50,575	19b	\$ 62,665	32c	\$ 74,755
6b	\$ 50,877	19c	\$ 62,967	33a	\$ 75,057
6c	\$ 51,180	20a	\$ 63,270	33b	\$ 75,360
7a	\$ 51,482	20b	\$ 63,572	33c	\$ 75,662
7b	\$ 51,784	20c	\$ 63,874	34a	\$ 75,964
7c	\$ 52,086	21a	\$ 64,176	34b	\$ 76,266
8a	\$ 52,389	21b	\$ 64,479	34c	\$ 76,569
8b	\$ 52,691	21c	\$ 64,781	35a	\$ 76,871
8c	\$ 52,993	22a	\$ 65,083	35b	\$ 77,173
9a	\$ 53,295	22b	\$ 65,385	35c	\$ 77,475
9b	\$ 53,598	22c	\$ 65,688	36a	\$ 77,778
9c	\$ 53,900	23a	\$ 65,990	36b	\$ 78,080
10a	\$ 54,202	23b	\$ 66,292	36c	\$ 78,382
10b	\$ 54,504	23c	\$ 66,594	37a	\$ 78,684
10c	\$ 54,807	24a	\$ 66,897	37b	\$ 78,987
11a	\$ 55,109	24b	\$ 67,199	37c	\$ 79,289
11b	\$ 55,411	24c	\$ 67,501	38a	\$ 79,591
11c	\$ 55,713	25a	\$ 67,803	38b	\$ 79,893
12a	\$ 56,016	25b	\$ 68,106	38c	\$ 80,196
12b	\$ 56,318	25c	\$ 68,408	39a	\$ 80,498
12c	\$ 56,620	26a	\$ 68,710	39b	\$ 80,800
13a	\$ 56,922	26b	\$ 69,012	39c	\$ 81,102
13b	\$ 57,225	26c	\$ 69,315	40a	\$ 81,405
13c	\$ 57,527	27a	\$ 69,617	40b	\$ 81,707
14a	\$ 57,829	27b	\$ 69,919	40c	\$ 82,009

Grandfathered Schedule 2017-2018

Doctorate
GXA2
11-Month

1a	\$ 49,064	15a	\$ 61,758	29a	\$ 74,453
1b	\$ 49,366	15b	\$ 62,061	29b	\$ 74,755
1c	\$ 49,668	15c	\$ 62,363	29c	\$ 75,057
2a	\$ 49,971	16a	\$ 62,665	30a	\$ 75,360
2b	\$ 50,273	16b	\$ 62,967	30b	\$ 75,662
2c	\$ 50,575	16c	\$ 63,270	30c	\$ 75,964
3a	\$ 50,877	17a	\$ 63,572	31a	\$ 76,266
3b	\$ 51,180	17b	\$ 63,874	31b	\$ 76,569
3c	\$ 51,482	17c	\$ 64,176	31c	\$ 76,871
4a	\$ 51,784	18a	\$ 64,479	32a	\$ 77,173
4b	\$ 52,086	18b	\$ 64,781	32b	\$ 77,475
4c	\$ 52,389	18c	\$ 65,083	32c	\$ 77,778
5a	\$ 52,691	19a	\$ 65,385	33a	\$ 78,080
5b	\$ 52,993	19b	\$ 65,688	33b	\$ 78,382
5c	\$ 53,295	19c	\$ 65,990	33c	\$ 78,684
6a	\$ 53,598	20a	\$ 66,292	34a	\$ 78,987
6b	\$ 53,900	20b	\$ 66,594	34b	\$ 79,289
6c	\$ 54,202	20c	\$ 66,897	34c	\$ 79,591
7a	\$ 54,504	21a	\$ 67,199	35a	\$ 79,893
7b	\$ 54,807	21b	\$ 67,501	35b	\$ 80,196
7c	\$ 55,109	21c	\$ 67,803	35c	\$ 80,498
8a	\$ 55,411	22a	\$ 68,106	36a	\$ 80,800
8b	\$ 55,713	22b	\$ 68,408	36b	\$ 81,102
8c	\$ 56,016	22c	\$ 68,710	36c	\$ 81,405
9a	\$ 56,318	23a	\$ 69,012	37a	\$ 81,707
9b	\$ 56,620	23b	\$ 69,315	37b	\$ 82,009
9c	\$ 56,922	23c	\$ 69,617	37c	\$ 82,311
10a	\$ 57,225	24a	\$ 69,919	38a	\$ 82,614
10b	\$ 57,527	24b	\$ 70,221	38b	\$ 82,916
10c	\$ 57,829	24c	\$ 70,524	38c	\$ 83,218
11a	\$ 58,131	25a	\$ 70,826	39a	\$ 83,520
11b	\$ 58,434	25b	\$ 71,128	39b	\$ 83,823
11c	\$ 58,736	25c	\$ 71,430	39c	\$ 84,125
12a	\$ 59,038	26a	\$ 71,733	40a	\$ 84,427
12b	\$ 59,340	26b	\$ 72,035	40b	\$ 84,729
12c	\$ 59,643	26c	\$ 72,337	40c	\$ 85,032
13a	\$ 59,945	27a	\$ 72,639	41a	\$ 85,334
13b	\$ 60,247	27b	\$ 72,942	41b	\$ 85,636
13c	\$ 60,549	27c	\$ 73,244	41c	\$ 85,938
14a	\$ 60,852	28a	\$ 73,546	42a	\$ 86,241
14b	\$ 61,154	28b	\$ 73,848	42b	\$ 86,543
14c	\$ 61,456	28c	\$ 74,151	42c	\$ 86,845

