

CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT

School Superintendent

This Contract is entered into by and between the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Community Schools (hereinafter "Board") and Shawn Vondra (hereinafter "Superintendent"). The Board in accordance with its action found in the minutes of its meeting held on the 28th day of June, 2018, hereby employs for a five year period commencing on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2023, according to the following terms and conditions.

1. Superintendent shall serve as Chief Executive Officer and Chief Administrative Officer of the Board, and shall perform the duties as prescribed by the Board and as may be established, modified and/or amended from time to time by the Board. Superintendent acknowledges the ultimate authority of the Board with respect to his responsibilities and directions related thereto. Superintendent is subject to assignment and transfer to another administrative position of employment in the School District at the discretion of the Board.

2. Superintendent represents that he possesses, holds and will maintain all certificates, credentials and qualifications required by law, including the provisions of Sections 1246 and 1536 of the Revised School Code, the regulations of the Michigan Department of Education, and those required by the Board to serve in the position assigned. Superintendent agrees, as a condition of his continued employment, to meet and maintain all certification and continuing education requirements for the position assigned, as are and may be required by law and/or by the State Board of Education. If at any time Superintendent fails to maintain all certificates, credentials, continuing education requirements and/or qualifications for the position assigned as required herein, this Contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligation hereunder.

3. Superintendent agrees to devote his talents, skills, efforts and abilities toward competently and proficiently fulfilling all duties and responsibilities of the position assigned. Superintendent agrees to faithfully perform those duties assigned by the Board and to comply with the directives of the Board with respect thereto. Further, Superintendent agrees to comply with and fulfill all responsibilities and tasks required by state and federal law and regulations and by the Board to carry out the educational programs and policies of the School District during the entire term of this Contract. Superintendent agrees that he will diligently and competently discharge his duties on behalf of the School District to enhance the operation of the School District and will use his best efforts to maintain and improve the quality of the programs and services of the School District.

4. Effective July 1, 2020, Superintendent shall be paid at an annual (twelve month) salary rate of not less than One hundred eleven thousand one-hundred dollars (\$111,100.00) in consideration of his performance of the duties and responsibilities of the position assigned in conformance with the requirements and expectations of the Board. Annual base salary adjustments will align with the teacher's CBA in effect at that time. The annual salary shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly installments beginning with the commencement of the fiscal/contract year (July 1 - June 30). An additional longevity compensation of three-hundred seventy-six dollars (\$376) per year shall be paid for each completed year of this contract contingent on annual performance evaluation rating of "effective" or higher and as final conditions of the District allow.

In addition, in lieu of additional salary for services rendered, the Board will contribute ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually toward an annuity policy chosen by the Superintendent and pay any FICA associated with it. This contribution shall be paid by July 15th of each contract year.

Superintendent's total compensation for services rendered and reported to MSPERS shall include salary compensation, longevity compensation and annuity payment.

Should Superintendent be assigned or transferred to another administrative position, the salary paid shall be as established by the Board for that position.

The Board hereby retains the right to increase the annual salary of Superintendent during the term of this Contract. Any such increase shall be reflected in a written amendment to this Contract.

Consistent with the provisions of Section 1250 of the Revised School Code, Superintendent's job performance and job accomplishments will be significant factors in determining any adjustment to Superintendent's compensation.

5. Superintendent is employed on the basis of fifty-two (52) weeks of work per contract/fiscal year (July 1 through June 30). Superintendent shall be granted paid vacation time of twenty-five (25) days per contract/fiscal year. On June 30 of each contract year, accumulated vacation days will be paid out at his per diem rate. Up to ten (10) unused vacation days may be rolled over into the next contract year. Accumulated (unused) vacation time will be paid out at the Superintendent's per diem rate at the time of separation from Hillsdale Community Schools.

6. Superintendent's performance shall be evaluated by the Board not less than annually. The date and time of the meeting to convey the assessment to Superintendent shall be agreed upon by the parties with sufficient time to permit adequate preparation for a constructive exchange of ideas.

7. The Board shall be entitled to terminate the Superintendent's employment at any time during the term of this Contract when it determines that Superintendent has engaged in acts of moral turpitude, misconduct, dishonesty, fraud, insubordination, incompetency, inefficiency, if Administrator materially breaches the terms and conditions of this Contract, or for other just causes that are not arbitrary, as determined by the Board.

The foregoing standards for termination of this Contract during its term shall not be applicable to non-renewal of this Contract at the expiration of its term, which decision is discretionary with the Board.

