



**2013-2015
Master Contract
Agreement**

Between
The North Branch Board of Education
and
North Branch Education Association

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ARTICLE 1 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

The Board hereby retains and reserves unto itself, limited only by the specific and express terms of the Agreement, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and invested in it by the laws and the Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing rights:

- A. To the executive management and administrative control of the school system and its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees in the performance of their duties.
- B. To hire all employees and subject to the provisions of law, to determine their qualifications and the conditions of their continued employment or their dismissal or demotions; and to promote and transfer all such employees. The exercise of the foregoing powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations, and practices in the furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by specific and express terms of this Agreement, and then only to the extent such Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan and the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- C. Determine the placement of operations, productions, service, maintenance, or distribution of work, and the source of materials and supplies.
- D. Determine the number and location or relocation of its facilities, including the establishment or relocation of new schools, building, departments, divisions or subdivisions, buildings or other facilities.

ARTICLE 2 RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for professional personnel, including personnel on probation and on tenure. The bargaining unit consists of classroom teachers, counselors, special education teachers, and librarians employed, but excluding supervisory and executive personnel and all others. The term "teacher", when used hereafter in the Agreement shall refer to all professional employees represented by the Association in the bargaining unit as defined above.
- B. The Board agrees not to negotiate with any teacher's organization other than the Association for the duration of this agreement.

ARTICLE 3 ASSOCIATION AND TEACHER RIGHTS

- A. Pursuant to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act and Act No. 348, Public Acts of 2012, the Board hereby agrees that professional employees may do any of the following: (a) Organize together or form, join, or assist in labor organization; engage in lawful concerted activities for the purpose of collective negotiation or bargaining or other mutual aid and protection; or negotiate or bargain collectively through representatives of their own free choice. (b) Refrain from any or all of the activities identified in subdivision (a). As a duly elected body exercising governmental power under the law of the State of Michigan, the Board undertakes and agrees that an individual shall not be required as condition of obtaining or continuing employment to do any of the following: (a) Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary affiliation with, or voluntary financial support of a labor organization. (b) Become or remain a member of a labor organization. (c) Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses of any kind or amount or provide anything of value to a labor organization. (d) Pay to any charitable organization or third party an amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required or members of or employees represented by a labor organization. The Board # will not directly or indirectly discourage, deprive, or coerce any teacher in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by the Michigan Public Employment Act or other laws of Michigan and the United States: that it will not discriminate against any teacher with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of their membership in the Association, or collective professional negotiations with the Board, or the institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.
- B. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher, rights they may have under the Michigan General School Laws and Regulations.
- C. The Association and its representatives shall have the right to use school rooms on the same basis as other community groups and in addition, shall be specifically given the right to use a room for Association meetings after classes have been dismissed, subject to prior notification of the Superintendent or his designee and mutual agreement as to time and place.

Article 3 (cont.)

- D. The Association shall have the right to use school facilities and equipment, including communication media and electronic resources, subject to board policies, at reasonable times, when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use.
- E. Duly authorized representatives of the Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations or teacher responsibilities. Such officials shall notify the principal's office of their presence.
- F. The Board shall notify the Association through the Association President, of all regular and special meetings at the same time that Board members are notified of such, by sending the Association a copy of the meeting agenda. The Board also agrees to send to the President of the Association a copy of the minutes of all Board meetings.
- G. The Board agrees that the Master Contract will be published on the district website within forty-five (45) days of ratification by both parties.
- H. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association, in response to reasonable requests, all information to which they are legally entitled under the Freedom of Information Act. The Board, however, will not do any research for the Association, and the Association agrees to pay a reasonable cost for the information requested.

ARTICLE 4 DUES, FEES, AND PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS

An individual shall not be required as a condition of obtaining or continuing employment to do any of the following: (a) Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary affiliation with, or voluntary financial support of a labor organization. (b) Become or remain a member of a labor organization. (c) Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses of any kind or amount or provide anything of value to a labor organization. (d) Pay to any charitable organization or third party an amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members of or employees represented by a labor organization.

An employee or other person shall not by force, intimidation, or unlawful threats compel or attempt to compel any person to do any of the following: (a) Become or remain a member of a labor organization or otherwise affiliate with or financially support a labor organization. (b) Refrain from engaging in employment or refrain from joining a labor organization or otherwise affiliating with or financially supporting a labor organization. (c) Pay to any charitable organization or third party an amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses required of members of or employees represented by a labor organization.

Association Members: Bargaining unit members joining the Association may pay dues to the Association in accordance with its policies and procedures.

Save Harmless Clause: In the event of any legal action against the Employer because of its compliance with the Article, the Association agrees to defend such action, at its own expense and through its own counsel. The Employer agrees to give timely notice of such action to the Association and to permit Association intervention as a party if it so desires. The Employer agrees to give full and complete cooperation to the Association and its counsel in securing and giving evidence, obtaining witnesses and making relevant information available.

The Association will save the Board, including each individual school Board member and Administrator(s) harmless from any and all costs, including witnesses and reasonable attorney fees, back pay, unemployment compensation and all other incidental costs for which the Board may be liable by virtue of enforcing the provisions of the Article.

The Association, after consultation with the Board, has the right to defend, appeal, compromise or settle any claim made against the Board under this Article.

- A. The District offers a 403(B) plan and participation in this plan is universally available on a voluntary basis. The vendors listed below will not be eliminated from the plan unless the vendor refuses to comply with the IRS code mandates or the District's plan as adopted by the Board of Education unless otherwise stated in this agreement. Upon written authorization from the bargaining unit member, teachers may have payroll deductions for the following:

Article 4 (cont.)

1. Equitable Life / Equi-Vest	Life/403B
2. American Express Financial Advisors	403B
3. MEA Financial Service/Paradigm Equities, Inc.	403B
4. Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company	403B/Roth IRA
5. VALIC (Variable Life Insurance Company)	403B/Roth IRA
6. Horace Mann Life Insurance Company	403B
7. Edward Jones Financial Services	403B/Roth IRA
8. Lapeer County School Employees Credit Union	
9. United Way	Contribution
10. MPSERS	Retirement Credit

When three (3) or fewer association members are utilizing the services of any particular 403B vendor allowable in this Master Agreement, no additional association members will be allowed to begin new deductions with that carrier to allow for the eventual elimination of that carrier from the Master Agreement.

Enrollment and changes shall be restricted to the first ten (10) workdays of the month preceding the month of the enrollment or change. Employees are restricted to making no more than 5 changes to an existing 403B during a year (Sept-Aug). Exceptions may be made for life crisis situations.