Teacher Performance Pay Schedules

Performance Schedule 2017-2018					
Bachelor's Degree					
PAD2					
10-Month					
		13b	\$ 49,673	25c	\$ 60,856
		13c	\$ 49,975	26a	\$ 61,159
1c	\$ 39,094	14a	\$ 50,278	26b	\$ 61,461
2a	\$ 39,397	14b	\$ 50,580	26c	\$ 61,763
2b	\$ 39,699	14c	\$ 50,882	27a	\$ 62,065
2c	\$ 40,001	15a	\$ 51,184	27b	\$ 62,368
3a	\$ 40,303	15b	\$ 51,487	27c	\$ 62,670
3b	\$ 40,606	15c	\$ 51,789	28a	\$ 62,972
3c	\$ 40,908	16a	\$ 52,091	28b	\$ 63,274
4a	\$ 41,210	16b	\$ 52,393	28c	\$ 63,577
4b	\$ 41,512	16c	\$ 52,696	29a	\$ 63,879
4c	\$ 41,815	17a	\$ 52,998	29b	\$ 64,181
5a	\$ 42,117	17b	\$ 53,300	29c	\$ 64,483
5b	\$ 42,419	17c	\$ 53,602	30a	\$ 64,786
5c	\$ 42,721	18a	\$ 53,905	30b	\$ 65,088
6a	\$ 43,024	18b	\$ 54,207	30c	\$ 65,390
6b	\$ 43,326	18c	\$ 54,509	31a	\$ 65,692
6c	\$ 43,628	19a	\$ 54,811	31b	\$ 65,995
7a	\$ 43,930	19b	\$ 55,114	31c	\$ 66,297
7b	\$ 44,233	19c	\$ 55,416	32a	\$ 66,599
7c	\$ 44,535	20a	\$ 55,718	32b	\$ 66,901
8a	\$ 44,837	20b	\$ 56,020	32c	\$ 67,204
8b	\$ 45,139	20c	\$ 56,323	33a	\$ 67,506
8c	\$ 45,442	21a	\$ 56,625	33b	\$ 67,808
9a	\$ 45,744	21b	\$ 56,927	33c	\$ 68,110
9b	\$ 46,046	21c	\$ 57,229	34a	\$ 68,413
9c	\$ 46,348	22a	\$ 57,532	34b	\$ 68,715
10a	\$ 46,651	22b	\$ 57,834	34c	\$ 69,017
10b	\$ 46,953	22c	\$ 58,136	35a	\$ 69,319
10c	\$ 47,255	23a	\$ 58,438	35b	\$ 69,622
11a	\$ 47,557	23b	\$ 58,741	35c	\$ 69,924
11b	\$ 47,860	23c	\$ 59,043	36a	\$ 70,226
11c	\$ 48,162	24a	\$ 59,345	36b	\$ 70,528
12a	\$ 48,464	24b	\$ 59,647	36c	\$ 70,831
12b	\$ 48,766	24c	\$ 59,950	37a	\$ 71,133
12c	\$ 49,069	25a	\$ 60,252	37b	\$ 71,435
13a	\$ 49,371	25b	\$ 60,554	37c	\$ 71,737

