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**SKILLED TRADES**  
(AFSCME Local #2071)

**MASTER  
AGREEMENT**

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# Skilled Trades Master Agreement

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## **AGREEMENT**

This Agreement entered into this first day of July 1, 2013, between the Bedford Public School District, Monroe County, Michigan, here-in-after referred to as the "employer" and Local #2071 Skilled Trades affiliated with Council #25 and the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), here-in-after referred to as the "Union".

This agreement shall not prevent an emergency manager appointed under the local government and school district fiscal accountability act to reject, modify, or terminate the collective bargaining agreement as provided in the local government and school district fiscal accountability act. Furthermore the act does not confer a right to bargain that would infringe on the exercise of powers under the local government and school district fiscal accountability act. Any provisions required therein are prohibited subjects of bargaining under the act. *[This new provision is mandated to be included in all new collective bargaining agreements. It is irrelevant as to whether the Union or the District agreed or disagreed to its inclusion. See MCL 423.215, et al]*

### **ARTICLE ONE (1) - PURPOSE AND INTENT**

It is the general purpose of this Agreement to set forth terms and conditions of employment and to promote orderly and peaceful labor relations for the mutual interest of the employer, the employees, the Union, and the community. To these ends, the employer and the Union encourage to the fullest degree friendly and cooperative relations between the respective representatives at all levels and among all employees. All parties to this Agreement recognize and subscribe to the principle that the interest of the students and the citizens of the school district are significant, and neither the employer nor the employees can maintain community respect in the absence of excellent and dependable service. NOTE: The headings used in this Agreement and the exhibits neither add to, nor subtract from, the meaning, but are for reference only.

### **ARTICLE TWO (2) - RECOGNITION**

Pursuant to and in accordance with all applicable provisions of Act No. 379 of the Public Acts of 1965, the employer does hereby recognize the Union as the exclusive representative of all Skilled Trades job classifications: carpenter, plumber, electrician, HAVC, skilled trades assistants, maintenance and warehouse employees which are exclusive of secretaries, clerks, supervisory, administrative, and instructional personnel, for the purpose of collective bargaining in respect to pay, wages, hours of employment, and other conditions of employment for the term of this Agreement.

All provisions of this Agreement shall be applied uniformly to all employees within the bargaining unit, unless otherwise contained herein.

### **ARTICLE THREE (3) - UNION SECURITY**

- A. All regular full-time employees in the bargaining unit as listed in Article 2 -Recognition, may join the Union by paying dues/agency fee to the Union as requested to be paid by all members of the Union upon hire.

- B. Nothing contained within this Article will involve the use of District resources or personnel other than upon written request from the Union the Employer will provide the Union with a listing of all bargaining unit member addresses and phone numbers currently on file with the Employer's Human Resources and Labor Relations Department.
- C. In the event a bargaining unit member does not join or opts to not pay dues as required to be a good member in standing, he/she will be deemed not in good standing. Members in good standing are afforded all rights available to them under the Local, Council and International AFSCME Constitutions. Only members in good standing may attend and vote at any Union meeting. A member in good standing is a person who:
1. Has signed and submitted an official AFSCME Payroll Authorization/Dues Deduction Form to the Union.
  2. Is not in arrears on payment of dues;
  3. Is eligible to attend any Union meeting;
  4. Is eligible to vote on motions/issues and contracts; and
  5. Bargaining Unit members who do not join and are not considered in good standing will not receive any adverse employment action from either the Employer or AFSCME, including discipline or discharge.
- D. It is the responsibility of the Union to inform every member in the bargaining unit and each employee newly hired into the bargaining unit of the dues paying option defined above.
- E. It is expressly agreed that any member not in good standing who requests the Union to use the grievance/arbitration procedure on his/her behalf, will be required to pay to the Union the reasonable costs of the arbitration proceedings in advance. The Union, prior to the inception of the grievance procedure, and also prior to the beginning of the arbitration procedure, will advise the grievant in writing of the reasonable costs of using such procedure and will have no obligation to proceed on behalf of the employee prior to receiving the full payment of such costs. Moreover, should the costs of the grievance or arbitration procedure exceed the Union's estimate of reasonable costs, the member will thereafter be liable for any such difference. However, employee payments to the Union will not involve the use of District resources or personnel unless ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- F. The Union will indemnify the Employer and hold it harmless against any loss or claims for damages, including reasonable attorney fees resulting from adherence to this Article.
- G. In the event that any provision of this Article is found to be unlawful, it will not void any other provision of the Agreement, all of whose provisions will remain in full force and effect. The parties will agree on substitute language that will effectuate the purpose of the section to the fullest extent permitted by law. If the parties cannot agree on the appropriate language, the matter will be submitted to an arbitrator pursuant to the Grievance Procedure at the arbitrator step forthwith to render an expedited opinion on language.

#### **ARTICLE FOUR (4) - AID TO OTHER UNIONS**

- A. The employer will not aid, promote, or finance any labor group or organization purporting to represent employees in the unit set forth in "Article One" (1) which purports to engage in collective bargaining or make any agreement with any such group or organization for the purpose of undermining the Union.

#### **ARTICLE FIVE (5) - STEWARDS AND REPRESENTATION**

- A. The employees shall be represented by stewards as follows: One (1) steward shall be elected to represent all skilled trade employees. An alternate steward may be appointed by the president of the Union or their designated representative to replace the regular steward in the event of extended illness or absence.
- B. To qualify for a stewardship, the employee shall have at least one (1) year's seniority.
- C. The Union shall notify the employer, in writing, as to who the designated stewards are as soon as practicable after their election, selection, or appointment.
- D. It is mutually recognized that the principle of proportional steward representation, which reflects the increase and decrease in the work force, is a sound and sensible basis for determining proper representation.
- E. Any additional representation shall be subject to the mutual agreement of the parties.
- F. The Board will provide the Union with ten (10) days per contract year to be used at the discretion of the Union. The Union may charge time spent in collective bargaining, special conferences, grievance hearings, and other Union business to these days. Any additional time for meetings for collective bargaining, special conferences, and grievance hearings, shall occur during non-working hours. The employer will receive twenty-four (24) hours advance notification for activities other than special conferences, collective bargaining, and grievance hearings. The Union may accumulate and carry up to fifteen (15) days. Authorization for the use of these days for activities specified shall be by written letter from the local president. The employee authorized to use said days shall receive their full pay and benefits.

#### **ARTICLE SIX (6) - SPECIAL CONFERENCES**

- A. Special conferences for important matters may be arranged between the Chapter Chair and the Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations or their designated representative upon request of either party. Such meetings shall be between the employer and at least two (2) representatives of the Union. Arrangements for such special conferences shall be made in advance and a written agenda of the matters to be taken up at the meetings shall be presented at the time the conference is requested. Matters taken up in the special conferences shall be confined to those included in the agenda. Conferences shall be held as needed on a mutually agreeable date. The members of the Union shall not lose time or pay for time spent in such special conferences. A representative of the International Union and/or the Council may attend this meeting.
- B. In addition to Special Conference, there shall be a Labor-Management Committee established which shall meet based upon the written request of either party. Arrangements for said meeting shall be by mutual agreement and a written agenda of

issues to be discussed shall be submitted in advance. This committee shall meet on a continuing basis. The intent of these meetings is to proactively discuss concerns affected by either party, create a positive harmonious relationship between the parties and to strengthen the quality of work life.

