

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND
LOCAL 925 U.A.W.**

July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2011

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AGREEMENT

This Agreement is entered into this 1st day of July, 2008 by and between the Board of Education of the St. Johns Public Schools (hereinafter referred to as the Employer), and Local 925 United Automobile Workers (hereinafter referred to as the Union).

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union recognize their rights and obligations pursuant to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act and the statements of policy contained therein; and

WHEREAS, the Employer and the Union have entered into good faith negotiations and reached agreement upon wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment;

The Employer and the Union do hereby set forth and memorialize this their full agreement.

ARTICLE I
RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Union as the sole and exclusive bargaining agent as defined in Section 11 of act 379, Public Acts of 1965, for all of its employees in the bargaining unit, described and defined in the Certification of Representative issued by the Michigan Employment Relations Commission in Case No. R85 C-188 as follows:

All full-time Custodial-Maintenance personnel, excluding supervisors and all others.

- B. The term employee singular or plural, when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall mean a member of the bargaining unit as defined hereinabove, provided that provisions of this Agreement can have limited applicability to certain groups of employees in the bargaining unit by use of an appropriate designating term preceding the term employee. References to one gender shall include the other.

- C. The Employer during the term of this Agreement will deduct Union dues from the pay of an employee, who freely and voluntarily executes a written authorization for the deduction, in the amount indicated on the authorization form for the period authorized up to one year. An employee may renew deduction of Union dues each year of this Agreement by execution of another written authorization under the same terms and conditions set forth hereinabove. The deduction shall be made monthly on the first pay of the month. The total amount deducted shall be remitted to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union by check not later than the next pay period following the deduction. The Employer will furnish the Secretary-Treasurer of the Union a monthly record of those from who deductions have been made, together with the amount of such deductions. Dues will begin upon satisfactory completion of the probation period.

An employee who is not a member of the Union or who does not make application for membership within thirty days from the date of commencement of employment, shall as a condition of employment, pay a fee to the Union an amount not to exceed the membership dues of the Union. The Employee may authorize payroll deduction for such fee in the same manner as provided for Union dues hereinabove. In the event that an employee shall not pay such fee directly to the Union or authorize payment through payroll deduction, as provided, the Employer shall commence action to terminate the employment of such employee. The parties expressly recognize the failure of any employee to comply with the provision of this Article as just and reasonable cause for discharge of employment.

RECOGNITION – continued

The Union agrees to indemnify and hold the Employer harmless against any and all claims, demands, costs, awards, suits or other forms of liability including but not limited to back pay, damages and all court or administrative agency costs that may arise out of or by reason of any action taken by the Employer for the purpose of complying with this Section. It is specifically and expressly agreed that payment of any of the above shall be made directly from the Union to the demanding party and at no time shall the Employer be obligated to pay out any monies for any reason relating to the provisions of this Section.

Voluntary Contributions: The Company agrees during the life of this Agreement to deduct from the pay of each Associate voluntary contributions to UAW V-CAP, providing each Associate executes the appropriate authorization.

- D. A joint review committee shall be established to review the performance of the custodial, maintenance and grounds services.

The committee will consist of two representatives from the bargaining unit, (one custodian, one maintenance), the Director of Maintenance and Custodial Services and one administrator representing the district administration.

- E. Effective February 7, 1994, the Employee agrees, pursuant to its obligations according to State and Federal law, not to discriminate against any Employee on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, age, sex, disability, marital status, height, weight, religion, political affiliation, or by reasons of membership in the Association or participation in Association activities.

In order to facilitate the evaluation of current practices, to investigate complaints, to answer inquires, and to guide implementation of compliance efforts, the Assistant Superintendent of Schools has been appointed the local nondiscrimination coordinator. All questions, requests for information, or complaints relating to discrimination in the St. Johns Public School District should be addressed to this person, located in the District's Central Office.

RIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYER - continued

ARTICLE II
RIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYER

It is agreed that the employer hereby retains and reserved unto itself, without limitation all the powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities enumerated in the school Code and conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and the Constitutions of the State of Michigan and the United States, including, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the rights to:

1. The executive management and administrative control of the school district, its properties, equipment, facilities, and operations and to direct the activities of work of its employees.
2. Hire all employees and determine the qualifications and conditions of initial and continued employment.
3. Promote, transfer, and assign all employees.
4. Determine the size of the work force, and to expand or reduce the work force.
5. Establish, eliminate, continue or revise any personnel and employment policies and/or work rules and regulations.
6. Dismiss, demote and discipline non-probationary employees with cause.
7. Establish, modify or change any work, business or school schedules, hours or days.
8. Determine the services, supplies and equipment to conduct its operation, including the distribution thereof, establish standards of operation and performance, and determine the means, methods and processes of performing and/or accomplishing the work to be done, including the assignment and distribution of tasks and work among any of its work force.
9. Determine the number and location or relocation of its facilities, including the establishment or relocations of new schools, buildings, departments, divisions thereof and the relocation or closing of offices, departments, divisions or subdivisions, buildings or other facilities.
10. Determine the financial policies, including all accounting procedures, and all matters pertaining to public relations and determine the size of its administrative organization, its functions, authority, amount of supervision and table of organization.

RIGHTS OF THE EMPLOYER - continued

The exercise of foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities by the Employer, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, shall be limited only by the specific and express terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan and the Constitution and laws of the United States.