Teacher Performance Pay Schedules

<u>Performance Schedule Placement</u> <u>Teachers Hired as of 7/1/2017</u>	
New Teacher Placement	\$ 39,094
1 Year	\$ 39,397
2 Year	\$ 39,699
3 Year	\$ 40,001
4 Year	\$ 40,303
5 Year	\$ 40,606
6 Year	\$ 40,908
7 Year	\$ 41,210
8 Year	\$ 41,512
Beginning on 7/1/2017, newly hired teachers with no experience will be placed on level 1c.	
<u>Degree Supplements</u>	
Masters	\$ 907
Specialist	\$ 3,325
Doctorate	\$ 5,743

Teacher Performance Pay Schedules

Performance Schedule 2017-2018					
Bachelor's Degree					
PXD2					
11-Month					
		14c	\$ 54,810	28b	\$ 67,202
		15a	\$ 55,112	28c	\$ 67,505
1c	\$ 43,022	15b	\$ 55,415	29a	\$ 67,807
2a	\$ 43,325	15c	\$ 55,717	29b	\$ 68,109
2b	\$ 43,627	16a	\$ 56,019	29c	\$ 68,411
2c	\$ 43,929	16b	\$ 56,321	30a	\$ 68,714
3a	\$ 44,231	16c	\$ 56,624	30b	\$ 69,016
3b	\$ 44,534	17a	\$ 56,926	30c	\$ 69,318
3c	\$ 44,836	17b	\$ 57,228	31a	\$ 69,620
4a	\$ 45,138	17c	\$ 57,530	31b	\$ 69,923
4b	\$ 45,440	18a	\$ 57,833	31c	\$ 70,225
4c	\$ 45,743	18b	\$ 58,135	32a	\$ 70,527
5a	\$ 46,045	18c	\$ 58,437	32b	\$ 70,829
5b	\$ 46,347	19a	\$ 58,739	32c	\$ 71,132
5c	\$ 46,649	19b	\$ 59,042	33a	\$ 71,434
6a	\$ 46,952	19c	\$ 59,344	33b	\$ 71,736
6b	\$ 47,254	20a	\$ 59,646	33c	\$ 72,038
6c	\$ 47,556	20b	\$ 59,948	34a	\$ 72,341
7a	\$ 47,858	20c	\$ 60,251	34b	\$ 72,643
7b	\$ 48,161	21a	\$ 60,553	34c	\$ 72,945
7c	\$ 48,463	21b	\$ 60,855	35a	\$ 73,247
8a	\$ 48,765	21c	\$ 61,157	35b	\$ 73,550
8b	\$ 49,067	22a	\$ 61,460	35c	\$ 73,852
8c	\$ 49,370	22b	\$ 61,762	36a	\$ 74,154
9a	\$ 49,672	22c	\$ 62,064	36b	\$ 74,456
9b	\$ 49,974	23a	\$ 62,366	36c	\$ 74,759
9c	\$ 50,276	23b	\$ 62,669	37a	\$ 75,061
10a	\$ 50,579	23c	\$ 62,971	37b	\$ 75,363
10b	\$ 50,881	24a	\$ 63,273	37c	\$ 75,665
10c	\$ 51,183	24b	\$ 63,575	38a	\$ 75,968
11a	\$ 51,485	24c	\$ 63,878	38b	\$ 76,270
11b	\$ 51,788	25a	\$ 64,180	38c	\$ 76,572
11c	\$ 52,090	25b	\$ 64,482	39a	\$ 76,874
12a	\$ 52,392	25c	\$ 64,784	39b	\$ 77,177
12b	\$ 52,694	26a	\$ 65,087	39c	\$ 77,479
12c	\$ 52,997	26b	\$ 65,389	40a	\$ 77,781
13a	\$ 53,299	26c	\$ 65,691	40b	\$ 78,083
13b	\$ 53,601	27a	\$ 65,993	40c	\$ 78,386
13c	\$ 53,903	27b	\$ 66,296	41a	\$ 78,688
14a	\$ 54,206	27c	\$ 66,598	41b	\$ 78,990
14b	\$ 54,508	28a	\$ 66,900	41c	\$ 79,292