- C. The parties will create a safety committee consisting of one (1) representative appointed by the AFSCME Local #2071 Union representing the following groups: one (1) skilled trade, one (1) utility, one (1) maintenance, and one (1) custodial. Monthly meetings will be held as mutually agreed upon by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance or designee.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN (7) - GRIEVANCE AND ARBITRATION**

- A. It is mutually agreed that all grievances, disputes, or complaints, arising under and during the terms of this Agreement shall be settled in accordance with the procedure herein provided and there shall at no time be any strikes, tie-ups of equipment, slowdowns, walkouts, or any other cessation of work through the use of any method of lockout or legal proceedings.
- B. Every effort shall be made to adjust controversies and disagreements in an amicable manner between the employer and the Union.
- C. Should any grievance, dispute, or complaint arise over the interpretation or application of the contents of this Agreement, there shall be an earnest effort on the part of the parties to settle such promptly through the following steps:

### STEP ONE (1)

The Union steward and/or aggrieved employee shall, within twenty (20) working days of the occurrence or point of information, present the grievance orally to the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance. The Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance shall attempt to adjust the matter.

### STEP TWO (2)

If the grievance has not been settled at Step One (1), it shall be presented in writing by the Union steward and/or aggrieved employee to the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance in the same time frame as Step One (1). The Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance shall attempt to adjust the matter and their written response to the Union steward and aggrieved employee shall be made within five (5) working days after receiving notification that a grievance exists.

### STEP THREE (3)

If the grievance has not been settled at Step Two (2), it shall be presented in writing by the Union steward and/or aggrieved employee to the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations within ten (10) working days after the response of the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance. The Director of Human Resources and Labor Relations & Labor Relations shall respond in writing to the Union steward and aggrieved employee (with a copy to the local Union president) within fifteen (15) working days after receiving the grievance.

#### STEP FOUR (4)

If the grievance is not settled at Step Three (3), the Union may request the services of a mediator from the Michigan Employment Relations Commission within twenty (20) working days of the date an answer was due in Step Three (3). Mediation shall not exceed twenty (20) working days from the date of the first mediation session.

#### STEP FIVE (5)

- a) If the grievance is still unsettled, the Union may, within thirty (30) working days after Step Four (4) is completed, and by written notice to the other party, request arbitration.
- b) A request for a list of arbitrators will be made to the American Arbitration Association by the Union. The parties will be bound by the rules and procedures of the American Arbitration Association in the selection of the arbitrator.
- c) The arbitrator so selected will hear the matter promptly and will issue his decision not later than thirty (30) days from the date of the close of the hearings. The arbitrator's decision will be in writing and set forth his findings and facts, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue submitted. The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the employee, Union, and employer. The parties shall share the fees and expenses of the arbitrator equally.
- d) All grievances shall set forth specifically the act or condition or conditions and the grounds on which the grievance is based. If the grievance is claiming a breach of contract, the grievance shall set forth specifically the Article and Section of the contract, which is deemed to have been broken.
- e) Stewards may, with the consent of the employer, investigate grievances during the steward's working hours without loss of pay. Beginning with Steps Four (4) and Five (5), the employer agrees that the steward, aggrieved party and the local president shall not lose time for any time spent at those steps of the grievance procedure. Meetings called for in Steps Four (4) and Five (5) shall be at a mutually agreed time.
- f) The grievance at Steps Two (2) and Three (3) shall be answered by the employer with a statement of his reasoning and shall set forth his answer to the grievance.
- g) The parties agree that all meetings held between the local Union and the employer shall be open to a representative of the Council and/or International Union.
- h) The time limits set forth in Steps Two (2) and Five (5) may be extended by mutual written consent of the parties.
- i) Should the Union fail to appeal a grievance within the time limits, the matter shall be deemed settled on the basis of the employer's last answer.
- j) Should an employee choose to pursue an alleged discrimination infraction case under State and Federal law, the Union and the District mutually agree to hold the grievance pending a ruling on said violation.

### **ARTICLE EIGHT (8) - MAINTENANCE OF STANDARDS**

The employer agrees that all clearly established, continuous, and recognized conditions of employment in their individual operation relating to wages, hours, overtime, differentials, and



general working conditions shall be maintained at not less than the highest minimum standards in effect at the time of the signing of this Agreement, and the conditions of employment shall be improved wherever specific provisions for improvement are made elsewhere in the Agreement. It is agreed that the provisions of this section shall not apply to inadvertent or bonafide errors by the employer of the Union in applying the terms and conditions of this Agreement. The parties agree that "Article Eight" (8) is intended to include only those proper practices and minor benefits not covered by the specific language in the contract. Also, "Article Eight" (8) is not intended to conflict with the District's ability and responsibility to manage its affairs.

The party alleging a violation of a past practice as defined herein shall bear burden of proof that the practice has been violated.

#### **ARTICLE NINE (9) - SEPARABILITY AND SAVINGS CLAUSE**

- A. If any article or section of this Agreement or of any riders thereto should be held invalid by operation of law or by any tribunal of competent jurisdiction, or if compliance with or enforcement of any article or section should be restrained by such tribunal pending a final determination as to its validity, the remainder of this Agreement and of any rider thereto, or the application of such article or section to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it has been held invalid or as to which compliance with or enforcement of has been restrained shall not be affected thereby.
- B. In the event that any article or section is held invalid or enforcement of or compliance with which has been restrained as above set forth, the parties affected thereby shall enter into immediate collective bargaining negotiations upon the request of the Union for the purpose of arriving at a mutually satisfactory replacement for such article or section during the period of invalidity or restraint. If the parties do not agree on a mutually satisfactory replacement, either party shall be permitted all legal recourse in support of its demands notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary.

#### **ARTICLE TEN (10) - STRIKES AND LOCKOUTS**

- A. During the term of this Agreement, the Union agrees that it or the employees shall not authorize, sanction, or condone any strike as defined in the Michigan Public Act No. 336, as amended by Public Act No. 379. Strikes shall also be defined to include slowdowns, stoppages, sit-ins, boycotts, or interference of any kind whatsoever with operations at any of the facilities of the Bedford Public School District.
- B. In the event of any such violation of this Article, the Union shall endeavor to return the employees to work as expeditiously and quickly as possible.
- C. No lockout of employees shall be instituted by the employer during the term of this Agreement.
- D. Upon enactment of a law giving bargaining unit employees the right to strike, nothing contained in this Agreement shall conflict or interfere with said right to strike.

## **ARTICLE ELEVEN (11) - DISCHARGE**

- A. The employer shall not discharge any employee without just and stated cause. If, in any case, the employer feels that it has just cause for discharge, the employee involved will first be suspended for five (5) working days. The employer shall schedule a hearing within the suspension period and shall render a written reply to the aggrieved party and steward within two (2) working days from the date of the hearing.
- B. If the matter is not resolved satisfactorily to the Union and/or employee; the Union and/or employee shall have the right to file a grievance beginning at Step Three (3) of the grievance procedure.
- C. Step Four (4) (Mediation). Mediation shall be an optional step to the Union.
- D. This provision is not applicable to an employee during their probationary period.
- E. The employer shall limit their use of the employee's past record with regard to prior discipline to a period of two (2) years.
- F. The employer shall limit use of the employee's past record in regard to prior discipline to a period of two (2) years.
- G. Union and/or employee may take up a discipline at Step Two (2) of the grievance procedure if they feel said discipline was unjust.