In the event that the Board undertakes to dismiss Superintendent during the term of this Contract, he shall be entitled to written notice of charges and an opportunity for a hearing before the Board. In the event of termination of employment during the term of this Contract, this Contract shall automatically terminate and the Board shall have no further obligation under this Contract.

8. In the event of Superintendent's mental and/or physical incapacity to perform the duties of his/her office, he shall be granted an initial leave of ninety (90) work days for purpose of recovery. The Superintendent shall first exhaust any accumulated sick leave, personal leave, and accrued vacation time, with the balance of the ninety (90) work day period to be unpaid. Upon utilizing leave under this provision, Superintendent shall furnish medical certification to the Board (or its designee) respecting the necessity for the leave.

If the Board (or designee) has reason to doubt the validity of the medical certification supplied by Superintendent, it may require a second opinion, at Board expense.

Superintendent may request a ninety (90) work day unpaid leave extension in the event of his physical and/or mental inability to return to work at the expiration of the initial leave interval, as described above, provided that there is a verified prognosis that Superintendent will be able to resume his duties at the conclusion of the extended leave interval. Medical certification shall be supplied by Superintendent as a condition to any leave extension. Any extensions of leave for this purpose shall be at the discretion of the Board.

If Superintendent is unable to or does not resume work at the conclusion of a leave taken under this paragraph (or any extension thereof), his employment and this Contract may be terminated at the option of the Board. However, no such termination shall occur where restoration after leave is required by the Family and Medical Leave Act or any other law.

Prior to resumption of duty after an unpaid leave of absence for a serious health condition, Superintendent shall provide to the Board a fitness for duty certification from Superintendent's health care provider. A second opinion may be required by the Board, at its expense, unless the securing of the second opinion in this context is precluded by the Family and Medical Leave Act.

9. Superintendent agrees that he shall not be deemed to be granted continuing tenure in the position initially assigned or to which he may be assigned or transferred or in any capacity other than that of a classroom teacher, should the probationary period required for tenure as a teacher be fulfilled, by virtue of this Contract or any employment assignment (requiring certification) with the School District. Nor shall the decision of the Board not to continue or renew the employment of Superintendent for any subsequent period in any capacity, other than as a classroom teacher, as may be required by the Teachers' Tenure Act, be deemed a breach of this Agreement or a discharge or demotion within the provisions of the Michigan Teachers' Tenure Act.

10. Superintendent shall submit to such medical examinations, supply such information and execute such documents as may be required by any underwriter, policyholder or third party administrator providing insurance programs specified under this Contract. Additionally, upon request of the Board, Superintendent shall authorize the release of medical information necessary to determine if Superintendent is capable of performing the essential job functions required by his/her assignment, with or without reasonable job accommodation(s). Any physical or mental examination or disclosure of such information required of administrator by the Board shall be job related and consistent with business necessity. Any medical or psychological examination under this section shall be at Board expense. Any information obtained from medical or psychological examinations or inquiries shall be considered and treated as confidential.

11. Upon proper application and acceptance for enrollment by the appropriate insurance underwriter, policyholder and/or third party administrator, the Board shall make benefit cost payments, as specified below, on behalf of Superintendent and his eligible dependents for enrollment in the following insurance programs: Health insurance, Dental insurance, Term life insurance (Administrator only), Vision insurance, Long Term Disability insurance (Administrator only).

Superintendent agrees that the Board has the right to allocate to Superintendent responsibility for a portion of the medical benefit plan costs and premiums for the plans and products specified above, as may be determined by the Board. The contributions required of Superintendent shall not be less than the amount determined by the Board to be necessary to comply with the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act, 2011 PA 152. The Board will notify Superintendent of the amounts for which he is responsible in excess of the Board contributed medical benefit plan costs and premiums. To the extent that the medical benefit plan costs and premiums associated with the above plans and products exceed the level of the Board's contributions, Superintendent hereby authorizes payroll deduction for all excess medical benefit plan costs and premium amounts required to maintain enrollment.

If Superintendent makes a voluntary written election not to avail himself of the health /medical coverage offered by the Board, he will instead receive \$250.00, on a monthly basis, under a qualified Section 125 plan, on the further condition that Superintendent furnishes written evidence that he is enrolled in another health/medical benefits plan that meets the minimum value and coverage requirements of the Affordable Care Act.