ARTICLE III

DISCHARGE

- A. The Employer will only discharge employees for just cause.
- B. An employee being discharged shall have the right to meet with a Steward or Committee person before leaving the Employer's property.
- C. Should the discharged employee or the Steward consider the discharge to be improper, a complaint shall be presented in writing through the Steward to Step 3 of the grievance procedure within four (4) regularly scheduled working days of the discharge.
- D. It is agreed that the Employer has just cause to discharge any Employee who:
 - 1. is convicted of any felony or circuit court misdemeanor
 - 2. is convicted of a felony involving moral turpitude or theft, conversion, embezzlement, intentional destruction or damage to property of the Employer
 - 3. is absent for three (3) consecutive days without notifying the Employer. In proper cases, exceptions shall be made
 - 4. does not return to work when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall procedure. In proper cases, exception shall be made.
 - 5. does not return from sick leave and leaves of absence (shall be treated the same as #3.
 - 6. is under the influence of intoxicants or drugs
 - 7. consumes or sell intoxicants or drugs on St. Johns Public School's property
 - 8. bring intoxicants or drugs onto St. Johns Public School's property
 - 9. steals St. Johns Public School's property
 - 10. duplicates School District issued keys
 - 11. intentionally falsifies records
 - 12. commits an aggravated assault or battery
 - 13. carries a lethal weapon onto St. Johns Public Schools property
 - 14. violates any child protection law
 - 15. sexually harasses a student

(Note: Items D14 and D15 shall be defined by state law, Board policy, or administrative regulation.)

- E. In case of discharge, the Employer shall send written notification to the Unit Chairperson and the employee at the employee's last known address that seniority has been lost and employment has been terminated.

SENIORITY - continued

ARTICLE IV
RESIGNATION

- A. Any employee desiring to resign shall file a letter or resignation with the Director of Operations at least ten (10) working days prior to the effective date.

- B. Any employee who resigns from a position in the manner described in paragraph (A) of the Article maintains the right to earned vacation time.

SENIORITY - continued

ARTICLE V
EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Employees are responsible for reporting to work physically, mentally and emotionally fit to perform the duties of their jobs. All employees shall fully, faithfully and properly perform the duties of their employment.

ARTICLE VI

SENIORITY

- A. A newly hired employee shall be on probationary status for the first sixty (60) working days of employment. An employee's probationary period may be extended by mutual agreement, but not to exceed forty (40) additional work days. Benefits will start on hire date. Probationary employees, who are absent on scheduled work days must work additional days equal to the number of days absent. At any time prior to the completion of the probationary period, the employee may be dismissed without cause by the Employer.

- B. Upon satisfactory completion of the probationary period, the employee's seniority date shall be retroactive to date of hire. A probationary employee shall receive paid leave or holiday pay during their probationary period. Should the employee be dismissed or not complete the probationary period, these paid leaves and/or holidays will be deducted from any remaining paychecks.

- C. Seniority shall accrue in the bargaining unit based upon the years of continuous employment spent in a classification from the employee's most recent date of hire. Part-time and partial year employees shall accrue seniority on a prorated basis according to the time worked in relation to a full-time, full-year employee. Time on leaves of absence and/or layoff shall not constitute a break of continuous employment. Seniority shall be lost by an employee by resignation, retirement, termination, quit or abandonment.

- D. Employees have the option of self demotion within 30 days of being placed in a new position.

ARTICLE VII
STAFF REDUCTIONS & LAYOFF

- A. If a full seniority employee is reduced from Head Custodian or Skilled Trades I, IA II, IIA or III, they shall replace the least seniority employee in the Unit providing their Unit seniority is greater than the employee being replaced.

- B. If an employee reduced from Skilled Trades I, IA II, IIA or III, or Head Custodian, Utility Maintenance and has insufficient seniority to remain at work, then such employee shall be laid off.

- C. Recall from layoff shall normally be in inverse order of layoff, provided that an Employee must be qualified and able to perform all of the duties of the position to which recalled. Employees laid off retain seniority rights and will be maintained on a recall list for a period of four (4) years. Employees shall notify the Board of any change in address. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of their right to be recalled.

Once an employee is notified they must notify the Board of their intent to return to work within five (5) days or they will be considered a voluntary quit.

- D. For all new hires after July 1, 1991, seniority classifications are listed as follows:

- Custodian/Mail Clerk
- Utility Maintenance
- Head Custodian
- Skilled Trades I
- Skilled Trades IA
- Skilled Trades II
- Skilled Trades IIA
- Skilled Trades III

- E. In the event more than one employee has the same length of service, the date of hire, seniority ranking shall determine ranking those employees in order of the highest four digit numbers taken from the last four digits of each employees social security number.

SENIORITY - continued

- F. Seniority shall be retained within bargaining unit for an employee who transfers to either a supervisory position, a confidential position, or a position in a classification outside the bargaining unit with that employee having the right to exercise the seniority that they had accumulated within the bargaining unit in the event that such employee voluntarily vacates either their supervisory, confidential position, or position in another classification, and returns to the bargaining unit.

- G. An updated seniority list shall be furnished to each employee covered by this Agreement, with a copy to the Union on or about October 1 of each year. Such list shall contain each employee's name, date of hire and seniority in the respective bargaining unit as of the beginning of the school year.