## **ARTICLE TWELVE (12) – DISCIPLINE**

- A. The employer shall not discipline an employee without just and stated cause. In so disciplining an employee, written notice of the complaint must be given to the employee within five (5) working days of occurrence. A copy of such notice shall also be given to the steward. Unless such written notice is given to the employee, the employer may not use it as evidence against such employee.
- B. Dismissal, suspension, and/or any other disciplinary action shall be stated with causes with the employees having the right to defend themselves against any and all charges. Written notification of dismissal, suspension, or other disciplinary action shall be sent to the employee within ten (10) working days. The employee, at their option, may notify the Union. Among the causes which may be deemed sufficient for dismissal, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action are the following:
  - 1. Unauthorized or excessive absence from work;
  - 2. For imprisonment following the conviction of any felony criminal act;
  - 3. On the job conduct unbecoming any employee in the public service;
  - 4. Disorderly or immoral conduct;
  - 5. Incapacity due to mental or physical disability;
  - 6. In competency or inefficiency;
  - 7. Insubordination;
  - 8. Bringing intoxicants into or consuming intoxicants on any school property or reporting for work under the influence of intoxicating beverage in any degree whatsoever;
  - 9. Neglect of duty (refusal or failure to perform job assignment);
  - 10. Negligence or willful damage to public property, waste, or misappropriation of public supplies or equipment;

11. Violation of any lawful regulation or order made by a supervisor;
  12. Willful violation of any provisions of this contract;
  13. Deliberate falsification of records and reports;
  14. Conviction of a traffic violation while driving a District vehicle;
  15. Failure to pass state of federally mandated drug and alcohol tests; and
  16. Violation of the District's smoking policy.
- C. The employer shall limit use of the employee's past record in regard to prior discipline to a period of two (2) years.

## **ARTICLE THIRTEEN (13) - SENIORITY**

### **A. PROBATIONARY EMPLOYEES**

1. Seniority shall commence after sixty (60) days worked and shall be retroactive to the date the employee commences regular full time work. If more than one (1) employee commences work on the same day, the order of hiring shall determine the order of seniority. The Union shall represent probationary employees for the purposes of rates of pay, wages, hours, and other conditions of employment as set forth in this Agreement, except discharged or disciplined employees for other than Union activity. After sixty (60) days worked, the employee shall be placed on the regular seniority list with seniority retroactive to the date of hire as a regular full time employee.
2. The first premium of hospitalization insurance for a probationary employee shall be paid by the employer for the month in which the employee shall have accrued thirty (30) working days probation.
3. Benefits from the leave day programs other than holiday leave shall be in accordance with the employee's date of hire and will be available to the employee after and if he completes the probationary period.
4. A probationary employee must work twenty (20) days before he/she is entitled to holiday pay.

### **B. TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES**

1. Temporary employees (maximum of six (6) or more by mutual agreement) are those employees, high school students, college students or other persons hired to work for the purpose of assisting skilled trades. However, before assigning temporary employees, management will notify and discuss with the skilled trades the name of the temporary employees, location, duties, qualifications, and duration of assignment.
2. Temporary employees shall not accrue seniority.
3. Temporary employees shall be outside the coverage of the contract.
4. Temporary employees shall not be used to avoid posting a full time position, which is vacant as described in "Article Fifteen" (15) entitled Job Openings.

5. Temporary employees replacing the regular workforce for vacations, leaves, etc. must have the proper license and experience for the assigned task. Recommendations shall be sought from the skilled trades group.

C. SENIORITY LISTS

1. Seniority shall not be affected by the race, sex, marital status, color, religious creed, age, ancestry, or dependents of the employees.
2. The seniority list on the date of this Agreement shall indicate the names and classifications of all employees of the unit entitled to seniority.
3. The employer shall keep the seniority list up-to-date and shall provide the local membership with up-to-date copies every six (6) months.
4. Upon written request from the Union president, the employer shall provide an up-to-date copy of the seniority list to the president.

D. LOSS OF SENIORITY RESULTING IN TERMINATION

An employee shall lose their seniority for only the following reasons:

1. Resignation;
2. Discharge by the employer not reversed by the grievance procedure;
3. A voluntarily quit absence from work three (3) consecutive days without notification.
4. Consideration will be given to situations of extenuating circumstances beyond the control of the employee.

E. EMPLOYEE LEAVING THE BARGAINING UNIT

If an employee works for the employer in a position outside the bargaining unit, he shall lose all seniority after six (6) calendar months in the non-bargaining unit position. If they return within six (6) calendar months, they shall return to this former position with accumulated seniority. In the event of a layoff, the employee shall have recall rights up to their length of seniority. Once the employee refuses a position, their recall rights are terminated.

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN (14) - JOB OPENINGS**

- A. When a vacancy occurs, the Employer will post the vacancy within thirty (30) working days of said vacancy. If the Employer elects not to fill the vacancy, the Union will be notified.
- B. New Employee Orientation Language. When a vacancy is filled by a newly hired employee to the Skilled Trades department the new bargaining unit member may be made familiar with the provisions of the Agreement and his/her rights and responsibilities there under. The Employer will allow the Local Union President or, if designated, the area steward an opportunity to meet with the new bargaining unit member(s) within thirty (30) days of their arrival within the Local Union's jurisdiction. If the meeting is to take

place during paid work time such meeting time and location will be agreed to in advance (not less than 48 hours, unless mutually agreed otherwise) by the Union representative (not to exceed one person) and the respective immediate supervisor(s) of both the new employee and the Union representative. If there is more than one new hire, such meeting, if on paid work time, will be held to avoid individual employee orientation sessions. If on paid work time said meeting will not exceed sixty (60) minutes and will not trigger overtime. The meeting will be allowed to take place privately in an appropriate location at the worksite agreeable to management whether done during or not done during paid work time.

- C. The job bid will be posted for fourteen (14) working days. It will identify the Classification, job description, wage rate and hours.
- D. Applications will be filed with the Bedford School Human Resources and Labor Relations department. Seniority will be the governing factor, provided the applicant has the ability and qualifications. A committee involving both parties will review and interview all applicants.
- E. The successful bidder will have a thirty (30) day working day trial period unless the employee has previously held the job on or before the thirtieth (30<sup>th</sup>) working day, if the employee does not want the job, the employee will revert back to the job the employee vacated.
- F. When a skilled tradesman is known to be absent for a period of more than sixty (60) workdays; then the employer agrees to post the position as a vacancy. The employee who is on the prolonged absence shall have the right to return to their former position or to a position for which their seniority and ability allows for a period of time up to a maximum of two (2) years from the date the absence began.
- G. The employee who is on the prolonged absence shall have the right to return to a position for which their seniority and ability allows for a period of time up to a maximum of two (2) years from the date the absence began.

#### **ARTICLE FIFTEEN (15) - JOB OPENINGS, TRANSFERS, AND TEMPORARY EMERGENCY ASSIGNMENTS**

- A. In the event an employee is transferred from one (1) position to another in the same classification, the hourly pay rate will remain the same as was paid in the position the employee formerly occupied. If an employee is transferred to a lower classification at the employee's request or at the convenience of the District, the employee will receive the hourly rate called for in the classification the employee is assigned.
- B. A regular employee temporarily assigned to a position of higher classification shall receive the pay for the position to which the employee is temporarily assigned.
- C. A regular employee taken from their regular work temporarily to perform other duties paying a lower rate shall receive the rate of their regular job.

#### **ARTICLE SIXTEEN (16) - LAY-OFFS**

- A. The word "lay-off" means a reduction in the work force due to a decrease of work or lack of operating funds.

- B. In the event that it becomes necessary to temporarily reduce the working force, employees shall be laid off and recalled according to seniority, provided the senior employee has the ability and the qualifications to perform the job. On lay-offs, temporary, probationary, and substitute employees, full and part time, shall be laid off first. It shall be further understood that in the event of a lay-off, the Union and management will meet and discuss all aspects of the lay-off to make sure the contract is adhered to and an orderly lay-off process is followed. The seniority list will be updated at this point for lay-off purposes.
- C. Employees to be laid off shall have at least two (2) weeks' notice of the lay-off. The local Union president shall receive a list from the employer of the employees being laid off on the date the notices are issued to the employees.
- D. Anything above notwithstanding, and regardless of their positions on the seniority list, the president and chief steward shall, in that order, in the event of a lay-off, be continued at work on the first open job in the unit, which they can perform.
- E. Employees who are displaced because of job elimination or lay-off shall have the right to replace other workers in the same classification or lower in this bargaining unit with less seniority.

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN (17) - RECALL PROCEDURE**

- A. When the working force is increased after a lay-off, the skilled trade employees shall be recalled according to seniority.
- B. Notice of recall shall be sent to the employee at his last known address in writing. Within forty-eight (48) hours after receipt of the recall notice the employee shall notify the employer of his intention to return to work and within ten (10) working days after receipt of the recall notice, he shall return to work. In proper cases exceptions shall be made. Failure to conform to this provision shall mean that the employee shall be considered to have severed their employment.

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN (18) - LINE OF RESPONSIBILITY**

Skilled trade employees shall be directly responsible to the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance or designee.

**ARTICLE NINETEEN (19) – PART TIME EMPLOYEES**

- A. A part time employee is defined as an employee who is scheduled to work more than twenty hours per week but less than a full time employee.
- B. Part time employees will be chosen based on the specific district need (helpers for carpenters will have to show interest in a carpenter like career, electrical helpers in an electrical career, etc).
- C. Part time employees shall not be used to avoid filling full time positions.
- D. Part time employees shall be paid holiday pay commensurate to the hours worked the week before and the week after the holiday.

- E. Part time employees are not eligible for any other benefits including vacation pay, sick pay, or hospitalization coverage.
- F. The skilled trade person involved with part time employees will be consulted and be made part of the interviewing team.

**ARTICLE TWENTY (20) - SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENTS**

All proposed supplemental agreements or memorandum of understanding to this Agreement shall be subject to good faith negotiation between the employer and the Union. They shall be ratified or rejected by the Skilled Trades bargaining unit within a period of thirty (30) days following the conclusion of negotiations.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE (21) - RECORD EXAMINATION**

The employer may allow the proper accredited Union representative the right to examine time sheets and any other records pertaining to the computation of compensation of any employee whose pay is in dispute or any other records of the School Board pertaining to a specific grievance.

Vacation, sick, and personal business day balances must be kept up to date and verified at the end of each quarter. A hard copy of the balances must be given to the union members to sign if they agree with the balances tracked in the Human Resources and Labor Relations Office. If a disagreement occurs, information on the time sheet will be the determining factor. If there is no response from the union member within five (5) working days, it shall be considered accurate.

**ARTICLE TWENTY POINT ONE (20.1) SKILLED TRADES ASSISTANTS**

- A. There will be two (2) part-time twenty (20) hour per week Skilled Trade Assistant positions.
- B. These positions were created to assist and otherwise work under the direction of the other staffed Skilled Trades classifications.
- C. They will receive one-half (1/2) of the vacation pay, sick pay, holidays and hospitalization coverage provided to the Carpenter, Plumber, Electrician, and HVAC Technician classifications. Defined as follows:

1. Vacation Days:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Day(s)/Hours Per Month</b>
Zero (0) to Seven (7) years	One-Half (1/2) day or 4 hrs
Over Seven (7) to Fifteen (15) years	Three-Quarters (3/4) day or 6 hrs
Over Fifteen (15) years	One (1) day or 8 hrs

- 2. Sick Days: One-half (1/2) or four (4) hours per month of employment.
- 3. Holidays: One-half (1/2) or four (4) hours pay for each of the holidays noted in Article 29 – Holidays.

4. Hospitalization: The District will pay up to 50% of the applicable premium hard cap for single, two-person, or family insurance coverage per the plans offered in Article 41 for full time Skilled Trade employees.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO (22) - BULLETIN BOARDS**

- A. The employer shall provide space on bulletin boards in the skilled trade area building. Space will be reserved for the following:
  1. Notice of Union meeting;
  2. Notices of Union elections and their results, where said notice pertains to Local #2071; and
  3. Notices of Union recreational and social events.
- B. The Union agrees on behalf of its membership that it will not destroy, mutilate, or deface material placed on the bulletin board by the employer. No political material may be placed upon the bulletin board.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE (23) - SAFETY**

- A. The employer shall maintain reasonable safety precautions at all times. Under no circumstances will an employee be required or assigned to work involving dangerous equipment, or in violation of an applicable status, court order, or governmental regulation relating to safety of person or equipment.
- B. Employees shall immediately, or at the end of their shift, report all defects of equipment. Such report shall be made on a suitable form furnished by the employer. The employer shall not require an employee to use equipment that has been reported as being in an unsafe operating condition until it has been repaired, reviewed, or approved as being safe.
- C. When there is a question as to whether the equipment is or is not in a safe operating condition, the Chapter Chair and the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance shall forthwith review the equipment, situation, and condition in a meaningful attempt to rectify any alleged unsafe condition. During such time the employee shall not be required to operate such equipment if it presents a danger to their health or safety. If the matter remains unsettled, the employee and/or Union would have the right to proceed with the complaint through the grievance procedure beginning at Step Three (3).
- D. No employee shall be asked to engage in any work of danger that takes trained personnel; i.e., bomb scare, high voltage lines, etc.
- E. The employer shall provide for the safety and health of its employees and will provide protective devices and other equipment necessary to protect the employee from injury or sickness caused by unsafe conditions. Approval for reasonable safety shoe reimbursement for skilled trade employees will be made by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance or Maintenance Supervisor. In addition, once each two (2) years the employer will pay one-half (1/2) the cost of prescription safety glasses that must be purchased through the employer's program, however, the employer will not pay the cost of the physician's examination to obtain the prescription.