Teacher Performance Pay Schedules

<u>Performance Schedule Placement</u> <u>Teachers Hired as of 7/1/2017</u>	
New Teacher Placement	\$ 43,022
1 Year	\$ 43,325
2 Year	\$ 43,627
3 Year	\$ 43,929
4 Year	\$ 44,231
5 Year	\$ 44,534
6 Year	\$ 44,836
7 Year	\$ 45,138
8 Year	\$ 45,440
Beginning on 7/1/2017, newly hired teachers with no experience will be placed on level 1c.	
<u>Degree Supplements</u>	
Masters	\$ 907
Specialist	\$ 3,627
Doctorate	\$ 6,650

**APPENDIX “B”
Differentiated Pay Salary Schedule**

2017-2018 Salary Supplement Schedule for Other School Personnel

1. Athletic Directors shall be assigned full teaching and/or administrative duties with general direction over athletic activities.
2. Personnel who coach combined boys and girls teams shall receive only one basic supplement for that sport.
3. With the exception of coaching supplements specifically designated for middle school sports, all coaching supplements are for high school sports only.
4. Supplemented coaches of the varsity sports listed below shall be paid \$20 per day for each day of practice or competition required for play-off games sanctioned by FHSA, which are beyond district level competition. Such payments shall not exceed \$100 per week.
5. Only those varsity coaches who are supplemented to coach the following varsity sports shall be eligible for the playoff payment: football, volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball and soccer.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR	\$4,983
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, Middle School	\$1,000
ATHLETIC TRAINER	\$7,306
BASEBALL, Head Varsity	\$3,499
BASEBALL, First Assistant	\$2,918
BASEBALL, Second Assistant	\$2,041
BASKETBALL, Head Varsity	\$3,829
BASKETBALL, Jr. Varsity	\$2,918
BASKETBALL, Freshman	\$2,041
BASKETBALL, Middle School	\$750
CROSS COUNTRY (Boys or Girls)	\$2,604
CROSS COUNTRY, Middle School	\$400
CROSS COUNTRY (Combined Team)	\$2,757
FOOTBALL, Head Varsity	\$4,500
FOOTBALL, 1st Assistant Varsity	\$3,601
FOOTBALL, Assistant Varsity	\$3,001
FOOTBALL, Head Jr. Varsity	\$3,001
FOOTBALL, Assistant Jr. Varsity	\$2,403
FOOTBALL, Head Freshman	\$2,403
FOOTBALL, Assistant Freshman	\$2,099
GOLF	\$2,625