ARTICLE 5 TEACHING HOURS AND LOADS

- A. Teachers shall be guaranteed a minimum of 280 minutes of conference and preparation time per week. Although it may not always be possible, the district will attempt to schedule this conference and planning time in blocks of at least 40 minutes. Teachers' responsibilities during this time will be preparation of lessons, meeting with students and parents, conferring with colleagues and administrators, and other job related responsibilities. Teachers are to remain in their respective buildings during this time unless excused by the building principal. Every teacher is expected to maintain contact with parents on a regular basis.
- B. In an emergency, an extra class may be assigned to any teacher during their conference, either on a daily basis or an annual basis. Teachers who may substitute during their conference on a daily basis will receive the B-1 stipend per conference period. Teachers who may be assigned a class during their conference hour on a semester or annual basis will receive a percentage of their respective salary up to the fourteenth step. The percentage for extra class assignments will be 18%.
 - 1. This payment shall be made to teachers who are absent from school for illness and/or disability.
 - 2. It is agreed that such extra class assignments shall be eliminated as soon as possible.
 - 3. It is agreed that the extra class assignments will be made only after the Administration has exhausted all other alternatives.
- C. The teacher's school day shall not exceed seven (7) hours and fifteen (15) minutes 2013-2014 and seven (7) hours and ten (10) minutes 2014-2015 if the additional two days are added to the calendar. If it becomes necessary during the term of this agreement to add hours or days to the calendar to meet state mandated requirements, the parties agree to open negotiations to discuss how this can be best accomplished and to negotiate compensation for additional days and/or hours.
- D. All teachers shall be entitled to a duty-free, uninterrupted lunch period of not less than thirty (30) minutes.
- E. The Board pledges to strive to achieve educationally sound optimums in class size.
- F. Because the teacher/pupil ratio is an important aspect of an effective educational program, the parties agree that class size shall not exceed the following maximum standards, except in traditional large group instruction or experimental classes where the Association has agreed, in writing, to exceed these.

Article 5 (cont.)

1.	ELEMENTARY	OPTIMUM	MAXIMUM
	Begindergarten - Kindergarten	18	24
	First - Second	22	25
	Third	24	28
	Fourth - Fifth - Sixth	26	30
2.	SECONDARY	OPTIMUM	MAXIMUM
	Seventh - Eighth	26	30
	Ninth - Twelfth	28	30
	Industrial Arts	20	22
	Drafting	24	24
	Physical Education	40	48
	Music (Vocal and Instrumental)	80	96
	Computers	30	30
	Art	26	30
	Special Education	Per State Guidelines	

3. The ratio of pupils to professional staff members in the District shall not exceed 30 to 1.

1. If, by the Count Dates each school year, the number of students in a given classroom exceeds the maximum stated in Section G, the appropriate building principal or designee shall initiate a conference with the affected teacher to work out a solution to the problem. Solutions may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Rescheduling to equalize classroom loads.
2. Additional equipment and materials to aid the teacher in meeting the needs of the students.
3. Other agreeable solutions.

In addition, the affected teacher will, upon request, receive an additional payment as follows:

Kindergarten ½ Day	\$47/student over maximum/trimester
Grade K – 6	\$93/student over maximum/trimester
Grade 7 - 12	\$19/student over maximum/trimester for the first five (5) students \$37/student/trimester for all students over the first five (5) students

To receive the extra payment, the overload must have occurred for 50% or more of the respective trimester period.

ARTICLE 6 TEACHING CONDITIONS

A. The Board recognizes that appropriate texts, library reference facilities, maps and globes, laboratory equipment, current periodicals, standard tests and questionnaires, electronic resources, computers, computer programs, and similar materials are the tools of the teaching profession. The parties will confer from time to time for the purpose of improving the selection and use of such educational tools, and the Board undertakes promptly to consider all joint decisions thereon made by its representatives and the Association. The Board agrees at all times to keep the schools, their equipment and instruments equipped and maintained.

B. The Board shall provide:

1. A separate desk with drawer space for each classroom teacher in the District or appropriate space in the teacher’s work room or mobile teaching stations for the use of traveling teachers.
2. Suitable space for each teacher to store coats.
3. Chalkboard or marker board space in every classroom.
4. Copies, exclusively for each teacher to use, of all texts and manuals used in each of the courses the teacher is to teach.
5. In the secondary school, a complete unabridged dictionary for each Department, upon request.
6. Storage space in each classroom for instructional materials and a two-drawer file cabinet, upon request, if need is shown.

Article 6 (cont.)

7. Attendance books, paper, pencils, pens, chalk, erasers, and other materials required in daily teaching responsibilities.
 8. The district pledges to continue working toward the goal of providing at least one computer in each classroom. Duplicating equipment will be provided in each building to aid in the preparation of instructional materials.
 9. All buildings will be provided with a fax machine as well as access to the Internet.
- C. In major remodeling programs and in any future buildings, the Board shall make available in each school, adequate restroom and lavatory facilities exclusively for staff use and a lunchroom/lounge combination, appropriately furnished, which shall be reserved for use as a faculty lounge. This lounge shall be for staff use only.
- D. Teachers shall not be required to work under unsafe or hazardous conditions, or to perform tasks, which endanger their health and/or safety. Teachers will not be asked to perform bomb searches normally performed by law enforcement personnel. Teachers will perform visual searches before leaving their classrooms and while leaving the building or when outside the building. Teachers will report any unusual or suspicious items to the District administrator on site or to the law enforcement representatives on site. In the event of a bomb threat, teachers will supervise the safety of students.

ARTICLE 7 DEPARTMENT AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- A. Selection of department heads, curriculum coordinators, and elementary grade level coordinators will be made by the building principal or principals in affected buildings. Association members wishing to offer input into the selection of these leaders should put their recommendations in writing to their building principals no later than May 1. Building principals are expected to take these recommendations into consideration. These individuals will then be responsible for working collaboratively with the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Building Principal, and Department Staff to:
1. Continuously review and evaluate the district's curriculum.
 2. Evaluate texts and other instructional materials for recommended adoption.
 3. Assist in the development of appropriate assessments for the curriculum.
 4. Ensure the district's curriculum is aligned with the Michigan Core Curriculum and statewide assessments.
 5. Provide input into the scheduling process.
- B. The parties agree that participation in department meetings by all appropriate staff is desirable and attendance at meetings is required unless the staff member is excused by the building administrator. Meeting times will be determined by the chair or coordinator with input from the members.
- C. Responsibilities of Department Chairs include:
1. Participation as needed in the District's efforts in developing and implementing curriculum.
 2. Scheduling department meetings with appropriate staff, providing members with an agenda prior to the meeting, and providing written summaries of meetings.
 3. Assisting in the development of department budgets, signing all requisitions, and maintaining record of expenditures and budget balances.
 4. Maintaining an inventory of texts, teaching supplies, and equipment within the department area.
 5. Represent the department in making presentations to the Administration and Board of Education.
 6. At the High School, serving on the high school leadership and school improvement teams.
- D. Selection of curriculum coordinators will be made by the superintendent. The responsibilities of the curriculum coordinators will include the following:
1. Participate and provide leadership in all district-wide curriculum development activities in consultation with affected building principals.
 2. Meeting as required with members of the curriculum area or other department heads.
 3. Disseminating and collecting information regarding curriculum and assessment.
 4. Assisting in the planning of professional development activities to ensure the implementation and delivery of the District's core curriculum.
 5. In consultation with affected building principals representing the curriculum area in making presentations to the Administration and Board of Education.

Article 7 (cont.)