- F. The Board will provide up to six (6) uniforms a year for skilled trade employees, up to a maximum of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250), not to include cleaning, etc. The Board may provide information for the Union to consider for purchase of same. There will be no cash payments in lieu of being provided uniforms.
- G. Necessary foul weather and protective clothing will be provided to the skilled trade employees as determined by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance or designee.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR (24) - PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS AND TUBERCULOSIS TEST**

- A. If a physical examination is required of all newly employed personnel, the choice of physicians shall be the Board's, and the expense of this examination is borne by the employer. The Board will reimburse the employee for this expense when the business office is presented with a statement from the doctor. The report of physical examination must be returned to the Personnel Office before employment begins.
- B. A statement from a qualified physician regarding the condition of an employee's health may be required whenever such is deemed necessary by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE (25) - BOARD'S RIGHTS**

- A. The Board, on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the school District, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, all the powers, rights, authority, duties, and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the school code and the laws of the state, the constitution of the State of Michigan and/or the United States. Such rights, duties, etc., shall include, by way of illustration and not by way of limitation, the right to:
  - 1. Manage and control its business, its equipment, and its operations, and to direct the working forces and affairs of the entire school system within the boundaries of the school District of Bedford;
  - 2. Continue its rights, policies and practices of assignment and direction of its personnel, determine the number of personnel and schedule all the foregoing;
  - 3. Direct the working force, including the right to establish and/or eliminate positions, to hire, evaluate, promote, suspend, and discharge employees, transfer employees, assign work or duties to employees, determine the size of the work force and to lay-off employees;
  - 4. Determine the services, supplies and equipment necessary to continue its operation and to determine all methods and means of distributing the above and establishing standards of operation, the means, methods, and processes of carrying on the work;
  - 5. Determine the qualifications of employees, including physical conditions.
  - 6. Adopt rules and regulations;
  - 7. Determine the location or relocation of its facilities, including the establishment or relocation of new schools, buildings, departments, division or sub-divisions

- thereof and the relocation or closing of offices, departments, divisions or sub-divisions, buildings, or other facilities;
8. Determine the financial policies, including all accounting procedures, and all matters pertaining to public relations;
  9. Determine the size of the management organization, its functions, authority, amount of supervision, and table of organization.
- B. It is further recognized that the Board, in meeting such responsibility and exercising its powers and rights, acts through its administrative staff.
- C. The listing of specific management rights in this agreement is not intended to be nor shall be restrictive of, or a waiver of, any rights of management not listed and specifically surrendered herein, whether or not such rights have been exercised by the Board in the past.
- D. The Board shall continue to have the exclusive right to establish, modify, or change any conditions except those covered by provision of this Master Agreement.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX (26) - LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

- A. Leave of absence without pay may be granted for any reasonable causes. These leaves are to be agreed upon by the employer and the Union. The maximum leave of absence shall not exceed two (2) months. No leave shall be granted to obtain other employment.
- B. Any employee on sick leave who has exhausted all sick leave and vacation time and is not receiving any compensation shall be considered to be on sick leave without pay, not on leave of absence without pay. When the employee returns to work, they will be placed in their former position. Without clearance from the school physician, the employer shall not be required to reinstate any person who is not medically capable of performing the duties applicable to their position. However, if there is a position for which the employee can perform, the parties shall meet in special conference to resolve the issue.
- C. Employees may be granted a leave of absence without pay, not to exceed one (1) month in a calendar year, for education purposes for attending conferences, seminars, briefing sessions, or other functions of a similar nature that are intended to improve or upgrade the individual's skills or knowledge with reference to their work or position. Such leave, however, shall be limited to no more than three (3) employees per year.
- D. **MATERNITY LEAVE** - The maternity/pregnancy of an employee shall be deemed an illness, therefore, the employee is eligible for all benefits provided in "Article Thirty-Three" (33) - **SICK LEAVE**.
- E. **PARENTAL LEAVE** - An employee who, having completed one (1) year of service, shall be granted a leave of absence not to exceed one (1) year for the reasons of birth or adoption of a child, acquires a family by marriage, or assumes legal responsibility of a family.
- F. **FAMILY MEDICAL LEAVE** - The employer agrees to abide by the Family and Medical Leave Act. A family medical leave shall be in addition to the leaves in this Article. The employee shall be placed in their former position in accordance with Section B of this Article.
- G. **UNION BUSINESS** - A member of the Union selected by the Union to participate in Union business, conferences, seminars or conventions, shall be granted a leave of

absence without pay at the request of the Union, provided at least two (2) weeks' notice is given. A leave of absence for such Union activity shall not exceed one (1) month; nor shall more than three (3) such leaves be granted for such a leave during a calendar year.

H. All employees granted a leave of absence for one (1) month or more shall notify the employer of their intention to return to work within five (5) working days of the expiration date of the leave of absence (except for maternity leave as set forth above.)

I. An employee may return to work prior to the expiration of a leave of absence, provided the employee gives the employer at least three (3) working days' notice of their desire to return. The employer may, at its discretion, waive the notice requirement on a case-by-case basis.

J. Any request for a leave of absence shall:

1. Be submitted in writing by the employee to the employer prior to the leave.
2. Failure to file a timely request may be considered as a no-call no-show. The request shall state the reason the leave of absence is being requested and the approximate length of time off the employee desires.
3. Authorization for a leave of absence shall be furnished to the employee by the employer and it shall be in writing.
4. Any request for a leave of absence shall be answered within 10 working days.
5. In addition to accruing seniority while on any leave of absence granted under the provisions of this Article, the employee shall be returned to the position they held at the time the leave of absence was requested.
6. Upon the employee's return from a leave of absence, they will receive all seniority rights and all benefits shall be based on their total length of service that shall include their leave time.

K. Absence for other than illness may be granted on approval by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance. Any such request should be made at least one (1) week prior to the date of anticipated absence.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN (27) - MILITARY SERVICE**

An employee called for National Guard duty or training shall be compensated for the difference between their regular pay and the gross amount received for the performance of such obligation. The employee shall present to the Director of Buildings & Grounds a signed statement from his commanding officer or the officer's designee stating the gross amount paid for this service to the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations. Reimbursement under this paragraph shall be limited to thirty (30) calendar days.

#### **ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT (28) - JOB RELATED COURT APPEARANCES**

Any employee involved in an accident while on duty, who is subpoenaed or who is required by the employer to appear in court due to their accident, shall suffer no loss in pay.

**ARTICLE TWENTY-NINE (29) - HOLIDAYS**

A. The following named holidays shall be paid for at the rate of eight (8) times the regular hourly rate of pay in addition to any monies earned by the employee on such holidays even when not worked regardless of the day of the week on which it falls, provided the employee complies with the qualifications set forth herein. The paid holidays are:

Labor Day	Christmas Day	Presidents' Day
Thanksgiving Day	New Year's Eve	Good Friday
Day after Thanksgiving	New Year's Day	Memorial Day
Christmas Eve	Martin Luther King Day	Fourth of July

The employee is allowed one (1) day every contract for licensing purposes.

B. In order to qualify for eight (8) hours of straight time pay for a holiday not worked, it is provided that the regular employee must work the regularly scheduled work day which immediately precedes and follows the holiday unless the employee is on paid sick leave, on vacation, or unless the absence is mutually agreed to.

1. Persons on sick leave without pay are not eligible for holiday pay.
2. Employees must be employed by the Board for a period of twenty (20) working days before becoming eligible for holiday pay.
3. An employee off work and receiving Workers' Compensation will receive holiday pay for holidays falling within the first (1<sup>st</sup>) six (6) months of Workers' Compensation coverage.
4. If an employee is required to work on a holiday, time and one-half (1 1/2) shall be paid for all time allowed by the employee's supervisor. This is in addition to regular holiday pay.
5. In the event the holiday falls within the employee's vacation period, they shall be granted an additional day to compensate for the holiday.

**ARTICLE THIRTY (30) - VACATIONS**

Vacation days shall be computed according to the following schedule:

<b>Years of Service</b>	<b>Day(s) Per Month</b>
Zero (0) to Seven (7) years	One (1) day
Over Seven (7) to Fifteen (15) years	One and one-half (1.5) days
Over Fifteen (15) years	Two (2) days

- A. An employee who is in continuous employment for six (6) months shall have all of their employment count toward vacation days. In the event an employee leaves prior to six (6) months of continuous employment, no vacation time shall be allowed.
- B. If an employee is laid off or retired, they shall be paid for any unused vacation days. Any employee who quits after two (2) years of service shall be paid for any unused vacation days.