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INTRAMURALS, Middle School	\$2,918
POWERLIFTING (Weightlifting)	\$2,757
RYTHMIC GYMNASTICS/DANCE	\$3,001
SOCCER Varsity	\$3,310
SOCCER, Jr. Varsity	\$2,701
SOCCER, Middle School	\$750
SOFTBALL	\$3,499
SOFTBALL, First Assistant	\$2,918
SOFTBALL, 2nd Assistant	\$2,041
SWIMMING, Head	\$2,701
SWIMMING, Assistant	\$2,099
TENNIS	\$2,625
TRACK, Varsity	\$3,310
TRACK, Assistant Varsity	\$2,701
VOLLEYBALL, Varsity	\$2,757
VOLLEYBALL, Jr. Varsity (15 or more matches)	\$2,041
VOLLEYBALL Middle School	\$750
WRESTLING, Varsity	\$3,217
WRESTLING, Jr. Varsity	\$2,625

B. MUSIC - HIGH SCHOOL ONLY

INSTRUMENTAL - Band, Concert	\$1,458
INSTRUMENTAL - Band, Marching	\$3,208
INSTRUMENTAL - Band, Assistant Marching	\$1,165
INSTRUMENTAL - Band, Stage	\$1,458
ENSEMBLES	\$582
ORCHESTRA, Chamber	\$1,458
ORCHESTRA, String	\$1,458
ORCHESTRA, Symphonic	\$1,458

VOCAL MUSIC

CHOIR, Concert	\$1,458
CHOIR, Madrigal	\$1,458
CHORUS, Male	\$1,458
DIRECTOR, Musical	\$1,458
DIRECTOR, Assistant Musical	\$877
ENSEMBLES, Vocal	\$582
GLEE CLUB, Girls	\$1,458
OPERA WORKSHOP	\$1,165

2017-2018 Salary Schedule for Other School Personnel

C. MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSIC \$877

D. GUIDANCE COUNSELORS

With or without full teaching duties, plus responsibility for vocational and academic guidance counseling, testing, and/or administrative duties in elementary, middle or high schools as assigned by the principal.

10-Month - 196 Duty Days \$2,918

11-Month - 216 Duty Days \$3,209

E. VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURE

HIGH SCHOOLS

10-Month - 196 Duty Days \$3,116

11-Month - 216 Duty Days \$3,426

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

10-Month - 196 Duty Days \$1,558

11-Month - 216 Duty Days \$1,713

With full-time teaching in either middle or high school or both, and the sponsorship of an FFA chapter which meets all state standards regarding home visitation, etc. supplement.

F. DRAMA COACHES \$2,918

G. DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS OR TEAM LEADERS

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS - 10 Month \$1,990

DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS - 11 Month \$2,190

ESE SECONDARY CHAIRPERSON \$3,446

TEAM LEADERS - 10 MONTH \$1,165

TEAM LEADERS - 11 MONTH \$1,282

****SECONDARY** - the chairperson of a department which has **five or more full-time** instructors will be entitled to supplemental pay.

MIDDLE SCHOOL ESE department chairperson's supplements shall be granted where there are at least **five full-time** or the equivalent ESE instructors.

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The assignment of such a department chairperson and the responsibilities involved will be decided in conference with the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, the Directors of Elementary, Middle or High Schools and the Principal of the school.

H. PEER TEACHERS **\$1,242**

Elementary and middle school teachers may request a substitute teacher one day per quarter if the teacher is able to demonstrate to the principal the need for such. Supplement responsibilities shall include a five hour in-service outside the regular work day.

I. MIDDLE SCHOOL YEARBOOK **\$1,687**
MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER **\$1,687**

J. AMIGO CENTER COORDINATOR **\$2,918**

K. REMOTE SCHOOL SUPPLEMENT **\$1,545**

Full-time teachers employed at Myakka School who live more than 15 miles from the school will receive a supplement for the year. Itinerant teachers shall receive .20 of this supplement for the year for each day of the week they are assigned to Myakka School. The supplement will be prorated if a teacher is assigned to Myakka less than a full year.