ARTICLE VIII

VACANCIES

- A. A vacancy is defined as a full-time position in the bargaining unit which is to be filled by the Employer due to a resignation, retirement, quit, discharge, or a newly created position.
- B. Vacancies which arise will be posted on designated bulletin boards for a period of at least seven (7) work days prior to filling the position. During the period of posting and prior to filling the position, the work of the position may be performed by substitute workers or by temporary transfer of an employee.
- C. When two or more bargaining unit members apply for a vacancy and are determined to be equal with regard to training, experience, skills and ability. The employer will give preference to the most senior employee applicant among them, if any. In any position of leadership and/or skilled trade, overall attendance record will also be taken into consideration.
- D. Paragraphs A, B, and C will be followed until it is determined there are no qualified bargaining unit employees. If this should occur the Employer will meet with the union Representative to share the Employer's plan to fill the vacancy at hand.
- E. The Board of Education shall fill all declared vacancies within thirty (30) days and no later than forty five (45) days of posting.

ARTICLE IX
REDUCTION OF EMPLOYEES

- A. When the employer decides to reduce the number of employees within a seniority classification, employees shall be reduced in order of least seniority within the classification being reduced, provided there are remaining more senior employees within the classification who are qualified and able to perform all the job duties of the less senior employees being reduced. Employees reduced from a classification shall, upon written request, be retained in positions in lower skill level classifications, provided the reduced employees are qualified and possess the skills and ability necessary to perform all the job duties of employees in the lower skill level classification with less cumulative seniority in the bargaining unit.
- B. When positions become available in a seniority classifications, employees on layoff will be recalled in order of greatest seniority with the seniority classification from which they were reduced or have accumulated seniority of lower skill level classifications provided they are qualified and possess the skills and ability necessary to perform all of the job duties of the position.
- C. In any reduction of staff elimination of a position, management will use bargaining unit seniority as follows:
1. As a general philosophy, the parties agree that a displaced employee shall have the right:
 - A. First to displace the least senior person in the same classification on the same shift with equal hours, provided
 1. the employee possesses the necessary qualifications, and
 2. the employee displaced is junior in bargaining unit seniority
 3. Wages will follow Appendix A-1 & A-2 in least senior classification.
 4. Shift will be determined by the following job duties: Ranked in order:
 - i. Day Custodians
 - ii. Split Shift Custodians
 - iii. 2nd Shift Custodians
 2. For displaced skill trades and custodial employees, the following additional steps shall pursued in the order presented:

- A. The total number of persons eligible to displace employees in the subject classification shall be determined. That number and up to four (4) additional positions (if available) held are the least senior employees with equal hours on the same shift.
 - B. Second, if not qualified for the positions specified above, to displace the least senior person holding a position in the next lower classification on another shift with equal hours, provided
 - 1. the employee possesses the necessary qualifications
 - 2. the employee displaced is junior in bargaining unit seniority.
2. If an employee is eligible to displace an employee in a custodial position he/she shall have the following additional rights upon layoff:
- a. The total number of persons eligible to displace employees in the subject classification shall be determined. That number, plus four (4) additional positions (if available) held are the least senior employees with equal hours in the subject classification will be determined and placed into a "bumping pool."
 - b. The most senior displaced employee will be offered the first opportunity to select a position in the "bumping pool," in lieu of accepting layoff
 - c. Similar, each of the remaining displaced employees will be allowed to select a position in the "bumping pool," in seniority order.
 - d. In all cases, the displaced employee exercising bumping rights must possess the necessary qualifications for the selected position and must be more senior than the employee she/he is bumping.
- D. Classification in order of skill level, highest to lowest, are defined as follows:
- 1. Skilled Trades III
 - 2. Skilled Trades IIA
 - 3. Skilled Trades II
 - 4. Skilled Trades IA
 - 5. Skilled Trades I
 - 6. Utility Maintenance*
 - 7. Head Custodian - School group leader of three or more full-time equivalent employees

8. Custodial/Mail Clerk*Day Custodians
9. Split Shift Custodians
10. 2nd Shift Custodians

*Position includes custodial duties

ARTICLE X

WORK HOURS, COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

- A. After July 1, 1991, all current custodial classification once vacated due to retirement, quits or other reason will be listed as custodians and be paid accordingly. Hourly wage rates for the current respective classifications are set forth in Appendix A-1, which is attached to and incorporated into this Agreement.
- B. Each employee shall receive written notice of his/her work schedule. Work schedules shall be subject to change upon written notice to the employee. Work schedules shall specify the scheduled hours to be worked by the employee in the seven (7) day period.

All hours worked in excess of forty (40) worked during the seven (7) day period will be paid at the rate of one and one-half (1-1/2) times the regular rate of the employee.

- C. When the Employer decides that there is additional work available for employees, beyond that specified in the employee's work schedules, it may be offered to employees in the building and classification in which the work arises in order of seniority on a rotation basis for voluntary overtime hours. If interested, employee must notify the maintenance office, prior to the start of the month if they desire to be considered for extra work. Any employee refusing voluntary overtime hours will be credited with the available hours for distribution purposes. When there are no volunteers for the overtime hours, it may be assigned as mandatory overtime to employees in the building and classification in which the work arises in reverse order of seniority on a rotation basis or assigned to other persons at the Employer's discretion. The voluntary and mandatory overtime shall be assigned separately on a rotation basis such that additional hours are distributed as equally as possible within each six (6) month period, (January-June, July-December). Any case of unequal distribution shall be corrected by assignment of the requisite number of additional hours which subsequently arise in the classification and building to the employee until the disparity is corrected. An employee shall notify the Maintenance/Custodial Office at least ten (10) days prior to the beginning of each month to be considered for overtime.
- D. Any employee called to work at a time other than his/her scheduled work hours or permitted to come to work at his/her scheduled starting time without being notified by the Employer that the work has been canceled, shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hour reporting pay if not allowed to work.

- E. Employees scheduled to work four (4) or more hours in a day shall be provided with a fifteen (15) minute rest period after working two (2) hours and prior to working for four (4) hours. Employees scheduled to work seven (7) or more hours in a day shall be provided with an additional fifteen (15) minute rest period after working six (6) hours and prior to working seven (7) hours. The supervisor shall determine the precise time for the break. Employees shall be provided at least thirty (30) minutes unpaid time for a lunch break for any shift of work more than four (4) consecutive hours in length which shall be scheduled by the supervisor. Rest and lunch periods shall not run concurrently without the express permission of the Director of Operations.

ARTICLE XI

HOLIDAY PAY

A. Employees hired prior to January 1, 1991, scheduled to work six (6) or more hours per day shall receive their scheduled daily pay for the following holidays which fall within their scheduled work year.

Independence Day - July 4 Labor Day Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Day Christmas Eve	Christmas Day New Years Eve New Years Day Good Friday Memorial Day
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For employees hired after July 1, 1991, and scheduled to work six (6) or more hours per day shall receive their scheduled days pay for the following holidays which fall within their scheduled work year.

July 4, Thanksgiving Day Day after Thanksgiving Christmas Eve Christmas Day	New Years Eve New Years Day Labor Day Good Friday Memorial Day
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Employees required to work on a designated holiday, shall receive their regular rate of pay for all hours worked on that day in addition to receiving holiday pay.

Employees must actually work or be excused their last scheduled work day before and their first scheduled work day after the holidays. Holidays which fall during an employee's vacation period shall not constitute a vacation day and the employee will receive holiday pay, providing he/she works or is excused the last scheduled work day before and the first scheduled work day after the vacation period.

When the designated holiday falls on a Saturday, the Friday prior to the holiday shall be day observed as the holiday. In the event the holiday falls on a Sunday, the Monday after the holiday shall be observed as the holiday. If the Friday before the holiday, or the Monday after the holiday are school session days, the Employer, after consulting with the employee, shall either pay the eligible employees the holiday pay or designate another day off to the eligible employees for the holiday.

If Christmas and New Years Day fall on a Thursday, eligible employees will be given the day after as holidays instead of Christmas Eve and New Years Eve, unless it conflicts with school session days.

ARTICLE XII
VACATION DAYS

A. Employee's vacation days shall be granted to eligible employees according to the schedule of service time as determined on June 30th of each year for use during the next fiscal year. Vacation time is accrued for full year employees and is based on working 12 months. Any month that the employee does not work, excluding contractually excused days will be prorated from the total days earned. All vacations are to be approved by the director of Operations. Vacations when school is not in session will not be held to the 30 days in advance notification standard. But based on already approved vacations and work project requirements.

Time of Service	Vacation Days
Less than one year	5/6 day per month to nearest ½ day
One (1) year but less than six (6) years	10 days
6 years but less than 13 years	15 days
13 years but less than 14 years	16 days
14 years but less than 15 years	17 days
15 years but less than 16 years	19 days
16 years and over	20 days

The Employer may require available vacation to be taken during a common two (2) week vacation period for eligible employees within the same seniority classification. Otherwise, vacation is to be taken at times when school is not in session. Application for vacation must be submitted at least thirty (30) days in advance of the time the employee wants to be off duty. A maximum of ten (10) days vacation allowance may be accumulated from one fiscal year to the next, but must be used by December 31 of the next year.

H. Effective November 1, 2005 (period of July 1, 2005 thru October 31, 2005 Health, Dental and Vision Benefits same as outlined in contract expiring June 30, 2005.) Each employee may elect insurance coverage as defined below:

Community Blue PPO Plan #14 (or equivalent)
RX \$10/\$40 (with employer reimbursing \$20 on brand name prescription)
Long Term Disability Insurance Plan I 60%
with 90 calendar days modified fill,
\$2,500 maximum monthly benefit,
Dental Plan (75/75 /50/) \$1000 max, \$500 max orthodontics
Vision care Plan VSP 12/12/12
Negotiated Life Insurance \$10,000 with AD&D

The Employer shall formally adopt a qualified plan document that complies with Section 125 of the Internal Revenue Code. The Employer shall provide a cash option in lieu of health, dental and vision benefits. The cash amount shall be \$75.00 per month for health, \$20.00 per month for dental and \$10.00 per month for vision.