- C. Time off without pay shall not count toward vacation earnings if the employee is off without pay for the majority of the month.
- D. The employee who accumulates compensatory time will have one (1) year from that accumulated date to use compensatory time or it will be paid out at the rate accumulated.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-ONE (31) - JURY DUTY**

An employee called for jury duty or subpoenaed as a witness to give testimony before any judicial tribunal agree that monies paid to the employee shall be given to the district; the district agrees to pay employee for the day wages. The employee may keep any mileage reimbursement given.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-TWO (32) - OCCUPATIONAL DISABILITY**

Any employee in any work classification covered by this Agreement who has been incapacitated at their regular work or by injury or compensable occupational disease while employed by the Board may be employed in other work in the various departments of the school system at work they can perform.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-THREE (33) - SICK LEAVE**

The following sick leave policy is applicable to full-time employees covered by this Master Agreement:

- A. Any employee absent from duty due to illness or injury shall be paid full salary for the period of said absence covered by earned sick leave.
- B. Sick leave is accumulated on the basis of one (1) day per month of employment for full-time Skilled Trades employees. Sick leave is accumulated on the basis of one-half (1/2) day per month of employment for part-time Skilled Trades employees.
- C. The number of days of sick leave not used during the year shall be unlimited in accumulation.
- D. Upon retirement, employees shall receive a full day's pay for each unused accumulated sick day not to exceed twenty-five (25) days. Beginning on the twenty-sixth (26th) day, each unused accumulated sick day will pay one-half (1/2) day's pay, not to exceed one hundred (100) days. Beginning with the one hundred and first (101) day, each unused accumulated sick day will be paid at fifty dollars (\$50) per day not to exceed one hundred and twenty-five (125) days.
- E. Upon the death of an employee, payment of unused sick leave as per Section D shall be made to the employee's estate.
- F. A medical certificate may be required by the supervisor at the employee's expense as evidence of an employee's illness or injury if the employee is sick or injured for three (3) or more consecutive working days.
- G. An employee who reports on sick leave must notify the home or office of the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance prior to their starting time before compensation will be allowed except in cases of emergency. An employee must report or make arrangements each day of sick leave.

- H. In the case of pregnancy, an employee will provide a two (2) week notice or notice as soon as possible.
- I. An employee absent due to the illness of members of his family may choose to deduct these days from his sick leave. Family is to be defined as: father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife or child. Absence due to extremely serious illness of a mother-in-law, father-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, grandmother or grandfather may also be deducted from these days if the employee chooses.
- J. Employees covered by the terms of this contract may use four (4) days per year for personal business. Those employees with ten (10) or more years in the Skilled Trades unit may use five (5) days per year for personal business. These days will not be deducted from accumulated sick leave days; however, if these days are not used for personal business days, they will be added to the vacation bank at the end of the fiscal year. Forms to request the use of personal business days are provided by the Board and rules governing the use of personal business days are found on the request form. All requests for personal time off (i.e., vacation day (s), personal business day (s), and days without pay) require one (1) working day notice, except in case of emergency. Requests must be submitted to the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance. Employees shall not be required to give a reason for the use of a personal business day.
- K. Sick leave accrued shall not be disturbed in any of the following cases:
  - 1. Absence on leave without pay.
  - 2. Transfer from one (1) classification or department to another.
  - 3. Full time employee recalled from lay-off.
- L. The Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance shall certify to the legitimacy of a claim for compensation for absence.
- M. Days already accumulated by a full time employee prior to the adoption of this policy shall remain in force.
- N. Employees reporting at the beginning of their work period, who are forced to leave anytime after three (3) hours of work because of illness or death in the family, shall be counted absent one-half (1/2) day. Employees that are forced to leave before three (3) hours of work for the same reasons shall be counted absent for a full day.
- O. In the event of a contagious disease, the employee's reinstatement can be made only after medical clearance.
- P. Three (3) additional months of health insurance premiums shall be paid by the employer when an employee is sick or injured and has exhausted his sick leave and vacation leave.
- Q. If an employee has perfect attendance (nothing charged against sick leave and no time off without pay) they will be given one (1) extra day of sick leave for the period from July 1 to December 31 and one (1) day for the period January 1 to June 30.
- R. Annual attendance bonus will be paid two (2) times per year with payments in January and July. (Example: July 1 to December 31 and January 1 to June 30) in the amount of three hundred dollars (\$300) per each six (6) month time period for perfect attendance.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-FOUR (34) - BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

Leaves of absence with pay not chargeable to any other leave allowance shall be granted for the following reasons:

A maximum of five (5) days for a death in the immediate family. Immediate family shall be interpreted as father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother, sister, spouse, child, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, or grandchild. Step relatives within the definition of the immediate family shall include step-mother, step-father, step-sister, step-brother, step-child, and step-grandchild. A maximum of three (3) days will be allowed for the death of a grandparent, resident dependent of the immediate household, legal guardian, or step-in-law ( father, mother, sister, brother, daughter, or son). A maximum of one (1) day will be allowed for the death of a niece, nephew, aunt, or uncle. If travel time is necessary, the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations shall determine the length of reasonable travel time allowed. A request for such leave shall be made within three (3) working days of appropriate notification of the death.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-FIVE (35) - REPORTING TIME**

Any employee reporting for work on their regular scheduled time who is sent home through no fault of their own shall be paid for four (4) hours work at the regular rate of pay, but the employee must remain available for work for the four (4) hour period they are being paid.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-SIX (36) - PAID FOR TIME**

- A. All employees shall be paid for all time spent in the service of the employer. Time will be figured from the time an employee is required to begin their work until they are released from duty.
- B. LUNCH PERIOD - Personal schedules allow one-half (1/2) hour for lunch.
- C. BREAK PERIOD - Employees covered by this Agreement are entitled to a break period for each four (4) hours of work. The break periods will be of fifteen (15) minutes duration. Personnel will remain on the site to which they are assigned during their break period.
- D. ABSENCE FROM WORK DURING SCHEDULED WORK HOURS - Employees covered by this Agreement will remain on the site to which they are assigned during the scheduled working hours except in case of extreme emergency, during lunch period, or with prior approval of the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance.

#### **ARTICLE THIRTY-SEVEN (37) - WORK WEEK**

- A. The workweek for all employees on a full-time basis shall consist of five (5) eight (8) hour days.
- B. The workweek to start Monday and end Friday except where shift work prevails. Excluded from this section shall be security personnel.

- C. During weeks when students are not in session, it may be mutually beneficial for shift work to be adjusted to four days. The length of days and duration of adjusted shift week work will be agreed prior to implementation by both the District and Union.

**ARTICLE THIRTY-EIGHT (38) - CALL IN TIME**

Any skilled trade employee that is called to work outside their regular assigned working hours shall receive a minimum of three (3) hours' compensation.

**ARTICLE THIRTY (39) - PAY DAYS**

Existing paydays and pay periods shall be two (2) weeks in arrears.