L. MTI Teachers on Extended Contracts: See Article V, Section 24.

M. Horizons Academy Teachers on Extended Contracts

Full time teachers employed at Horizons Academy for the 2007-2008 school year will have an extended contract of 200 days.

N. SUPERVISORY ACTIVITIES (High School Only)

ACADEMIC COMPETITION SPONSOR	\$1,688
DIRECTOR OF ACTIVITIES	\$2,147
DOMESTIC EXCHANGE SPONSOR	\$1,165
DRILL TEAM SPONSOR	\$3,001
FORENSICS	\$1,687

JUNIOR CLASS SPONSORS (One per high school)	\$1,460
SENIOR CLASS SPONSOR (One per high school)	\$1,839
STUDENT GOVERNMENT SPONSOR	\$2,147
VARSITY CHEERLEADER SPONSOR	\$4,374

ASSISTANT CHEERLEADER SPONSOR	\$3,001
YEARBOOK SPONSOR	\$2,147
SCHOOL NEWSPAPER SPONSOR	\$2,147
O. PROFESSIONAL PEER S.A.M.P. SALARY (Psychologists and Social Workers)	\$1,242
P. SUPERVISOR OF DUETTE	\$1,165
Q. JROTC	\$3,208
R. TESTING COORDINATOR	\$1,194
S. MEDIA SPECIALIST	\$1,991
T. CHILD STUDY TEAM COORDINATOR	\$1,991
U. EQUIPMENT MANAGER	\$2,982
V. CRITICAL SHORTAGE AREAS:	

The superintendent, after conferring with the MEA president, will designate critical shortage areas at Title 1 middle or high schools in the certification areas as defined in Florida Statute 1012.07. Such a designation will allow the district to pay a one-time hiring supplement in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid from available Title 1 funds.

APPENDIX "C"

Donated Sick Leave Authorization

I authorize the donation of _____ days of sick leave to

(name of person)

(position)

who is related to me as a () spouse, ()parent, () child,
()sibling. (check one)

I understand this form will authorize deduction of the stated days from my sick leave and the donation of these days to the person named on this form.

(Date)

(Signature and position of person authorizing donation of leave.)

Appendix “D”

Memoranda of Understanding

**Memorandum of Understanding
Between
The School District of Manatee County
And
The Manatee Education Association
Vacancies – 2015-2016**

ARTICLE XI

VACANCIES, TRANSFERS AND PROMOTIONS

Section 1 - Posting of Vacancies

Known instructional vacancies for the following school year shall be posted for ~~ten (10)~~ five (5) workdays starting on the first workday in April and continuing through the first day of July. Instructional vacancies which occur after the first of July through the remainder of the school year shall be posted electronically for five (5) work days ~~in all school buildings~~, except that vacancies that occur from five (5) days prior to the teachers' first workday through five (5) days after the student year begins shall be posted for two (2) days. ~~Postings will include vacancy notices being placed on the district's electronic Personnel Applicant Tracking System (PATS), electronic bulletin board, job vacancy recordings and in written form at school sites and the district office and at summer school program job sites.~~

~~The Board shall place a copy of the posting of vacancy in the Manatee Education Association mailbox in the office services building at the County Office.~~

~~Vacancy notices shall include the name of the positions, location and anticipated level. After the applicant has been officially approved to fill the position, other applicants will be promptly notified of the decision.~~

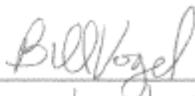
Teachers may request the HR Department include them on the email list.

The Board shall email a copy of all postings of vacancies to the Manatee Education Association Office.

Manatee Education Association

School District of Manatee County

By: 

By: 

Date: 10-23-15

Date: 10/23/15

Appendix “E”

Health Insurance Plan Design

To Locate a Florida Blue network provider: www.bcbsfl.com

This rate chart applies to ALL Employees of the district.

