

SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

THIS AGREEMENT, made this 1st day of February, 2012, between the VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS of Belleville, Michigan, a public body corporate located in the Counties of Wayne and Washtenaw, State of Michigan, acting through its BOARD OF EDUCATION (hereinafter referred to as the "Board"), and Michael VanTassel, Superintendent (hereinafter referred to as the "Superintendent"), is as follows:

1. Salary

For services rendered pursuant to this contract, the Board agrees to pay the Superintendent a salary at the rate of One Hundred Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$135,000.00) prorated for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, ending June 30, 2012. The Superintendent's salary for the 2012-2013 shall be One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Dollars (\$137,000.00) effective July 1, 2012. For the 2013-2014 school year, the Superintendent's salary shall be One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars (\$139,000.00) effective July 1, 2013. For any subsequent years, the Superintendent's salary shall be negotiated between the Board and the Superintendent. The salary herein provided shall be paid in regular consecutive payments and in the same manner and at the same intervals as the salaries of other personnel paid by the Board, less deductions authorized by law for income tax withholding, and other deductions as may be properly authorized by law.

2. Contract Duration

The Board employs the Superintendent and the Superintendent accepts employment to start no later than February 1, 2012. The Superintendent shall render services for the remainder of the 2011-2012 school year, ending June 30, 2012, and shall continue services until June 30, 2014. This contract is renewable yearly for a rolling two (2) year contract duration, subject to sections 4 and 5 below.

3. Performance Evaluation

The Superintendent will be evaluated annually in accordance with procedures established by the Board. Prior to his evaluation, the Superintendent is to complete a self-assessment and submit this to the Board prior to individual Board member final evaluation activity. Any salary adjustments and contract extension will depend on the Superintendent receiving at least a performance rating of "effective" and the economic conditions of the Board, as determined by the Board. In connection with the evaluations pursuant to this section, if the Board so requests, the Superintendent shall have a complete physical examination by a physician of his choice and shall provide the Board with the results of the examination. The cost of the physical examination shall be paid by the Board.

4. Contract Extension

The original term of this contract shall terminate June 30, 2014. This contract shall be extended and salary set for an additional year by June 30, 2013 (and each June 30 thereafter), unless written notice to the contrary is given by the Board at its will and

in its sole discretion to not extend the contract prior to ninety (90) days before June 30 of any contract year (i.e., by April 1); the contract shall be deemed to be extended for an additional year.

5. **Nonrenewal**

The nonrenewal procedures shall be governed exclusively by the procedures and standards contained in MCL 380.1229.

6. **Performance Responsibilities**

The Superintendent represents that he is duly and legally qualified to act as Superintendent of the Board and he agrees that during the term of this contract, he will perform the duties of Superintendent in a competent and professional manner as prescribed by the Board and the laws of the State of Michigan. The Superintendent further represents to the Board that he holds all certification and other qualifications required by Michigan law and the Michigan State Board of Education for a Superintendent and represents that he shall maintain the same while employed as Superintendent.

7. **Tenure Exclusion**

It is mutually understood and agreed that this contract does not confer tenure upon the Superintendent in the Superintendent position or any administrative position, nor does the Superintendent have tenure in any other non-classroom teaching capacity.

8. **Fringe Benefits**

a. **Work Days/Vacation and Paid Holidays**

The Superintendent shall work 260 days annually, exclusive of 12 Board paid holidays and twenty (20) paid vacation days, which shall not be accumulated and must be used each contract year, taken at a time least disruptive to school operations and are subject to advance notice to the Board President. Paid holidays are: New Years Day, Good Friday, Monday after Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Friday After Thanksgiving, Day Before Christmas, Christmas, Day After Christmas, and the Day Before New Year's.

b. **Sick Days**

The Superintendent shall be allowed twelve (12) days of leave for sickness, with the unused days permitted to accumulate to a maximum of ninety (90) days (i.e., the Long Term Disability waiting period).

c. **Personal Days**

The Superintendent shall be allowed three (3) days of leave for personal business which, if not used, shall accumulate as sick leave.

d. Travel Expenses

The Superintendent shall receive automobile mileage reimbursed at the IRS rate per mile for travel for school related business outside the School District and other travel expenses approved by the Board for activities related to his position.

e. Membership Dues

The Board shall pay the annual membership dues of the Superintendent's membership in educational, professional and local civic organizations as approved by the Board.

f. Insurance

During the period covered by this contract, the Board shall provide the following insurance coverage for the Superintendent, unless otherwise noted:

- (1) Hospitalization Insurance – Similar to Administrators in the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Contract.
- (2) Term Life Insurance – Similar to Administrators in the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Contract.
- (3) Long Term Disability – Similar to Administrators in the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Contract.
- (4) Dental Insurance – Similar to Administrators in the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Contract.
- (5) Vision Insurance – Similar to Administrators in the Van Buren Administrators and Supervisors Contract.

g. Conferences

With prior approval of the Board, the Superintendent shall be reimbursed per Board policy for all expenses relating to the attendance of a national conference. State conferences will be reimbursed in accordance with Board policy.

h. Tax Sheltered Annuity

Payroll deductions shall be available for existing tax deferred annuity programs and supplementary insurance coverage provided.

i. Retirement Severance

An administrator retiring under the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System and having fifteen (15) years of in-district service shall receive a one-time retirement grant. The retiree shall be paid fifteen (15) dollars per unused accumulated sick day to a maximum of 70 days, for a maximum grant of \$1,050.00.

j. Early Notification of Termination

It is recognized that proper planning and staffing necessitates the knowing of vacant positions; therefore, the individuals who unconditionally serve notice of termination or retirement for a succeeding school year by April 1 of the then current school year shall receive a termination bonus of \$750.00. Those individuals who unconditionally serve notice of termination or retirement for a succeeding school year between April 1 and May 31 shall receive a termination bonus of \$500.00. Those individuals who unconditionally serve notice of termination or retirement for a succeeding school year between June 1 and June 30 shall receive a termination bonus of \$300.00. No bonus under this subsection shall be paid to an individual serving official notice of termination or retirement for a succeeding school year after June 30.

9. Termination

- a. This contract may be terminated by the Board for just cause (if just cause is permitted by law; otherwise for a reason that is not arbitrary or capricious) including, but not limited to: willful violation by the Superintendent of rules, regulations, directives, or policies of the Board of Education of the School District, violation of any of the terms of this contract, misconduct, incompetence, or lack of legal qualifications.
- b. In the event of involuntary termination of this contract as set forth in subparagraph (a) above, the Superintendent shall be entitled to compensation only for services rendered and benefits accrued to the date of termination at the salary rate then in effect.
- c. The foregoing standards for termination of this contract during its term shall not be applicable to non-extension pursuant to paragraph 4 of this contract or nonrenewal of this contract pursuant to paragraph 5, at the expiration of its terms (i.e., Michigan Revised School Code) which decision is discretionary with the Board of Education at its will.
- d. This contract shall be automatically terminated in the event of the death of the Superintendent with all appropriate benefits that have accrued to be paid to his/her heirs.

10. Applicable Law

This contract and all terms and conditions contained herein shall be governed by the laws of the State of Michigan. If any provision of this contract is contrary to law, then that provision shall be deemed invalid.

11. Entire Agreement

This agreement constitutes the sole and entire existing contract between the parties and supersedes and cancels all prior agreements, all prior practices, whether written or oral and expresses all obligations of, and restrictions imposed upon the Board and

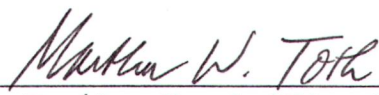
the School District. Any amendment hereinafter shall only be valid if in writing, approved by the Board and signed by both parties.

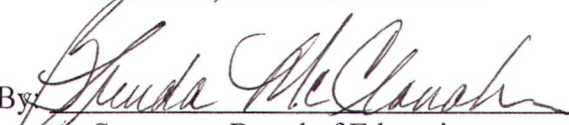
12. Employment Dispute Resolution


By my signature on this document, I agree that I will settle any and all claims, disputes, or controversies arising out of or relating to my application or candidacy for employment, employment and/or cessation of employment with the Van Buren Public Schools, or the Employment Dispute Resolution ("EDR") Plan, exclusively by final and binding arbitration before a neutral arbitrator. Judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction. Any dispute will be processed in accordance with the District's EDR Plan. By way of example only, such claims include claims under federal, state, and local statutory or common law, such as the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, MCL 37.2101 *et seq.*, the Older Workers Benefit Protection Act of 1990, the Persons with Disabilities Act, MCL 37.1101 *et seq.*, the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, including the amendments of the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Americans with Disabilities Act, the law of contract and the law of tort. This agreement does not restrict an employee from filing a claim or charge with any state, federal or governmental agency. I understand that my agreement to participate in the EDR Plan is a condition for consideration of my employment application and for my continued employment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the President and Secretary of the Board and the Superintendent have hereunto set their hands this 14th day of December, 2011.

VAN BUREN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
WAYNE-WASHTENAW COUNTIES

By: 
President, Board of Education

By: 
Secretary, Board of Education

By: 
Michael VanTassel
Superintendent