**ARTICLE FORTY (40) - OVERTIME AND PREMIUM ROTATION**

- A. Any hours worked over a regular eight (8) hour shift will be paid at the minimum rate of time and one-half (1 1/2).
- B. Overtime shall be allowed under emergency conditions and must be approved by the Director of Building, Grounds, and Maintenance in advance.
- C. All work on Saturday will be at a rate of time and one-half (1 1/2) the employee's regular pay rate. All work on Sunday will be at the rate of double time (2). A non-working employee will receive straight time for applicable holidays; therefore, an employee who works on a holiday will receive straight time and time and one-half, equaling that of two and one-half (2 ½) times the regular pay rate total.
- D. All time worked on emergency basis over eight (8) hours per day or forty (40) hours per week shall be considered as overtime pay. All paid leave days will be counted in computing the forty (40) hours. Overtime is to be computed on the basis of the following:

<b>Amount of Time Worked:</b>	<b>Time Allowed Per Day:</b>
Zero (0) to Seven (7) Minutes	No time Allowed
Eight (8) to Fifteen (15) Minutes	Fifteen (15) Minutes Allowed
Sixteen (16) to Thirty (30) Minutes	Thirty (30) Minutes Allowed
Thirty-One (31) to Forty-Five (45) Minutes	Forty-Five (45) Minutes Allowed
Forty-Six (46) to Sixty (60) Minutes	Sixty (60) Minutes Allowed

- E. All work in excess of twelve (12) consecutive hours shall be paid at double time.



**ARTICLE FORTY-ONE (41) – HEALTH INSURANCE**

- A. All full-time Skilled Trades personnel shall be eligible for health insurance coverage from the Bedford Public Schools.

Skilled Trades personnel may choose one of the following options for insurance coverage:

PAK A

- MESSA's Choices II health insurance
  - \$500/\$1,000 In-Network Deductible
  - Saver Rx Program (Prescriptions)
  - \$20 office visit co-pay
  - Includes Preventive Care Rider and Hearing Care Rider
- VSP 3 Vision Insurance
- Delta Dental (70/70/50/60/\$600:\$1,000)
- \$20,000 Life Insurance

PAK C

- MESSA's ABC (Account Based Choices) Plan 1 Health Saving Account
  - \$1,250/\$2,500 In-Network Deductible
  - ABC Rx Program (Prescriptions)
  - Includes Preventive Care Rider and Hearing Care Rider
- VSP 3 Vision Insurance
- Delta Dental (70/70/50/60/\$600:\$1,000)
- \$20,000 Life Insurance

PAK B

- In Lieu of Health Insurance payment of \$175<sup>1</sup> per Month
- VSP 3 Vision Insurance
- Delta Dental (100/90/90/90/\$1,500:\$1,000)
- \$20,000 Life Insurance

The Employer agrees to offer identical benefits specified in MESSA Choices II. The School District reserves the sole right to select the insurance carrier or, if self-insurance, the administrative service organization. Such health insurance coverage shall include the eligible immediate dependents of the eligible Skilled Trade employees. Term life insurance in the amount of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) provided it remains part of the MESSA Choices II benefits.

- B. Effective January 1, 2013, Skilled Trades personnel will have the option of moving to MESSA's ABC (Account Based Choices) – Plan 1 Health Savings Account. A pre-tax payroll deduction, as permitted by the IRS, shall be available to employee for this purpose. Those individuals who select the MESSA ABC Plan 1 option will have funds placed into their HSA account by the district if the premium is below capped amounts as

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<sup>1</sup> If the spouse works for the District and has virtually identical coverage only one is eligible to receive employer paid insurance. The spouse of the insured and the insured will be covered under the same policy. No in lieu amount will be paid to the spouse of the insured.

outlined in Public Act 152 of 2011. Those funds will equate to the difference between the maximum allowable contribution by the district under Public Act 152 of 2011 and the actual premium. Deposits into HSA accounts by the district will be made in four equal installments in the first pay period of January, April, July, and October of each calendar year.

- C. The parties agree that if the Board elects to change carrier or is changed to an administrative service organization the following applies:
1. The School District shall agree to provide insurance benefits identical to those specified in MESSA Choices II. In any appeal to arbitration, the Union must list what specific benefit is not identical to that benefit listed in MESSA's Choices II certificate of benefits.
  2. Prior to the employer implementing a new carrier or a new administrative service organization, the employer shall furnish the Union with a copy of the certificate of benefits that it intends to have the new carrier or the new administrative service organization furnish. If the Union does not believe that such level of benefits is identical to MESSA Choices II certificate of benefits in effect then the Union may proceed immediately to Step Five (5) of the grievance procedure. Such appeal must be filed within twenty (20) days of the Union's receipt by certified letter of the certificate of benefits the employer intends on implementing. The arbitrator shall be limited to an individual with knowledge and experience in such areas. In any appeal to arbitration, the Union must list what specific benefit is not identical to that benefit listed in MESSA's Choices II certificate of benefits.
  3. If the insurance carrier or administrative service organization does not pay to the employee a benefit as provided by the MESSA Choices II certificate of benefits then the employer shall be liable for such benefit.
  4. The School District agrees that the confidentiality of all claims shall be maintained as if serviced by MESSA. This shall not be construed as limiting the insurance carrier or administrative service organization from requiring documentation or substantiation of any claim.
  5. The employer shall maintain option programs at rates competitive to those offered by MESSA. If not feasible, the parties shall negotiate the option programs.
- D. If an employee elects not to take the health insurance, the Board shall provide dental coverage equivalent to Delta Dental, vision coverage equivalent to MESSA's Vision Service Plan 3, and one-hundred seventy-five dollars (\$175.00) per month cash. Payment in-lieu is not provided for members whose spouse works for the District and accepts health coverage.
- E. The Board will provide vision insurance coverage. The Board shall select vision benefits comparable to MESSA VSP 3. The employer will pay vision insurance increases during the duration of this Master Agreement in accordance with this Article.
- F. The Board expressly reserves its right to elect to self-insure for the existing vision and dental coverage at a comparable level currently provided under the Agreement.
- G. Health Care Cost Containment Committee. The parties agree to form a Health Care Cost Containment Committee made up of an equal number of members from the Union and the Bedford School District unless mutually agreed otherwise which will review and

agree to further cost containment programs to cover active employees during the term of the Contract.

The parties are committed to investigate programs, which will reduce costs. Programs relating to health care would include, but would not be limited to alternative health care providers, additional cost containment programs, and alternative traditional plans.

Any programs agreed to by the parties will be implemented during the term of this agreement unless otherwise mutually agreed upon.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-TWO (42) - WORKER'S COMPENSATION**

The applicable Worker's Compensation laws will cover each employee. The employer shall pay the difference between the Worker's Compensation payment and the employee's regular salary when the insurance company starts the compensation for a period of six (6) calendar months.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-THREE (43) - RETIREMENT**

The Michigan Public Schools Employees Retirement System shall cover employees of the Bedford Public School District. The present retirement program (Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System) shall remain in effect.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-FOUR (44) - AFSCME LOCAL #2071 EMPLOYEE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Tuition Reimbursement)**

Any skilled trade employee wishing to take courses in the Bedford Public Schools Adult Education and Community Education programs to improve job skills may do so free of charge provided their request for approval of such courses is approved by the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations prior to taking the course. Any skilled trade employee wishing to take other courses to improve job skills must submit a request for approval of the courses to the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations prior to the commencement of such course. If approved, the Board upon completion according to the grade will pay for the course as follows:

Pass, Satisfactory, A, B, or C	75%
Incomplete, Unsatisfactory, D, or F	0%

Payment will be made as soon as possible upon submission of the official grade report by the skilled trade employee to the Director of Human Resources & Labor Relations and after the Board of Education approves the request for payment for the previously approved course, which was successfully completed pursuant to the grade, earned.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY FIVE (45) - PERSONAL ATTIRE**

It is agreed by the Board and the Union that all skilled trade personal attire will be appropriate for the academic environment in which they work. For example, skilled trades shall not wear attire, which promotes the use of alcohol, controlled substances, smoking, or attire, which

displays profane language or has sexual connotation. In the event that a skilled trade employee reports to work in inappropriate attire, as determined by his or her supervisor, that skilled trade employee will be required to return home and change clothes. Such time away from work will be unpaid. It is the intent of the Board to apply this policy to all regular and temporary District employees.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-SIX (46) - SMOKING/SMOKING CESSATION PROGRAM**

Smoking or the chewing of a tobacco product on Bedford Public Schools property, and/or in Bedford Public Schools vehicles, on a structure or real estate owned, lease, or otherwise controlled by the Bedford District, shall not be permitted at any time. The District agrees to provide free enrollment in District approved smoking cessation programs for interested bargaining unit members.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-SEVEN (47) - OVERTIME REPORTING**

In the event a Local #2071 Employee earns overtime compensation, it is the intent of the Board to pay the Local #2071 Employee during the pay period in which the overtime was worked. However, if the Local #2071 Employee fails to report the amount of overtime worked to the appropriate supervisor, the Local #2071 Employee will receive the overtime compensation in his or her subsequent paycheck.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-EIGHT (48) – PAYROLL DEDUCTION PROGRAMS**

Enrollment in District payroll deduction programs such as the 403(b), United Way, Government Bonds, approved Teacher’s Credit Union, Insurance options, Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System (MPSERS) tax-deferred payment program, and direct deposit shall be available during open enrollment periods as designated by the District, and in accordance with the established payroll schedule procedures for the year. Written employee authorization is needed to participate in District approved employee deduction programs. In such an event, Bedford Public Schools will inform the employee, in writing, of its correction within five (5) working days.

#### **ARTICLE FORTY-NINE (49) – MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

Members of the Local #2071 (AFSCME) that are required in the course of their work to drive personal automobiles from one (1) school building to another shall receive a car mileage reimbursement. The rate will be adjusted accordingly to the Internal Revenue Standard rate.

**ARTICLE FIFTY (50) – WAGES - July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2016**

<b>Job Classification</b>	<b>2013 – 2014</b>	<b>2014 – 2015</b>	<b>2015 – 2016</b>
Carpenter	\$ 21.47/hr	\$ 21.47/hr	\$ 21.47/hr
Plumber	\$ 24.02/hr	\$ 24.02/hr	\$ 24.02/hr
Electrician	\$ 25.31/hr	\$ 25.31/hr	\$ 25.31/hr
HVAC Technician	\$ 24.02/hr	\$ 24.02/hr	\$ 24.02/hr
Skilled Trade Asst.	0	\$ 12.00/hr	\$ 12.00/hr
Maintenance**	\$16.94/hr.	\$16.94/hr.	\$16.94/hr.
Warehouse**	\$16.48/hr.	\$16.94/hr.	\$16.94/hr.

\*\*Both Maintenance and Warehouse job classifications are being transferred from AFSCME Local #2071- Custodial Unit to AFSCME Local #2071- Skilled Trades Unit effective with ratification of this successor contract. The wages applicable to these two positions as noted above will follow the two employees when they become part of the skilled trades group. However if these two positions are filled by a new hire that individual’s wages will be defined by the below Tier Three Wage Scale as taken and reproduced from the current AFSCME Custodial Unit’s CBA:

<b>July 1, 2013 – June 30, 2016</b>	
Maintenance	\$11.08
Warehouse	\$10.80

Master’s License – An additional one dollar (\$1.00) per hour per year premium will be given, provided the employee possesses a valid Michigan Master’s License and authorizes the usage of such license within the skilled trades as defined in their job description. This one dollar (\$1.00) premium is not compounded each year. Master Licensee has the right to withdrawal use of the Master License.

Example: Electrician (Master’s License): 2013-2014 \$25.31 + \$1.00 premium = \$26.31/hr

**ARTICLE FIFTY-ONE (51) - YEARS IN TRADE RECOGNITION PAYMENT**

Members of the Local #2071 Skilled Trade employees with ten (10) years experience within their trade will receive an annual payment of three hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$325) each July.

**ARTICLE FIFTY-TWO (52) TOOL ALLOWANCE**

Each Skilled Trade’s employee, employed for one calendar year, shall be paid a total allowance of three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) per calendar year. This amount shall be paid each July. Trades persons shall then furnish and replace all hand tools.

**ARTICLE FIFTY-THREE (53) - TERMINATION OF AGREEMENT**

This Agreement shall become effective July 1, 2013, and remain in full force and effect until June 30, 2016. It is mutually agreed that this Agreement may be reopened for negotiations upon sixty (60) days written notice prior to the anniversary date - July 1, 2016. In the event no notice is given of the intention to reopen, all of the features of said Agreement shall automatically be renewed for an additional year.

**Bedford Skilled Trades Negotiating Team**

Lynette Donohue 1-24-2014  
President, Local #2071 Date

Michael J. Kelly 1-24-2014  
Chapter Chair, Local #2071 Skilled Trades Date

DeRay Carter 1/13/14  
AFSCME Field Staff Rep., Council #25. Date

**Bedford Public Schools Negotiating Team**

Howard D. Chong 1/13/14  
Director of HR/LR & Chief Negotiator Date

Paul Rany 2/13/14  
Director of Building and Grounds Date

**Bedford Public Schools Board of Education**

[Signature] 3/4/2014  
President Date

**AFSCME LOCAL #2071  
SKILLED TRADES**

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION**

Name	Position		
<b>EXCEEDS JOB</b>	<b>MEETS JOB EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>TO BE SATISFACTORY</b>
1. Quality of work (accuracy, neatness, thoroughness)	_____	_____	_____
2. Quantity of work (volume, amount, speed, consistency)	_____	_____	_____
3. Knowledge of work (ability to recognize and maintain work standards)	_____	_____	_____
4. Adaptability (ability to change with job expectations)	_____	_____	_____
5. Dependability (reliability)	_____	_____	_____
6. Cooperation (ability to follow directions)	_____	_____	_____
7. Judgment (ability to take appropriate action)	_____	_____	_____

<b>EXCEEDS JOB</b>	<b>MEETS JOB</b>	<b>NEEDS IMPROVEMENT</b>	<b>TO BE SATISFACTORY</b>
	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b>	<b>EXPECTATIONS</b>	

8. Initiative (motivation, interest in work)	_____	_____	_____
9. Personality (courtesy, public relations)	_____	_____	_____
10. Attendance	_____	_____	_____
11. Personal Hygiene (grooming)	_____	_____	_____
12. Staff relations (ability to work with other employees and supervisors)	_____	_____	_____
13. Overall performance	_____	_____	_____

Evaluator's comments:

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Employee's comments:

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I understand that my signature is not intended to indicate my agreement with the evaluation, but verifies that I have read the evaluation.

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Employee's Signature

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Date

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Evaluator's Signature

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Date