Effective August of 2008 (est.), Employees will pay fifty dollars (\$50) per pay period for health insurance premiums, and in addition the following formula will be added cumulatively to the \$50.00 per pay period amount for increases of health insurance premiums after November 30, 2009: the Board will make payment of an amount toward the monthly health insurance premiums for each Employee for the plan selected at not more than the % increase in the school foundation grant for that particular year. Should the health insurance premium increase amount exceed the foundation percentage, the employee shall pay the next 5%. Should the health insurance premium increase amount exceed the % increase in school foundation grant and the additional 5%, the Board and the employee will each be responsible for payment of one-half (1/2) the amount of the excess premium cost. The amounts for which the Employee is responsible shall be paid by deduction from the Employees' salary through the execution of a salary reduction agreement.

A Salary Reduction Agreement may be implemented by the bargaining unit member to apply an amount into a tax sheltered annuity account selected from among those presently made available through the School District.

If the spouse of an employee within this bargaining group is employed by St. Johns Public Schools, the District will provide health, dental and vision coverage to only one of the two employees. The employee without the coverage will be eligible for the cash-in-lieu payments as outlined in the employee's respective contract.

ARTICLE XIII
PERSONAL DAYS

- A. All employees hired prior to January 1, 1991, may be granted leave with pay for personal and family illness at a rate of 1.2 days per month. When days are used to care for family members, a doctors' statement confirming the need may be required for periods of absence of three (3) or more consecutive days.

The unused days may accumulate from year to year with a limit 250 days (grandfathering in anyone above this number on July 1, 1999). Two days per year, of the 1.2 days illness leave, may be used for personal business upon approval of the employees' immediate supervisor. Unused personal business days will accumulate at two (2) days per year to a total of six (6) days.

- B. Employees hired after July 1, 1991, receive one (1) day per month for twelve (12) months. When days are used to care for family members, a doctor's statement confirming the need may be required for periods of absence of three (3) or more consecutive days. Two (2) of the above days may be used for personal business. If they are not used for personal business, they remain as sick days and accumulate as sick days up to a maximum of 250 days.

1. Any first shift employee absent due to illness shall notify his/her supervisor or appropriate office at least one (1) hour before his/her scheduled shift. Those employees assigned to either second or third shift shall notify his/her supervisor or appropriate office at least two (2) hours before his/her scheduled shift. In proper cases, exceptions may be made.
2. Unverified absences are those compensable leaves of absence where appropriate documentation (medical statement, funeral notice, etc.) has not been provided upon the employee's return to work. Medical verification of illness may be required where an alleged pattern of absences immediately before or following an employee nonscheduled workday(s) exists or where an employee's attendance record shows excessive absences.

- C. The Personal Business days with pay, or any fraction thereof, shall not be utilized during an absence for sick leave, or during any other leave of absence.

1. Each employee shall be granted up to two (2) paid personal business days per year, accumulative to a maximum of four (4). Requests for personal business days shall be made at least (5) days prior to the date requested (except in case of emergency*). An employee desiring to use more than two (2)

personal business days consecutively shall make the request to the superintendent but not later than two(2) weeks prior to the dates requested, except in a case of emergency.

Personal business days are to be used for handling personal matters which cannot be adequately handled outside of working hours. Personal business days shall not be used for recreational purposes.

Personal business days MAY NOT be taken on the day immediately preceding or following days which are scheduled as non-working days in the calendar (i.e. holidays, vacations).

2. In the event an employee does not use a portion of the leave day with pay, that unused portion shall be transferred to his/her regular cumulative sick leave balance. Business days with pay shall be cumulative from year to year for a total of four (4) days.

*An emergency is an unforeseen incident over which the individual has no control and requires immediate attention. The individual should and has made every effort in their power to resolve the situation without taking time off from work. Each case will be decided on its own merit with proper documentation.

- C. Each full-time and full-year employee shall be granted up to three (3) days paid leave not chargeable against sick leave when a death occurs in the employee's immediate family. Immediate family is defined as the employee's spouse, children, son and daughter-in-law, grandparents and grandchildren, parents, parents-in-law, brother and sisters, brother and sister-in-law. In the event of the death of the employee's spouse or child, an additional three (3) days chargeable against sick leave may be used.
Step children, Step-Parents and Grandparents-in-Law will be granted one (1) day paid leave not chargeable against sick leave when a death occurs.

- D. An employee who receives a jury duty interview and appearance notice must notify the appropriate office within one (1) school day of such notice. If employees are summoned and report for jury duty, they shall be paid the difference between the amount they receive as a juror and their normal week's pay, provided they make themselves available for work, with their regular work schedule except as noted herein, when not occupied for jury duty. It is understood and agreed that an employee shall be required to report to work on any and all days when not sitting as a juror. To be eligible for jury duty pay differential, the employee must furnish the Employer with a written statement from the appropriate public official listing the amount and dates the employee received pay for jury duty. Any employee found abusing this privilege shall not be entitled to the pay differential and will be subject to disciplinary action.

Employees, other than those on the first shift, may, at their option, work their regular shift in addition to jury duty. The Director must be notified of the decision at least one hour prior to the shift. This option is not available if the jury overlaps with the normal shift time.

An employee on second or third shift has the option of working the first shift during his/her assignment to jury duty.

- E. Upon death or retirement of an employee scheduled to work six (6) or more hours per day, who has ten (10) or more years of service with the Employer, the employee or his/her estate will be paid up to thirty (30) days of his/her accumulated paid leave days at his/her existing rate of pay and scheduled hours of work per day.
- F. Upon termination of employment for any reason, benefits will be canceled on the last day of the month, last worked.
- G. Employees will have the option to purchase, with payroll deduction, Short Term Disability insurance, if available with their present insurance carrier.
- H. Employee shall have the option to use either vacation or personal days (2) for snow days per year if school is cancelled due to snow or ice if approved by the Superintendent or the Director of Operations.

ARTICLE XIV

UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- A. Employees must make application for unpaid leaves of absence to their supervisor. The application shall contain a statement of the purpose and duration of the leave requested. Application shall be made as soon as possible and at least thirty (30) days in advance, except where conditions absolutely preclude advance notice. An application for an unpaid leave of absence for the purposes stated hereinafter shall be granted under the conditions as follows:
1. An employee who is incapacitated or disabled due to physical or mental illness or accidental injury and has exhausted all earned and accumulated paid leave shall be granted a medical leave of absence without pay or benefits for the duration of his/her disability up to one (1) year. The application for leave in this instance shall contain a physician's statement describing the employee's condition and prognosis for return to work. Return to work is conditioned upon clearance by a physician acceptable by the Employer that the employee is able to perform all the routine and expected tasks of the job.
 2. An employee shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose of parental care of his/her newborn child for period of up to one (1) year which may commence, at the employees option, at any time prior to, during or upon recovery from the disability period related to pregnancy. An employee adopting an infant child shall be granted an unpaid leave of absence for the purpose of parental care of his/her newly adopted infant child for a period of up to one (1) year commencing with the date custody of the child is awarded to the employee.
 3. Unpaid leaves of absence shall be granted to employees to fulfill their military obligations to any branch of the United States armed forces.
 4. Family Medical Leave Act – It is understood that the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 does not abrogate the rights of the parties under this Collective Bargaining Agreement. Where additional benefits are extended by the Act to the employees, those additional benefits will be honored by the district. Where certain employer rights are also granted in connection with those additional benefits, the district shall be free to exercise those rights. To the extent that leave of absences are granted under this contract whether paid or unpaid, it is the intent of the parties that the rights granted thereunder will serve to satisfy the requirements of the Family and Medical Leave Act provisions, to the extent applicable by law. All applications for Family and Medical Leave Act leaves will comply with Board policy.

UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE - continued

Leaves of absence for purposes other than those listed hereinabove may be granted by the Employer in its discretion and under conditions it deems appropriate.

- B. Return to a position with the Employer shall be subject to the relative seniority rights of the employees in the classification from which the employee took leave. The Employer may use a substitute worker in the position while the employee is on leave. The employee will be returned to the position if held by a substitute worker upon expiration of his/her leave, subject to any reduction in personnel affecting the position.

ARTICLE XV
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. The term grievance shall mean any claim, by one (1) or more employees of the Union that there has been a misinterpretation, misapplication, or violation of the express terms of this Agreement.
- B. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level should be considered a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. If an appeal is not taken by the employee within the time limit specified, the grievance shall be deemed settled on the basis of the disposition at the preceding level. In the event the written answer is not submitted in the time specified, the employee may proceed to the next level. The time limits may, however, be extended by mutual agreement in writing between the Union and the Employer.

1. Level One

An employee together with his/her Union Representative or the Union, within five (5) work days of the occurrence of the event upon which the grievance is based, shall orally discuss the matter with the immediate supervisor with the objective of resolving the matter informally.

If the employee or the Union is not satisfied with the disposition from the oral discussion and wishes to further pursue the matter, the grievance shall be filed in writing on the grievance form set forth in Appendix B of this Agreement. The written grievance must be submitted to the employees immediate supervisor within ten (10) work days of the occurrence of the event upon which the grievance is based.

Within five (5) work days of the filing date, the immediate supervisor will arrange to meet with the employee and his representative in an effort to resolve it. A written answer shall be due within five (5) work days after such meeting.

2. Level Two

If the Union is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level One, a written appeal may be transmitted to the Office of the Superintendent no later than five (5) work days after the due date for the Level One answer, stating the reason the grievance is being appealed to Level Two.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE - continued

Within ten (10) work days of receipt of such appeal, the Superintendent or his/her designee will meet with the employee and Union representative(s) to discuss the grievance. A written answer shall be due within five (5) work days after such meeting.

3. Level Three

If the union is not satisfied with the disposition of the Grievance at Level Two, it may within twenty (20) work days after the decision of the Superintendent refer the matter for arbitration to the American Arbitration Association, in writing, and request the appointment of an arbitrator to hear the grievance. An arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules of the American Arbitration Association, except each party shall have the right to peremptorily strike not more than three (3) from the list of arbitrators.

The Employer and the Union shall not be permitted to assert in such arbitration proceeding any ground, or to rely on any evidence, not previously disclosed to the other party. The arbitrator shall have no authority to alter, ignore, modify, add to, or subtract from the terms of this agreement. The arbitrator shall have no authority to make a decision in any case of discharge or discipline of a probationary employee. The arbitrator shall have no authority to make a decision in any matter based upon an interpretation of any statutory law for which there is an administrative agency created by state or federal statute which has jurisdiction to determine the legal rights of the grievant. Both parties agree to be bound by the award of the arbitrator made within the scope of authority. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be paid as follows:

If the grievance is sustained and the remedy sought by the Union is awarded in full, the Employer shall pay the fees and expenses in full.