- E. Elementary grade level coordinators responsibilities will include the following:
1. Participation as needed in the District's efforts in developing and implementing curriculum.
 2. Scheduling grade level meetings with appropriate staff, providing members with an agenda prior to the meeting, and providing written summaries of meetings.
 3. Maintaining an inventory of texts, teaching supplies, and equipment within the grade level area.
 4. Assisting in the planning of professional development activities to ensure the implementation and delivery of the District's core curriculum.
 5. In consultation with affected building principals representing the curriculum area in making presentations to the Administration and Board of Education.
- F. Departments
- The superintendent, in consultation with the building principals, may assign curriculum coordinators, grade level coordinators, and department heads. The individual chosen to fulfill any of these assignments shall have the right to decline the appointment. Duties and pay (drawn from the total amounts allocated in Appendix B-1, F) for each should be determined by June 1 and shall be agreed upon in writing, signed and filed in each building no later than September 1 of each year when possible.

ARTICLE 8 DEPARTMENT BUDGETS

Secondary department heads and elementary teachers shall submit tentative budgets to their building principals by April 1. Principals are to review these budgets and submit them to the Superintendent by April 15. By May 15 of each school year, the Superintendent shall make tentative budgets available to each of the building principals with a copy to the President of the North Branch Education Association. In the event of financial uncertainties, the deadline dates may be altered by mutual agreement of the Superintendent and the North Branch Education Association.

ARTICLE 9 PROFESSIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Teachers will be given written notice of their tentative schedule for the forthcoming year by the end of the present school year.
- B. The teachers will not be assigned any position on Schedule B-1 without their consent.

ARTICLE 10 ILLNESS AND/OR DISABILITY

The purpose of the sick leave program is to provide income protection for the employee to the extent herein provided during periods of involuntary absence due to personal illness or disability.

- A. At the beginning of each school year, each teacher shall be credited with twelve (12) days of sick leave upon reporting for work. Four of these days may be used for the teacher's personal business, for any reason, except participating in labor disputes. No Personal Business Days will be granted during Parent-Teacher conferences unless there is a compelling reason. Teachers planning to use a Personal Business Day shall notify the designated building principal by submitting the appropriate form at least two (2) working days in advance, except in the case of emergency. Personal Business Days will not normally be granted before or after a holiday recess. Generally, no more than two (2) Personal Business Days will be granted in any administrative unit per day. The unused portion of the sick days shall accumulate from year to year.

In the event that a first year probationary teacher leaves before one semester has been completed and has used more than six (6) of their Sick Leave Days, the Board shall dock said teacher the excess days over six, except if the teacher left for medical reasons. Teachers employed for less than full-time shall have their sick leave benefits prorated.

1. Personal illness or disability - The teacher may use all or any portion of their leave to recover from their own illness or disability.
2. Illness in the immediate family - The teacher may use up to eight (8) accumulated sick days each year for illness in the immediate family.

Article 10 (cont.)

3. Medical or nursing care - The teacher may use up to two (2) accumulate sick days to make arrangements for necessary medical care for members of the immediate family.
 4. Deaths - The teacher may use up to one (1) accumulated sick day for the attendance of the funeral service for relatives not covered in the immediate family, exceptions may be made.
- B. The Board shall furnish each teacher with a written statement at the beginning of each school year setting forth the total number of days of sick leave credit.
- C. Leave of absence with pay, not chargeable against the teacher's allowance, shall be granted for the following reasons:
1. A maximum of five (5) days per school year for each death in the immediate family.
 2. The Board will pay the make-up portion between jury duty pay and the teacher's regular pay.
 3. Court appearance as a witness in any case, at the sole discretion of the Administration.
 4. With prior approval of the Administration, visitation at other schools for attending educational conferences and conventions including Educational Association meetings.
 5. An employee may have two (2) days for the death of great-grandparents, grandparents or grandchildren.
- D. The established sick bank shall continue to function according to the following provisions only:
1. At the beginning of the school year, if the number of days in the sick bank totals one hundred or less, each teacher shall have one (1) day deducted from their personal sick day allotment.
 2. If at any time during the school year, the number of days in the sick bank total fifty (50) or less, one (1) day shall be deducted from each teacher's sick day accumulation at that time. Any teacher, who has an accumulated total of zero personal sick days, will have one (1) day deducted from his personal sick day allotment at the beginning of the next school year.
 3. Each new hire to the teaching staff of the District will automatically contribute one (1) of their personal sick day allotment upon employment.
 4. The Sick Bank will be administered by two (2) teachers and two (2) Administrators. By a majority vote of the Sick Bank Committee, sick days may be denied. The committee may review an applicant's past attendance record and other relevant factors determined by the committee. The majority decision of the Sick Bank Committee shall not be the subject of any grievance.
 5. A person will be eligible to apply to the Sick Leave Bank when his own accumulated sick days are depleted.
 6. Persons withdrawing sick leave bank days will have to repay two (2) days per year until these days are paid back with credit given for days taken as a regular contributing member of the bank, as stated elsewhere in this section.
 7. The first twenty (20) school days of illness or disability will not be covered by the bank, but must be covered by the individual's own accumulated sick leave or absence without pay.
 8. An individual may withdraw the number of days from the Sick Bank to such a time as the individual qualifies for Long-term Disability benefits.
 9. One-half of the accumulated sick days of teachers leaving their employment with the district prior to eligibility under the provisions of Section G of this Article will be placed in the sick bank.
- E. Any teacher whose personal illness or disability extends beyond their accumulated and borrowed sick leave shall be granted leave of absence without pay for such time as necessary, but not to exceed one year. However, this time may be extended by the Board upon written request. The teacher shall return from this leave under the procedure as outlined in the return provision for unpaid leaves, Article 14, Section I.
- F. Teachers off on paid sick leave shall have their health insurance continued by the Board at Board expense.
- G. The Board shall pay the teacher for each day of accumulated sick leave, provided the teacher had fifteen (15) years of continuous service with the North Branch School System according to the following schedule: less than 100 days thirty (\$30) dollars, 100 or more days thirty-five (\$35) dollars, 200 or more days forty (\$40) dollars.
- H. Teachers will not have personal business and/or sick days (accumulated personal or sick bank days) deducted when school is closed on an "Act of God Day".
- I. Any teacher receiving Worker's Compensation benefits while using his accumulated sick leave shall pay to the school district an amount equal to the benefits received under Worker's Compensation.

Article 10 (cont.)

- J. The representatives of the school district and Association agree that it is their mutual intent and understanding to fully comply with the terms and conditions of the Family Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA). In so doing, the parties agree that employees requesting leaves of absence, pursuant to the FMLA, who are found eligible therefore, will be required to exhaust certain paid leave entitlements for which they may otherwise be eligible under the terms and conditions of the Master Agreement during their FMLA leave time. While the parties understand and agree that the rights established by the FMLA will not diminish any employee benefit programs or plans or paid leave provisions dictated by the terms of the Master Agreement, they also agree that any rights afforded by the FMLA will not be used to expand an employee's contractual rights and benefits, provided those rights and benefits meet or exceed the basic requirements of the FMLA.