Welcome to Florida Blue Blue Cross Blue Shield of Florida	Gold Plan - PPO		Silver Plan - PPO		Bronze Plan - HMO Florida Regions Only	
	Blue Options Network		Blue Options Network		Blue Care Network	
	Employee Cost	Board Cost	Employee Cost	Board Cost	Employee Cost	Board Cost
Premiums per paycheck	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks	24-Paychecks / 20-Paychecks
Employee	\$51.00/\$61.20	\$252.50/\$303.00	\$32.00/\$38.40	\$253.50/\$304.20	\$16.00/\$19.20	\$246.50/\$295.80
Employee + Spouse	\$278.50/\$334.20	\$389.50/\$467.40	\$237.50/\$285.00	\$390.50/\$468.60	\$194.00/\$232.80	\$384.00/\$460.80
Employee + Child(ren)	\$184.00/\$220.80	\$362.00/\$434.40	\$145.00/\$174.00	\$368.50/\$442.20	\$80.00/\$96.00	\$393.50/\$472.20
Family (Includes Spouse)	\$411.00/\$493.20	\$499.00/\$599.00	\$350.00/\$420.00	\$506.00/\$607.20	\$257.50/\$309.00	\$530.50/\$636.60
Calendar Year Deductible (CYD)						
In-Network (per person/family)	\$1,000/\$2,000		\$1,500/\$3,000		\$2,500/\$5,000	
Out-of Network (per person/family)	\$2,000/\$4,000		\$3,000/\$6,000		N/A	
Co-Insurance (Amount owed after CYD met)						
In-Network	10% of BCBS allowable charges		20% of BCBS allowable charges		30% of BCBS allowable charges	
Out-of Network	50% of BCBS allowable charges		50% of BCBS allowable charges		50% of BCBS allowable charges	
Out of Pocket Maximum - Includes CYD, Co-Insurance & all copays for services and prescriptions						
In-Network	\$3,000/\$6,000		\$4,000/\$8,000		\$5,000/\$10,000	
Out-of Network	\$6,000/\$12,000		\$8,000/\$16,000		\$10,000/\$20,000	
Office Services						
Primary Care Physician	\$10		\$25		\$30	
Specialist	\$20		\$50		\$60	
Emergency/Facility Services						
ER Copay (not to exceed billed amount)	\$1,000		\$1,500		\$2,000	
Inpatient Admission Copay	\$200		\$250		\$300	
Preventive Services (including Dermatology)	100% Coverage		100% Coverage		100% Coverage-in network	
Any Benefit not specified is covered at deductible then coinsurance						
Pharmacy-prescriptions - Low Cost pharmacies like Publix, Walmart and CVS are encouraged. WALGREENS is an excluded pharmacy.						
Generic	30day/90day	\$10/\$25	\$10/\$25	\$10/\$25	\$10/\$25	\$10/\$25
Preferred	30day/90day	\$30/\$75	\$30/\$75	\$30/\$75	\$30/\$75	\$30/\$75
Non-Preferred	30day/90day	\$60/\$150	\$60/\$150	\$60/\$150	\$60/\$150	\$60/\$150

****Do not elect medical coverage that your paycheck cannot support.****

Appendix “F”
Employee Life Insurance Premiums – Contract Year 2017-2018
(Effective April 1, 2012)

- **Employees shall pay zero (0) premium for a life insurance benefit equal to 1x the employee’s salary. The full premium for such benefit shall be paid by the District.**
- **Employees electing for greater life insurance benefit shall pay a monthly premium equal to \$0.172 per thousand dollars of that employee’s salary.**

Example:

An employee who makes \$20,000/year will receive a \$20,000 life insurance policy at no cost to that employee. That same employee would pay \$3.44 per month to “buy up” to a 2x salary (\$40,000) life insurance benefit: ($\$20,000/\$1000 = 20 \times \$0.172 = \3.44 per month).