If the grievance is denied in full, the Union shall pay the fees and expenses in full.

If the grievance is neither sustained in full, or denied in full, the fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared on a percentage basis as determined by the arbitrator.

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE - continued

Employees who are necessary participants in an arbitration hearing as a Union representative or witness in the proceedings shall be released from duty without loss of pay for the time necessary to represent or testify as the case may be, provided the hearing is held on the Employer's premises. If the hearing is not held on the Employer's premises, employees may use personal business leave or the Union may reimburse the Employer for necessary substitute costs, unless the Employer initiates the request for the hearing to be held away from its premises. An attempt shall be made to schedule arbitration and attendance of employees at times which will avoid or minimize release from work.

- C. The Union shall designate in writing to the Employer three (3) employees, one of whom shall be designated chairperson, who shall be authorized by the Union to process grievances under this procedure.

- D. An employee, upon request, shall be entitled to have present a Union representative when the employee is to receive discipline or notice of discharge or when the employee is being questioned regarding a matter for which there is reason to believe that disciplinary action against or discharge of the employee being questioned may result.

ARTICLE XVI
STRIKE PROHIBITION

The Union recognizes that strikes, as defined by Section I of Public Act 336 of 1947 of Michigan, amended, are contrary to law and public policy. The Board and the Union subscribe to the principle that differences shall be resolved by lawful procedures without interruption of work. Accordingly, the union agrees that during the term of this Agreement, it will not direct, instigate, participate in, encourage or support any strike against the Employer by any employees or group of employees which is contrary to law.

ARTICLE XVII
DURATION OF AGREEMENT

A. **Entire Agreement**

This Agreement constitutes the sole and entire existing Agreement between the parties and supersedes all prior practices whether oral or written and expresses all obligations imposed upon the Employer and the Association. This Agreement is subject to amendment, alteration or additions only by a subsequent written Agreement between and executed by the Employer and the Association. The waiver of any breach, term or condition of the Agreement by either party shall not constitute a precedent in the future enforcement of all its terms and conditions.

B. **Separation**

If any specific provision of the Agreement or any specific application of this Agreement of any employee or group of employees shall be found contrary to law, then such specific provision or specific application shall be deemed null and void but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect. The Employer and the Association will meet upon request of either party to renegotiate the provision nullified.

C. **Term of Agreement**

The wages portion of this agreement shall become effective retroactive to July 1, 2008. The remainder of the contract will become effective the date of ratification, and shall continue in effect through the 30th of June, 2011, at which time it shall terminate unless extended by written agreement of the parties.

D. **Successor Negotiations**

At any time within ninety (90) days prior to the termination date of this Agreement either may serve written notice to the other of its desire to begin negotiations upon a successive collective bargaining agreement and negotiations shall begin within thirty (30) days from the receipt of the notice.

DURATION OF AGREEMENT – continued

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned have affixed their signatures:

LOCAL 925 U.A.W.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

By _____
President

By _____
President

By _____
Bargaining Committee

By _____
Secretary

By _____
Bargaining Committee

By _____
UAW International Representative

By _____
Region 1C Director

Ratified _____

Ratified _____

APPENDIX A-1

(For Employees Hired Prior to January 1, 1991)

Classification	Effective 7/1/08	Effective 7/1/09	Effective 7/1/10
Mail clerk*	14.27	14.66	15.07
Custodial II	14.27	14.66	15.07
Skilled Trades I	17.25	17.73	18.21
Skilled Trades 1A	17.97	18.46	18.97
Skilled Trades II	17.62	18.11	18.60
Skilled Trades IIA	18.46	18.97	19.49
Skilled Trades III	23.60	24.25	24.92

*Position does include custodial duties

Probationary employees shall be paid fifty cents (\$.50) less per hour than the above rates for their respective classification

Longevity: Employees will receive an additional fifteen cents (\$.15) per hour, upon completing 10 years of service as determined on June 30th, with payment effective beginning July 1.

Head custodian supervising a crew of three or more will receive a premium of one dollar (\$1.00) per hour more than the Custodial II pay level.

Custodian(s) required to work split shifts where they will be off more than two (2) hours in the middle of an eight (8) hour shift shall receive ten cents (\$.10) per hour premium for all hours worked on the split shift.

A yearly \$300 stipend will be paid to the licensed Skilled Trades I & II to staff who utilize their State of Michigan certification or license in the normal course of their work for the district. This stipend will be paid the first pay period in December of each year.

APPENDIX A-2

(For Employees hired after January 1, 1991) POST – 1991

Classification	Effective 7/1/08	Effective 7/1/09	Effective 7/1/10
Mail Clerk*/Custodian	11.14	11.44	11.76
Utility Maintenance	12.59	12.93	13.29
Skilled Trades I	17.25	17.73	18.21
Skilled Trades 11	17.62	18.11	18.60

*Position Includes Custodial Duties

Probationary employees shall be paid fifty cents (\$.50) less per hour than the above rates for their respective classification.

Longevity: Employees will receive an additional fifteen cents (\$.15) per hour, upon completing 10 years of service as determined on June 30th, with payment effective beginning July 1.

Custodian(s) required to work split shifts where they will be off more than two (2) hours in the middle of an eight (8) hour shift shall receive ten cents (\$.10) per hour premium for all hours worked on the split shift.