ARTICLE 11 ASSOCIATION LEAVES

- A. At the beginning of every school year, the Association shall be credited with seven (7) days to be used for Association business. Such use shall be at the discretion of the President of the Association. Association days must be approved by the Superintendent and the appropriate building principal seven days in advance. In certain circumstances, the Superintendent may waive the 7 day notice period.
- B. Eight (8) additional days may be granted by the Superintendent if needed. The Board and the Association will each pay for four (4) days of the regular teacher's salary and the substitute cost on an alternating basis. At the Superintendent's discretion, the association may purchase additional days for Association business. Association days cannot be used for involvement in work stoppage or picketing.

ARTICLE 12 UNPAID SABBATICAL LEAVE

- A. Teachers who have been employed for seven (7) years consecutively by the Board may be granted a sabbatical leave for up to one year.
- B. The teacher must present, in writing, application for said leave in the April prior to the year of the requested leave.
- C. Provided there are enough people who actually qualify for sabbatical leaves, the Board may grant up to three (3) such leaves per year.

ARTICLE 13 UNPAID LEAVES OF ABSENCE

- A. A leave of absence for up to two years may be granted to any tenure teacher upon application for the purpose of participating in exchange teaching programs in other school districts, states, territories, countries, foreign or military teaching programs, or the Peace Corps, Teachers Corps, or Job Corps as a full-time participant in such program, provided said teacher states his intention to return to the school district.
- B. A leave of absence for one year shall be granted for the purpose of engaging in study at an accredited college or university related to the teacher's professional responsibilities subject to the following:
1. The teacher shall have at least four (4) years experience in the District.
 2. The application must be made in writing, accompanied by evidence supporting its value to the District. The application must be submitted no later than sixty (60) days prior to the opening of school.
 3. Such leaves shall be limited to one (1) per school year from the entire staff.
- C. A military leave of absence, not to exceed five (5) years, except in war time, shall be granted to any teacher who shall be inducted or shall enlist for military duty in any branch of the armed forces of the United States of America.
- D. A leave of absence for one (1) year may be granted, upon application by June 1, to teachers who are officers of the North Branch Education Association, the Michigan Education Association, or the National Education Association.
- E. A leave of absence not to exceed one (1) term of office may be granted to any teacher, upon application, for the purpose of serving in a public office. If the teacher is elected or appointed to a public office, such leave shall be granted.
- F. A leave of absence shall be granted to any teacher for the purpose of childcare. For the purpose of this Article, eligible child care shall mean:
1. Newborn infant and/or pre-natal.

Article 13 (cont.)

2. Newly adopted child.
 3. A child suffering from crippling, terminal, or critical illness or accident, as certified by a physician. It is further provided that:
 - a) The teacher will attempt to commence leave at a time that best provides for the educational continuity of the students, after a conference with the building principal. Subject to the foregoing, a pregnant teacher may commence said leave at her option anytime after the confirmation of pregnancy by her doctor.
 - b) The initial leave shall not exceed one (1) year. The leave may be extended up to an additional year by written request of the teacher and approval of the Board of Education. Such request may be made prospectively by the teacher at the time of request for the leave.
 - c) The leave of absence may be terminated prior to its expiration upon request of the teacher and approval of the Board of Education.
 - d) For seniority and salary purposes, the teacher shall be given credit for a full semester if the teacher teaches fifty (50) or more days during the semester in which the leave was granted.
 - e) A teacher's fringe benefits shall be paid on a pro-rated basis, proportionate to the amount of time worked during the year the leave was granted.
- G. In addition to leaves otherwise provided for in the Agreement, up to two (2) leaves per year shall be granted for the purpose of childcare. Said leave shall not exceed one (1) school year in length. Requests for said leaves for 1st Semester must be made before June 1 of the summer preceding the school year during which the leave is to be taken and before November 1 for the 2nd Semester. The Board may provide exceptions to the notification deadline and may, at its discretion, grant more than the two (2) mandated leaves. In the event more than two (2) such leaves are requested, the leaves will be granted to the first two (2) applicants.
- H. All of the above leaves may be extended at the sole discretion of the Board.
- I. Unpaid leaves return procedures:
1. Teachers shall confirm with their building principal their intent to return from all unpaid leaves by no later than May 15 of the last year of their leave.
 2. A teacher returning from leave shall be given the same position or one of similar nature.
 3. During a leave of absence, the teacher's seniority and accumulated sick leave shall remain frozen.
 4. Teacher's fringe benefits shall not be paid during unpaid leaves, unless otherwise provided in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14 ACADEMIC FREEDOM

- A. The parties seek to educate young people in the democratic tradition, to foster recognition of individual freedom and social responsibility, to inspire meaningful awareness of the respect for the Constitution and the Bill of Rights, and to instill appreciation of the values of individual personality. It is recognized that these democratic values can best be transmitted in an atmosphere which is free from censorship and artificial restraints upon free inquiry and learning, and in which academic freedom for teacher and student is encouraged.
- B. Freedom of individual expression will be encouraged and fair procedure will be developed to safeguard the legitimate interest of the schools and will exhibit by appropriate examples the basic objectives of a democratic society. Academic freedom shall be guaranteed to teachers. It is recognized that the building principal, as representative of the community through the Board of Education, retains the right to rule on the property of subject matter presentations and the materials to be used in the content of all course instruction. The decision of the principal may be appealed to the Superintendent and the Board respectively.

ARTICLE 15 PROFESSIONAL BEHAVIOR

- A. Teachers are expected to comply with reasonable rules, regulations and directions adopted by the Board or its representatives which are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement, provided that a teacher may reasonably refuse to carry out an order which threatens physical safety and the teacher shall not be required to do normal custodial duties.

Article 15 (cont.)

- B. A teacher shall at all times be entitled to have present a representative of the Association when they are being formally reprimanded, warned, or disciplined for any infraction of rules or delinquency in professional performance. When a request for such representation is made, no action shall be taken with respect to the teacher until such representative of the Association is present.

ARTICLE 16 SCHOOL CALENDAR

- A. The parties agree that for the term of this Agreement, the school calendar shall be set forth in Appendix A. There will be no deviation from, or change in, the school calendar except by mutual agreement of the Board and the Association. If additional instructional hours are required, they will come from a reduction in professional development time.
- B. There shall not be more than two regular teacher meetings per month.
- C. Teachers shall be notified of regular meetings at least two weeks in advance.
- D. Teachers shall be given as much notice as possible for special meetings.
- E. Meetings shall not be prolonged unnecessarily.

ARTICLE 17 PROFESSIONAL COMPENSATION

- A. The basic salaries of teacher covered by the Agreement are set forth in Appendix B, which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement. Such salary schedule shall remain in effect during the designated period.
- B. Newly hired teachers shall be given credit for up to four (4) years outside teaching experience on the Salary Schedule. The Superintendent may grant up to ten (10) years outside teaching experience.
- C. Teachers shall receive an annual longevity payment for continuous services within the school district based on the following:
 - 2% beginning the 12th year of service
 - 3% beginning the 15th year of service
 - 4% beginning the 20th year of service
 - 5% beginning the 25th year of service

Percentages for longevity are figured on the BA step 8 of the salary schedule. Longevity eligibility is computed at the beginning of each school year and is paid each eligible year until retirement or separation.

- D. Teachers involved with extra-duty assignments as set forth in Appendix B-1, which is attached to and incorporated in the Agreement shall be compensated in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement.
- E. Teachers required in the course of their workday to drive personal vehicles for school business, with prior approval of the Administration, shall receive an allowance of forty cents (.40) per mile.
- F. In recognition of service to the school district, teachers who have been employed for at least ten (10) years shall be eligible for one of the following payments upon separation from the district:
 - 1. Terminal leave payment of thirty-five dollars (\$35) for each year of service upon separation, or
 - 2. Retirement leave pay of sixty-five dollars (\$65) for each year of service upon retirement.
- G. Salaries shall be paid two times per month on the 8th and the 23rd. When the pay date falls on Saturday or Sunday paychecks will be distributed on the preceding Friday. Teachers will have the option to take their pay over twenty (20) or twenty-four (24) installments.
- H. Verification for Change of Degree Form must be submitted within thirty (30) days from the start of a school year for full credit or by January 21 for half credit on the degree advancement. Submission after the thirtieth (30th) day will cause a pro-ration for the remainder of the school year.

Article 17 (cont.)

Verification will be satisfied by any of the following:

1. Transcript
 2. Grade report of a passing grade
 3. Letter from professor that the course requirements have been completed.
- I. No duplicate credits will be counted toward advancement on the Salary Schedule. Salary adjustments for completion of a Masters degree or additional hours as specified in Appendix B will be graduate level courses earned at an accredited college or university. If the college or university requires undergraduate level coursework as part of a planned program, the teacher must seek prior approval from the Superintendent by completing an Authorization Form. See Attached A

The parties agree that all individuals who have a BA+35 at the start of the 93-94 school year may use up to fifteen (15) credits earned past the BA toward the MA+15 after completion of the Master's degree. Hours used for the Master's degree cannot be used for the MA+15. Any teacher who does not have the BA+35 at the start of the 93-94 school year will be required to obtain prior approval of the Superintendent for any coursework toward a BA+35.

Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year the salary schedule for the fifth lane will change to MA+35 or 2nd Masters or Specialist Degree.

- J. An employee must work at least 50 days in a school year to receive longevity or salary schedule credit for that school year. Credit will be given as a full or a half year based on a pro-ration of days worked.

ARTICLE 18 INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. Health and Prescription Benefits

The Board shall pay up to the state established annual cap for the health and prescription premium cost for the bargaining unit employee and his/her entire eligible family. Bargaining unit members shall pay all premium costs over the state established annual cap through payroll deduction. Parties will meet annually prior to open enrollment to consider changes to the insurance benefits. The cap will be adjusted each July of the contract to reflect any increase in the allowance made by the State. The Board retains the right to change the election in accordance with (2011 PA 152).

B. Medical Opt-Out Plan

Employees once per year, during open enrollment, may make the election under the Flexible Benefit Plan to the Medical Opt-Out Plan. This Plan provides employees with a cash payment of \$180 once per month.

C. Other Benefits

1. Dental Benefits: \$1,000 maximum for Class I and II, \$1,500 Adult Ortho
(plan year is July - June)

Bargaining unit members may select:

Non-coordinating coverage at 80/80/80

Coordinating coverage at 50/50/50

2. Vision: Annual per benefit plan year

Exam

One pair of corrective spectacle lenses and one frame

Or contact lenses

(plan year is July - June)

3. Negotiated Long-Term Disability: 66 2/3% of annual contractual salary

\$6,000 monthly maximum benefit

90 Calendar days - Modified fill

Maternity Coverage

Pre-existing Condition Waiver

Freeze on offsets

Alcoholism/Drug Waiver - same as other illness

Mental/Nervous Waiver - same as other illness

Article 18 (cont.)

Recurrent Disability Clause
Rehabilitation Clause

4. Negotiated Life: \$50,000 with AD&D and Waiver of Premium

The employee shall sign a participation agreement.

All benefits will be paid according to the terms of the insurance contract in force at the time of the claim.

- D. The Board shall make payment of insurance premiums for all persons who complete their contractual obligation to assure insurance coverage for a full twelve (12) month period. The open enrollment date will be the month of May (beginning in 2013) each year.
- E. A disabled teacher cannot collect Worker's Compensation for a disability that has already been covered by the teacher's own accumulated sick days or by other forms of Board paid insurances. Teacher receiving Worker's Compensation under the above conditions will pay back to the Board an equal amount received from Worker's Compensation.
- F. There shall be no duplication of Health Insurance coverage for any employee except when the employee's spouse cannot drop their insurance coverage.
- G. The district has a Section 125 plan for the purpose of premium conversion, dependent care, and medical expenses.

ARTICLE 19 SPECIAL TEACHING ASSIGNMENTS

- A. Teachers shall be informed of a telephone number they may call to report unavailability for work. It shall be the responsibility of the Administration to arrange for a substitute teacher. When substitutes are unavailable and it becomes necessary to use a regular teacher as a substitute, volunteers will be sought from all available classroom teachers within the building before the assignment is made. In the event that regular teachers covered by this Agreement are used as substitutes on an emergency basis, said teachers shall be compensated according to Appendix B-1. Teachers whose building is closed due to an Act of God shall not be required to work as a substitute.

ARTICLE 20 STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND TEACHER PROTECTION

- A. The Board recognizes its responsibility to give all reasonable support and assistance to teachers with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline in the classroom.
- B. A statement of the Board's policy concerning corporal punishment and the handling of student discipline problems can be found in the teacher's handbook.
- C. Any case of assault upon a teacher shall be promptly reported to the Board or its designated representative. The Board may provide legal counsel to advise the teachers of their rights and obligations with respect to such assault and shall promptly render all reasonable assistance to the teacher in connection with the handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities.
- D. If any teacher is complained against or sued as a result of any actions taken by the teacher while in pursuit of their employment, the Board will underwrite the cost of legal counsel to be selected by the Board and shall render all necessary assistance to the teacher in their defense. The teacher must have been acting within the boundaries established by the Board and/or in a reasonable manner, as determined by the Board.
- E. Time lost by a teacher in connection with any incident mentioned in Section C and D shall not be charged against the teacher.

Article 20 (cont.)

- F. The Board will reimburse teachers for any loss, damage or destruction of clothing or personal property of the teacher which results from an assault on the teacher or an altercation in which the teacher is carrying out the teacher's duties, as prescribed by the Board policies.
- G. Teachers shall be expected to exercise reasonable care and respect to the safety of pupils and property, but shall not be individually liable, except in the case of negligence or neglect of duty, for any damage or loss to person or property.
- H. Each teacher shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of his/her own personnel file within the established guidelines of the Freedom of Information Act. A representative of the Association may be requested to accompany the teacher in such review. A representative of the Administration shall also be present during the review of personnel files.
- I. If the district receives an FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) request for any information concerning a teacher the District will provide the teacher with a list of what is being requested. The teacher shall have the opportunity to review the District's proposed response and provide input concerning the proposed response.