12. The Board reserves the right to change the identity of the insurance carrier, policyholder or third party administrator for any of the above coverages, provided that comparable coverage, as determined by the Board, is maintained during the term of this Contract. The Board shall not be required to remit medical benefit plan costs or premiums for any insurance coverages for Superintendent and his eligible dependents if enrollment or coverage is denied by the insurance underwriter, policyholder or third-party administrator. The terms of any contract or policy issued by any insurance company or third-party administrator shall be controlling as to all matters concerning benefits, eligibility, coverage, termination of coverage, and other related matters. Superintendent is responsible for assuring completion of all forms and documents needed to receive the above-described insurance coverage. The Board, by remitting the medical benefit costs and premium contributions required under this Contract to provide the above-described plans and products, shall be relieved from all liability with respect to insurance benefits.

13. Superintendent is entitled to the following paid holidays:

July 4 th Day	Christmas Day
Labor Day	New Year's Eve Day
Thanksgiving Day	New Year's Day
Friday after Thanksgiving Day	President's Day (If school is not in session.)
Christmas Eve Day	Memorial Day

14. If Superintendent is absent from duty on account of personal illness or disability, he shall be entitled to full pay for a total of eight (8) days per contract year. Unused paid sick leave days hereunder shall be cumulative to a maximum of ninety (90) days for absence due to personal illness or disability of Administrator. Unused sick days beyond ninety 90 days will be paid out annually at a rate of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day. His accumulated sick leave shall be paid at the rate of the one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per day paid out upon his separation from the District.

15. Superintendent is entitled to the use of four (4) personal days per year. Unused personal days will be transferred into "sick leave" at the end of each contract year.

15. Superintendent shall be eligible to be reimbursed for travel, meals and lodging in accordance with the per diem expense and reimbursement standards and procedures established by the Board. The Board shall pay Superintendent on hundred dollars (\$100) per month for travel within Hillsdale County.

16. Superintendent shall be reimbursed for advanced degree work, if at an accredited college or university, up to six credits per contract year if the course is successfully completed.

17. The Board agrees to pay the premium amount for errors and omissions insurance coverage for Superintendent while engaged in the performance of a governmental function and while the Superintendent is acting within the scope of his authority. The policy limits for this coverage shall be not less than \$1,000,000. The terms of the errors and omissions insurance policy shall be controlling respecting defense and indemnity of Superintendent. The sole obligation undertaken by the Board shall be limited to the payment of premium amounts for the above errors and omissions coverage. In the event that such insurance coverage cannot be purchased in the above amounts and/or at a reasonable premium rate, the Board shall have the right to discontinue said coverage and shall so notify Superintendent. In that event, the Board agrees on a case-by-case basis to consider providing legal defense and/or indemnification to Superintendent as is authorized under MCL 691.1408 and MCL 380.11a (3)(d).

18. This Contract contains the entire agreement and understanding by and between the Board and Superintendent with respect to the employment of Superintendent and no prior or concurrent representations, promises, contracts or understandings, written or oral, not contained herein, shall be of any force or effect. All prior contracts or other agreements (written or oral) pertaining to the terms of this contract are cancelled and are superseded by the terms of this contract. Provided, that this contract is voidable pursuant to the provisions of the Revised School Code pertaining to criminal records and criminal history checks.

No amendment to or modification of this Contract shall be valid or binding unless it is in writing, approved by official action of the Board reflected in its minutes, and signed by Superintendent and the President and Secretary of the Board. No valid waiver of any provision of this Contract, at any time, shall be deemed a waiver of any other provision of this Contract at such time or at any other time.

19. In the event of any dispute between the parties relating to discharge of Superintendent during the term of this Contract, the parties hereby agree to submit such to binding arbitration. Selection of the arbitrator and the arbitration proceedings shall be conducted under the National Rules for the Resolution of Employment Disputes of, and administered by, the American Arbitration Association. Arbitration under this provision shall be conducted pursuant to the terms of the Michigan Uniform Arbitration Act, MCL 691.1681 *et seq.*

The parties intend that this process of dispute resolution shall be inclusive of all contract and statutory claims advanced by Superintendent arising from Superintendent's discharge during the term of this Contract, including (but not limited to) claims of unlawful discrimination and all claims for damages or other relief. However, this agreement to arbitrate does not restrict Superintendent from filing a claim or charge with any state or federal agency (such as the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or the Michigan Department of Civil Rights), and does not apply to any claims for unemployment compensation or workers' compensation which may be brought by Superintendent. Instead, this agreement to arbitrate claims applies to those matters which would otherwise be subject to state or federal court proceedings.