Any designated head custodian supervising a crew of three or more will receive one dollar (\$1.00) per hour premium, based on the current custodial rate.

For the Post Employees, this additional premium will be added to the base yearly rate. The current position holder's salary will be frozen until the salary schedule reflects an increase.

A yearly \$300 stipend will be paid to the licensed Skilled Trades I & II to staff who utilize their State of Michigan certification or license in the normal course of their work for the district. This stipend will be paid the first pay period in December of each year.

APPENDIX A-3

(Foundation Allowance Language)

****AN ADDITIONAL .25 PERCENT WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL AMOUNTS IF A FOUNDATION INCREASE OCCURS AND THE BLENDED STUDENT COUNT INCREASES FROM FIVE TO 10 STUDENTS.**

****AN ADDITIONAL .50 PERCENT WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL AMOUNTS IF A FOUNDATION INCREASE OCCURS AND THE BLENDED STUDENT COUNT INCREASES FROM 11 TO 16 STUDENTS.**

****AN ADDITIONAL .75 PERCENT WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL AMOUNTS IF A FOUNDATION INCREASE OCCURS AND THE BLENDED STUDENT COUNT INCREASES FROM 17 TO 24 STUDENTS.**

****AN ADDITIONAL 1.0 PERCENT WILL BE APPLIED FOR ALL AMOUNTS IF A FOUNDATION INCREASE OCCURS AND THE BLENDED STUDENT COUNT INCREASES FROM 25 OR MORE STUDENTS.**

Note: Foundation allowance is defined throughout this contract as the state appropriated per pupil funding amount upon which the base funding for the school district is calculated using the blended pupil count for each respective year.

APPENDIX B

Definition and position location.

Custodian:

A full-time (6 hours per day or more) full-year employee that will do general cleaning, total floor care; yard work, deliver light maintenance, laundry where required and other custodial duties that are required to maintain a clean, safe and functional building or site.

Full-time custodial positions will be found at the following locations:

East Essex Elementary (1)	District Delivery (1.0)
Eureka Elementary (1)	Middle School (6)
Gateway North Elementary (2)	High School (7.0)
Oakview South Elementary (2)	Wilson Center (1.8)
East Olive Elementary (1)	District Utility Maintenance Person (1)
Riley Elementary (2)	Total: 25.8

One full-time position at Middle School and the High School may be filled by part-time help if the cleaning and building organization requires a larger number of employees at any one time.

Skilled Trades I:

These employees will be responsible for the general repair and maintenance of the building, equipment and grounds of the district. All facets of medium to heavy repair are included. As a general rule, each employee will be assigned to a number of different specialties but shall not be limited to those.

Number of full-time positions: 4.

Skilled Trades IA:

This employee must meet all of the following requirements to be placed on Skilled Trades 1A:

Employee must have worked in the district as a Skilled Trades I for ten years and trained by a State of Michigan licensed electrician employed by the district during that time.

Employee be actively seeking and enrolled in a program to secure a State of Michigan Electrical License.

Employee must have received a passing score on the State authorized test of 90% or more towards the minimum required score to receive a State license.

Having met these requirements, an employee shall be placed at the Skilled Trades IA level.

Number of full-time positions: 0

Skilled Trades II

This employee(s) must be able to do major mechanical repair including refrigeration, HVAC, air-conditioning, and other tasks as assigned. Duties include Preventative Maintenance Mechanic including the operation of boilers, heating and ventilation systems and other building components. Have proven experience in the operation of Siemens Controls and software. The ability to read blueprints, planning various type of layout work, system troubleshooting and energy conservation awareness.

Number of full time positions: 1

Skilled Trades IIA:

Must have all the qualifications of the Skilled Trades Class II position plus the journeyman electrical license.

Number of full-time positions: 0

Skilled Trades III:

An Employee who carries and maintains a State of Michigan Masters and Contractors license and who voluntarily signs over his contractor's license according to the State Electrical Code to the school district for their use and who meets or exceeds all of the requirements of the Skilled Trades II position.

Number of full-time positions: 1

Minimum full-time positions of the Bargaining Unit is 32 The rest of the cleaning and maintenance requirements of the district will be done by part-time personnel (5 hours or less) and will not be members of the Bargaining Unit.

Appendix C
ST. JOHNS PUBLIC SCHOOLS
GRIEVANCE REPORT FORM

Local 925 UAW Grievance Number _____
(Submit to the supervisor in duplicate)

Name of Grievant _____ Building _____ Date Filed _____

Date Cause of Grievance occurred: _____

Statement of Grievance (Give Relevant Facts and Cite Contract Provisions) _____

Relief Sought: _____

Date of initial oral discussion with Supervisor: _____

Grievant and/or Union Representative: _____

Signature of Grievant _____ Date: _____

Signature of Representative _____ Date: _____

Date of Grievance meeting with Supervisor _____

Disposition by Supervisor: _____

Signature of Supervisor _____ Date: _____

Position of Grievant and/or Union Representative: _____

Signature of Grievant _____ Date: _____

Signature of Representative _____ Date: _____

Date of meeting with Superintendent or his/her designee: _____

Disposition of Grievant and/or Union Representative: _____

Signature of Grievant _____ Date: _____

Signature of Union Representative _____ Date: _____

Demand of Arbitration filed: _____ Date: _____