ARTICLE 21 PROFESSIONAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A. DEFINITION

- 1. A grievance shall mean a complaint by a teacher in the bargaining unit that there has been a violation, misinterpretation, or inequitable application of a specific provision of the Agreement. Except that, the term grievance shall not apply if the teacher selects another method of redress, e.g., the Tenure procedure, Civil Rights Commission, MERC, etc.
- 2. As used in this Article, the term "grievant" may mean a group of teachers having the same grievance.
- 3. Failure at any step of this procedure by the Board or its representative to communicate the decision on the grievance within the specified time limit shall permit the teacher or Association to lodge an appeal to the next step of this procedure. Failure to appeal a decision within the specified time limit shall be deemed an acceptance of that decision. All time limits in this Article may be extended by mutual consent.

B. PROCEDURE FOR HANDLING

- 1. A grievant who feels that they have a grievance must first take the matter up verbally with the principal of the school within five (5) days of when they became aware of the matter. At the grievant's option, a representative of the Association may be present.
- 2. If this fails to resolve the grievance, the grievant shall reduce the grievance to writing, specifying the section of the contract the grievant alleges is violated, the events that caused the alleged violation and the remedy sought and present it to the principal within ten (10) days of when he became aware of the act or condition.
- 3. Within five (5) days of receipt of the written grievance, the principal will arrange a conference with the view of satisfactorily resolving the grievance. At the time of the conference, the grievant may appear alone or they may be represented by the Association, or both. Such conference shall be scheduled at a time when there is no disruption of the normal school routine and duties of the grievant.
- 4. Within five (5) days after such conference, the principal shall answer the grievance, in writing.
- 5. If the grievance is not appealed within five (5) days after receipt of the written answer of the principal's decision, the principal's decision shall be final.
- 6. If the grievant does not accept the principal's written answer, the grievance may be appealed to the Superintendent of Schools by sending such notice, in writing, to him within five (5) working days from the date of the principal's written decision. If the grievance arises from the action or authority higher than the principal, the Association may present such grievance at the Superintendent level within the time limit specified in Section B-1 above.
- 7. Within ten (10) working days of receipt of the written appeal, the Superintendent or his designated representative will arrange for a conference with the grievant and/or the Association representative to satisfactorily resolve the grievance. Such conference shall be scheduled at a time when there is no disruption of the normal school routine and the duties of the grievant.
- 8. Within five (5) working days, the Superintendent or his designated representative shall answer such grievance in writing. Such answer shall be final and binding unless appealed to the next step within five (5) days from the date of the Superintendent's written decision.

Article 21 (cont.)

9. At the next Board meeting, the Board, in executive session, only if the nature of the grievance is consistent with the Open Meeting Act exemptions, shall hear the grievance by the grievant and with association representation, and shall render a decision, in writing, on the grievance ten (10) days from the hearing. The decision of the Board shall be final unless within ten (10) working days of receipt of the decision of the Board the grievant and the Association shall invoke the arbitration provision of this Article by notifying the Board, in writing.
10. At the request of the grievant and the Association, the grievance may be submitted to binding arbitration before an impartial arbitrator. The parties may select an impartial arbitrator within fifteen (15) days. If the arbitrator is not agreed upon, the dispute may be submitted to the American Arbitration Association who will submit a list of arbitrators. The decision of the arbitrator from the American Arbitration Association will be binding.
11.
 - a. The arbitrator shall have no power to alter, add to, or subtract from the terms of this Agreement.
 - b. Only one grievance at a time may be taken to a particular arbitrator, unless mutually agreed to do otherwise.
 - c. The arbitrator may not, in effect, grant the Association that which it was unable to secure during the collective bargaining negotiations.
 - d. The word "day(s)" as used in this Article shall mean school day(s), except during the summer vacation when it shall mean calendar days.
 - e. If at any time during this process the grievant or administration requires more days for research at any step, either party may request up to five (5) more days. This is to be done in writing, dated before the final day in that step.
12. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator shall be shared equally by the Board and the Association. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them and neither party shall be responsible for any expense of witnesses or representatives of the other party.
13. At any conference under this grievance procedure, the grievant, Association, and the Board, may have present any and all witnesses they desire. If any party is to be represented by legal counsel or MEA advisor or Uniserv director, notice shall be given to the other parties at least twenty-four (24) hours in advance of the conference.

ARTICLE 22 PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATION PROCEDURES

- A. No later than February 1 of each school year the parties shall initiate negotiations for the purpose of entering into a successor Agreement for those Articles and sections that are opened that year to negotiations.
- B. Neither party in any negotiations shall have control over the selection of negotiation or bargaining representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives will be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make concessions in the course of negotiations.
- C. There shall be three signed copies of any final Agreement. One copy shall be retained by the Board, one by the Association, and one by the Superintendent.
- D. A teacher engaged during the school day in negotiations on behalf of the Association with any representative of the Board shall be released from regular duties without loss of salary. If the meeting during the day is at the initiative of the Association, the Association shall arrange coverage of classes missed with regular staff members who shall give up their conference periods without pay. If the meeting is at the initiative of the Board, the Board shall provide for the staff members released from their duties.

ARTICLE 23 DEFINITIONS OF TERMS

- A. Immediate Family includes:
 - Spouse
 - Parents and step-parents of employee and/or spouse
 - Child/children (own, adopted, step, and/or legal foster)
 - Brothers and sisters (also, step and half brothers and sisters)
- B. Eligible Employee shall mean each and every employee covered by the recognition.
- C. Service shall mean continuous employment in a school or schools of the District.

Article 23 (cont.)

- D. A Professional Learning Community (PLC) is a group of educators sharing their expertise, experience, and skills to enhance their practice to help all students succeed as learners. PLC responsibilities include but are not limited to:
- Analyzing, reflecting upon, and sharing instructional strategies
 - Grading and analyzing assessments
 - Collecting, analyzing and presenting data

ARTICLE 24 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Association and the Board subscribe to the principle that differences regarding interpretation of this Master Agreement shall be resolved by peaceful and appropriate means without interruption of the school system. The Association and its agents and the Board of Education, therefore, agree that it shall not authorize, instigate, cause, aid, encourage, ratify, or condone a slow-down or stoppage of work, boycott, or any other interruption of activities by teachers in the North Branch school system to enforce the terms of this Agreement.
- B. Nothing in this Article shall require the Board to keep the schools open in the event of severe inclement weather or when otherwise prevented by an Act of God. When the District is closed to students due to the above conditions, teachers shall not be required to report for duty.
- C. This Agreement incorporates the full thinking of the parties on negotiable subjects. No agreement, alteration, understanding, or modification herein shall be made by any employee or group of employees with the Board, unless executed in writing between the parties, and the same has been ratified by the Board and the Association.
- D. This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or past practices of the Board which shall be contrary to, or inconsistent with, the terms of this Agreement. Past practices shall not be recognized, unless committed to writing and incorporated into this Agreement.
- E. If any provisions of the Agreement or any application of this Agreement to the Association and/or Board shall be found contrary to law, then such provisions or application shall be deemed invalid. However, other provisions and applications shall continue to be in full force and effect.

ARTICLE 25 EARLY RETIREMENT INCENTIVE PLAN

The Early Retirement Incentive (ERI) Plan will be discontinued upon ratification of this contract and is only available to employees hired prior to December 1, 2006 as follows. Teachers with eleven or more years of service at North Branch Area Schools at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year will be entitled to the ERI based on the provisions of this Article. Teachers with less than eleven years at the beginning of the 2006-2007 school year must have accumulated 150 unused sick days to be eligible for the ERI plan.

RESTRICTIONS AND QUALIFICATIONS

- A. A teacher who has taught in North Branch Area Schools for at least twenty (20) years and who qualifies for retirement under the State Retirement System may, at his/her option terminate employment and receive a stipend. The teacher who terminates his employment, pursuant to this Article, will receive an annual stipend based on the schedule in paragraph F.
- B. No more than five (5) teachers may retire under this Plan per year and must submit their request by May 1st of the school year they are planning to retire. The Board may consider other applicants in addition to this number.
- C. Benefits will be deemed non-elective employer contributions and will be deposited to the employee's Section 403(b) tax sheltered annuity with MEA Financial Services/Paradigm Equities Plan (Plan) in 24 equal monthly installments beginning in February for mid year retirees or September for school year retirees.
- D. No subsequent contract negotiations shall alter benefits awarded employees under this Article.

Article 25 (cont.)

E. Benefits of the program will continue through the 24th installment; to be deposited to the Plan for benefit of the designated beneficiary should the retired employee die before the final installment has been made.

F. STIPEND SCHEDULE

Plan 1: During the first and second year of qualifying for retirement, a stipend of \$18,000 will be deposited on behalf of the applicant into the Plan in 24 equal monthly installments.

Plan 2: During the third and fourth year of qualifying for retirement, a stipend of \$15,000 will be deposited on behalf of the applicant into the Plan in 24 equal monthly installments.

Plan 3: During the fifth year of qualifying for retirement, a stipend of \$12,000 will be deposited on behalf of the applicant into the Plan in 24 equal monthly installments.

A teacher will be eligible for this stipend up to the point in time that he qualifies for Social Security Benefits.

The Early Retirement Plan will be null and void if any portion of the Plan is in violation of any State and/or Federal law.

ARTICLE 26 SENIORITY

A. Seniority shall be defined as the length of continuous service within the bargaining unit. Seniority is lost when resignation, retirement, or termination severs employment. Seniority continues to accumulate while an employee is on paid leave from the school district. Seniority is frozen when a bargaining unit employee is laid-off or on unpaid leave except as otherwise provided in this agreement.

B. In the event more than one individual has the same first day of work, the relative ranking of such persons on the seniority list will be determined by the date of hire. In the event that more than one person has the identical date of hire, position on the seniority list will be determined by a drawing of lots among all affected bargaining unit members. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to conduct this drawing.

C. The employer shall prepare a seniority list no later than October 1 of each school year. This list shall be sent to the Association officers who, in turn, will post such a list in every building for review by the membership. A teacher may challenge their position on the seniority list within 10 days of posting. A committee composed of two teachers and the Superintendent or his/her designee will hear the challenge. The Association president will certify the list no later than October 30 as final and forward it to the Superintendent.

D. Bargaining unit personnel working less than full time will accrue seniority credit as follows:

1. Bargaining unit members working less than half time will accrue ½ *semester seniority credit for each *semester worked.
2. Bargaining unit members working half time or more will accrue full seniority credit for each *semester.

E. To receive seniority credit, salary schedule credit, and longevity credit, bargaining unit employees who take an unpaid leave of absence must work a minimum of 50 days in a *semester.

F. Any teacher who shall be transferred to an administrative position and shall later return to a bargaining unit position shall be entitled to the seniority he/she accumulated as a bargaining unit member prior to becoming an administrator.

G. Seniority shall continue to accrue as it has in the past for the 1999-2000 school year. Provisions of this Article which may be inconsistent with how seniority had accrued in the past will become effective the beginning of the 2000-2001 school year. Seniority earned prior to that time will be the seniority carried forward into the new seniority accrual system.

*For purposes of seniority credit under this article, each semester equates to one half of the scheduled teacher work days.

ARTICLE 27 DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective July 1, 2013 and shall remain in effect until the 30th day of June 2015. An emergency manager appointed under the local government and school district fiscal accountability act, 2011 PA 4, MCL 141.1501 to 141.1531 may reject, modify, or terminate this collective bargaining agreement as provided in the local government and school district fiscal accountability act, 2011 PA 4, MCL 141.1501 to 141.1531.

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DATE: May 24, 2013

DATE: May 28, 2013

The contract was ratified by the NBEA on May 24, 2013 and the Board of Education on May 28, 2013.

Copies of the signed original signature page are on file with the NBEA and Central Administration.

APPENDIX A - School Calendar 2013-2014

DATES	COMMENTS	STUDENTS	TEACHERS
<u>First Trimester</u>			
Aug 26 – 30	Aug 28, 29 2 PLC	0	2
Sept 2 – 6	No School Sept 2 Labor Day, ½ Day Students Sept 3	4	4
Sept 9 – 13		5	5
Sept 16 – 20		5	5
Sept 23 – 27		5	5
Sept 30 – Oct 4	No School Oct 2	4	4
Oct 7 – 11	MEAP Testing	5	5
Oct 14 – 18	MEAP Testing	5	5
Oct 21 – 25	MEAP Make-up	5	5
Oct 28 – Nov 1		5	5
Nov 4 – 8		5	5
Nov 11 – 15	No School Nov 15	4	4
Nov 18 – 22		5	5
Nov 25 – 29	No School Nov 27 PTC, Thanksgiving Break Nov 28, 29	2	3
First Trimester Totals		59	62
<u>Second Trimester</u>			
Dec 2 – 6		5	5
Dec 9 – 13		5	5
Dec 16 – 20		5	5
Dec 23 – Dec 27	Winter Break	0	0
Dec 30 – Jan 3	Winter Break	0	0
Jan 6 – 10		5	5
Jan 13 – 17		5	5
Jan 20 – 24		5	5
Jan 27 – 31		5	5
Feb 3 – 7		5	5
Feb 10 – 14	No School Feb 14 PTC	4	5
Feb 17 – 21		5	5
Feb 24 – 28		5	5
Mar 3 – 7	ACT/MME Testing	5	5
Mar 9 – 14	No Students Mar 14 PLC	4	5
Second Trimester Totals		63	65
<u>Third Trimester</u>			
Mar 17 – 21	ACT/MME Make-up	5	5
Mar 24 – 28		5	5
Mar 31 – Apr 4		5	5
Apr 7 – 11	Spring Break	0	0
Apr 14 – 18	No School Apr 18 Good Friday	4	4
Apr 21 – 25	No School Apr 21	4	4
Apr 28 – May 2		5	5
May 5 – 9		5	5
May 12 – 16		5	5
May 19 – 23		5	5
May 26 – 30	No school May 26 Memorial Day	4	4
Jun 2 – 6		5	5
Jun 9 – 13	^½ day for students Jun 12, Jun 13 PLC	4	5
June 16 – 20	^½ OH Jun 16	0	1
Third Trimester Totals		56	58
School Year Totals		178	185

^Tentative based on snow days

PLC – Professional Learning Communities

Open Houses (OH) and Parent Teacher Conferences (PTC) are scheduled by building (time is built into the calendar)

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<u>First Trimester</u>			
Aug 25 – 29	Aug 27, 28 2 PLC	0	2
Sept 1 – 5	No School Sept 1 Labor Day, ½ Day Students Sept 2	4	4
Sept 8 – 12		5	5
Sept 15 – 19		5	5
Sept 22 – 26		5	5
Sept 29 – Oct 3	No School Oct 3*	4	4
Oct 6 – 10	MEAP Testing	5	5
Oct 13 – 17	MEAP Testing	5	5
Oct 20 – 24	MEAP Make-up	5	5
Oct 27 – 31		5	5
Nov 3 – 7		5	5
Nov 10 – 14	No Students PLC Nov 14	4	5
Nov 17 – 21		5	5
Nov 24 – 28	No School Nov 26 PTC, Thanksgiving Break Nov 27, 28	2	3
First Trimester Totals		59	63
<u>Second Trimester</u>			
Dec 1 – 5		5	5
Dec 8 – 12		5	5
Dec 15 – 19		5	5
Dec 22 – Dec 26	Winter Break	0	0
Dec 29 – Jan 2	Winter Break	0	0
Jan 5 – 9		5	5
Jan 12 – 16		5	5
Jan 19 – 23		5	5
Jan 26 – 30		5	5
Feb 2 – 6		5	5
Feb 9 – 13	No School Feb 13 PTC	4	5
Feb 16 – 20		5	5
Feb 23 – 27		5	5
Mar 2 – 6	ACT/MME Testing	5	5
Mar 8 – 13	No Students Mar 13 PLC	4	5
Second Trimester Totals		63	65
<u>Third Trimester</u>			
Mar 16 – 20	ACT/MME Make-up	5	5
Mar 23 – 27		5	5
Mar 30 – Apr 3	No School Apr 3 Good Friday	4	4
Apr 6 – 10	Spring Break	0	0
Apr 13 – 17		5	5
Apr 20 – 24		5	5
Apr 27 – May 1		5	5
May 4 – 8		5	5
May 11 – 15		5	5
May 18 – 22		5	5
May 25 – 29	No school May 25 Memorial Day	4	4
Jun 1 – 5		5	5
Jun 8 – 12	^½ day for students Jun 12	5	5
June 15 – 19	^½ OH Jun 15	0	1
Third Trimester Totals		58	59
School Year Totals		180	187

^Tentative based on snow days *changes to Oct 1 if homecoming week

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APPENDIX B

2013-2014 Salary Schedule

STEP	BA	BA18	MA or BA35	MA+15	MA+35
0	35,578	37,355	39,599	41,872	44,279
1	36,467	38,327	40,687	42,983	45,452
2	37,355	39,299	41,774	44,093	46,625
3	38,288	40,321	42,923	45,261	47,860
4	39,221	41,343	44,071	46,429	49,095
5	40,202	42,418	45,284	47,660	50,398
6	41,183	43,492	46,497	48,891	51,701
7	42,213	44,622	47,775	50,186	53,071
8	43,243	45,752	49,052	51,480	54,440
9	44,325	46,940	50,402	52,844	55,884
10	45,407	48,128	51,751	54,207	57,327
11	46,542	49,382	53,176	55,645	58,981
12	47,677	50,635	54,600	57,082	60,365
13	48,868	51,951	56,100	58,591	61,965
14	50,058	53,267	57,599	60,100	63,565
15		54,651	59,184	61,696	65,249
16		56,035	60,768	63,292	66,932
17		57,494	62,437	64,969	68,707
18		58,952	64,106	66,646	70,482
19		60,483	65,871	68,414	72,350
20		62,013	67,635	70,182	74,218

- BA stops advancing after step 7 for teachers hired after July 1, 2012 and step 14 for teachers hired prior to July 1, 2012
- Step increase and longevity advancement for 2013-2014
- Year two of the contract 2014-2015
 - Advancement of steps & longevity will be made if the per pupil foundation allowance is minimally \$7,100 (includes base foundation and/or equity payment)
 - If the advancement of the steps & longevity does not occur the two (2) additional days will be removed from the calendar
 - ½% increase in salary schedule will be made if the per pupil foundation allowance is minimally \$7,200 (includes base foundation and/or equity payment)

APPENDIX B-1

Annual Extra Curricular Compensation

- A. Assignment to an extra-curricular position set forth in Appendix B-1 is by annual appointment by the superintendent. Those wishing to be considered for appointment and/or reappointment shall submit a letter of application to the Superintendent by the respective deadline for appointment. Appointment and/or reappointment to a position shall be at the discretion of the Superintendent. Current NBEA members deemed qualified by the Superintendent or his or her designee shall be given priority consideration in all appointments.
- B. The designation of an activity in this Appendix does not require that it shall be implemented unless approved by the Superintendent.
- C. Coaches and Directors shall receive extra pay according to the following schedule. All percentages shall be figured on the BA base on the salary schedule. NBEA Coaches and Directors beginning their third consecutive year in the District in the same sport activity will receive a 1% increase over the regular percentage. Coaches and Directors beginning their fifth consecutive year in the District in the same sport activity will receive a 2% increase over the regular percentage. Coaches and Directors beginning their eighth consecutive year in the District in the same sport activity will receive a 3% increase over the regular percentage.

1. District Music Director	11%
2. Assistant Music Director	9%
3. Counselors working beyond the contractual days shall be paid their daily rate of pay- per diem	
4. Head Coaches	
a. Football/Basketball	11%
b. Volleyball/Wrestling	9%
c. Baseball/Softball/Track/Soccer/Cross Country/Golf/Bowling	8%
5. Sub-Varsity Level and Assistant Coaches	
a. Football/Basketball	7%
b. Baseball/Softball/Track/Volleyball/Soccer/Wrestling Cross Country/Golf	6%
6. Cheerleading	
a. Varsity	7%
b. Junior Varsity	6%
c. Freshman	5%
d. Middle School	4%
7. Middle School Coaches	6%
a. Assistant Middle School Coaches	\$500
8. Auditorium Coordinator	7%

- D. Class Sponsors shall receive extra pay as follows:

1. Grade 12	\$900
2. Grade 11	\$900
3. Grade 10	\$600
4. Grade 9	\$600
5. Grade 8	\$600
6. Grade 7	\$450
7. Grade 6	\$450

- E. Pay for extra duties shall be as follows:

1. Yearbook	
High School	4%
Middle School Yearbook	3%
2. School Play Director/Assistant	\$1400 per play
3. Forensics (7-12)	4%
Assistant (7-12)	3%
4. National Honor Society	4%

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5. Student Government	
High School	4%
High School Assistant	2%
Middle School	2%
Middle School Assistant	1%

6. Quiz Bowl	
High School	
Fall	\$500
Winter	\$500
Middle School	\$300

F. Stipends for Department Heads, Curriculum Coordinators, Grade Level Coordinators (as defined in Article 7), School Improvement, Base Team are as follows:

1. High School (9-12)	\$4,000
2. Quest (10-12)	\$600
3. Middle School (7-8)	\$2,000
4. Ruth Fox Elementary (5-6)	\$2,000
5. NB Elementary (K-4)	\$5,000

G. Substituting - Per Period \$18.00

H. Faculty Tutors \$22.00 per hour

NOTE: All percentages are based on the BA base salary.