This agreement to arbitrate means that Superintendent is waiving his right to adjudicate discrimination claims in a judicial forum and is instead opting to arbitrate those claims. In any such arbitration proceeding, Superintendent shall have the right to representation by counsel of his choice, the right to appointment of a neutral arbitrator, the right to reasonable discovery and the right to a fair hearing. However, Superintendent, through this agreement to arbitrate such claims, does not waive any statutory rights or remedies in the context of such arbitration proceedings.

The arbitrator's fees and the costs imposed by the American Arbitration Association shall be shared equally by the Board and Administrator, subject to the right of Superintendent to seek to tax such fees as costs against the Board.

Any claim for arbitration under this provision must be filed with the American Arbitration Association, in writing, and served on the Board within one hundred eighty (180) days of the effective date of Superintendent's discharge during the term of this Contract. The Decision and Award of the arbitrator shall be final and binding and judgment thereon may be entered in the Circuit Court for the 1st Judicial Circuit of Michigan (Hillsdale County), pursuant to applicable provisions of the Michigan Uniform Arbitration Act.

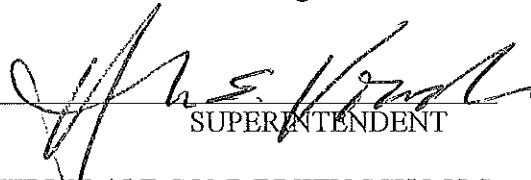
20. If any provision of this Agreement becomes or is declared by a Court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, unenforceable or void, this Contract shall continue in full force and effect without said provision(s).

21. Superintendent agrees that any claim or suit arising out of Superintendent's employment with the Board must be filed no more than six (6) months after the date of the employment action that is the subject of the claim or suit. Superintendent understands that the statute of limitations for claims arising out of an employment action may be longer than six (6) months, but agrees to be bound by the six (6) month period of limitation set forth herein and waives any statute of limitations to the contrary. Should a court of competent jurisdiction determine that this provision allows an unreasonably short period of time to commence a law suit, it is the intent of the parties that the court enforce this provision to the extent possible and declare the law suit barred unless it was brought within the minimum reasonable time within which the suit should have been commenced.

22. This Contract is executed on behalf of the Hillsdale Community Schools pursuant to the authority granted as contained in the resolution of the Board adopted on June 25, 2018, the same being incorporated herein by reference.

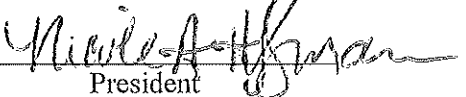
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed on the day and year first above written.

Date: 6/11/2020


SUPERINTENDENT

HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: 6/25/2020

By 
President

CONTRACT AMENDMENT

School Superintendent


This Contract amendment is entered into by and between the Board of Education of the Hillsdale Community Schools (hereinafter "Board") and Shawn Vondra (hereinafter "Superintendent"). The Board in accordance with its action found in the minutes of its meeting held on the 18th day of October, mutually agree to the following terms and conditions effective as of July 1, 2021.

4. Effective July 1, 2021, Superintendent shall be paid at an annual (twelve month) salary rate of not less than One hundred thirteen thousand eight hundred seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents (\$113,877.50) in consideration of his performance of the duties and responsibilities of the position assigned in conformance with the requirements and expectations of the Board. Annual base salary adjustments will align with the teacher's CBA in effect at that time. The annual salary shall be paid in twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly installments beginning with the commencement of the fiscal/contract year (July 1 - June 30). An additional longevity compensation equal to five and half percent (5.5%) of the current base salary shall be paid by the Board. An additional half of a percent (0.5%) will be added for each year of service as an administrator in the district, up to a total annual amount not to exceed seven and a half percent (7.5%) of the base salary.

As additional compensation for services rendered, the Board will pay an additional ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) annually in a manner chosen by the Superintendent. The District will pay any FICA associated with it. This contribution shall be paid by July 15th of each contract year. This amount shall be paid for each completed year of this contract contingent on annual performance evaluation rating of "effective" or higher and as financial conditions of the District allow.

Superintendent's total compensation for services rendered and reported to MSPERS shall include salary compensation, longevity compensation and additional compensation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed as effective on July 1, 2021.

Date: 10/29/2021 By 
SUPERINTENDENT

Date: 11.15.2021 By 
HILLSDALE COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT