

# **AGREEMENT**

*Between*

**THE FAIR LAWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

*and*

**FAIR LAWN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

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**PREAMBLE**

**This Agreement** entered into as of the twentieth day of July, 2022 by and between the BOARD OF EDUCATION OF FAIR LAWN, the Borough of Fair Lawn, New Jersey, hereinafter called the Board, and the FAIR LAWN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION, hereinafter called the Association,

**WITNESSETH:**

WHEREAS, the Board and the Association have an obligation pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.* to negotiate with respect to terms and conditions of employment; and

WHEREAS, the parties have reached certain understandings which they desire to confirm in this Agreement:

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**RECOGNITION**

- A. The Fair Lawn Board of Education hereby recognizes the Fair Lawn Education Association as the exclusive and sole representative for the period of this Agreement for purposes of collective negotiation concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all certified personnel under contract, on leave, employed or hereinafter employed under contract by the Board of Education of Fair Lawn, New Jersey as included herein:

All certified personnel whose annual salary is based on the teachers' guide

All certified personnel who are on the teachers' salary guide and who receive differential payments in addition to their salary

All Ancillary Teachers

Also, Paraprofessionals (no certificate required)

but excluding those whose duties are exclusively administrative and supervisory. Titles of these personnel are listed but not limited to those below:

Superintendent of Schools  
Assistant Superintendent of Education  
Assistant Superintendent of Student Services  
Business Administrator  
Assistant Business Administrator  
Director, Human Resources

High School Principal  
Middle School Principal  
Elementary School Principal  
Vice Principal  
Assistant Principal  
Community School Director  
Supervisor  
Director of Athletics

- B. 1. Whenever used hereinafter in this Agreement, a pronoun in the masculine or feminine gender shall be considered as including any gender and gender-neutral individuals unless the context indicates otherwise.
2. Unless otherwise indicated, the term “teachers” where used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all professional (certificated) employees under contract represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined, and any reference to male teachers shall include female teachers, and any reference to female teachers shall include male teachers; however, only those sections of this Agreement specifically referring to Ancillary Teachers shall apply to them, and all sections of this Agreement not making specific reference to Ancillary Teachers shall not apply to such teachers. The term teachers where used in this Agreement shall not apply to Paraprofessionals. Only those sections of this Agreement specifically referring to Paraprofessionals shall apply to them, and all sections of this Agreement not making specific reference to Paraprofessionals shall not apply to such personnel.

## **ARTICLE II**

### **NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES**

- A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement to the 2022-25 Agreement, in accordance with *N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.*, in a good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of employment. All agreements so negotiated shall apply to all members of the unit in Article I and be reduced to writing.
- B. Such meetings are to commence no later than February 15th of the year in which this agreement expires, unless the parties mutually agree to an earlier or later date.
- C. During negotiations, the Board and the Association shall present relevant data, exchange points of view and make proposals and counter-proposals. The Board shall make available to the Association for inspection during normal business hours all pertinent records, data and information of the Fair Lawn Public School District in the public domain, including information regarding additional State Aid.

- D. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives and resource persons of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representatives shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals and make counter-proposals in the course of negotiations in order to develop the Agreement which both parties will then submit to the entire Board of Education and the Association membership respectively for consideration and ratification.
- E. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.*, proposed new rules or modification of existing rules governing working conditions shall be negotiated with the majority representative before they are established.
- F. The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning said employees in the negotiating unit so defined in Article I of this Agreement with any organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement, as long as the Association is the majority representative of the unit described in Article I.
- G. This Agreement incorporates the entire understanding of the parties on all matters which were or could have been the subject of negotiation. During the term of this Agreement, neither party will be required to negotiate with respect to any such matter, whether or not covered by this Agreement, and whether or not within the knowledge or contemplation of either or both of the parties at the time they negotiated or executed this Agreement.

### ARTICLE III

#### GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

##### A. DEFINITION

1. A “grievance” is a claim by a teacher or the Association based upon the interpretation, application or violation of this agreement, policies or administrative decisions affecting terms and conditions of employment.
2. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the teacher and execution of the necessary forms within thirty (30) days of the time the teacher knew or should reasonably have known of its occurrence. Failure to act within said thirty (30) days shall be deemed an abandonment of the grievance.
3. An “aggrieved teacher” is the person(s) and/or Association who has executed the necessary forms and filed the grievance.
4. A “party in interest” means the Association and/or aggrieved teacher, his immediate supervisor, the school principal and/or any staff member in the chain of administration below the Superintendent or his designee.
5. The term “representative” shall constitute the person designated by the Association to represent the Association and/or the aggrieved teacher at the grievance

proceedings. Nothing herein shall prevent the aggrieved teacher from representing himself. When a teacher refuses representation by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present and present its views at all stages of the grievance.

6. The term grievance and these grievance procedures shall not apply to the following:
  - a. To a case arising out of official action of the Board of Education, except as such action shall apply to any Article of this Agreement.
  - b. The failure or refusal of the Board to renew the contract of any non-tenure teacher.
  - c. Any case in which the employee is claiming tenure under the provisions of R.S. 18A:28-5 where charges have been brought against such employee pursuant to the provisions of the Tenure Employees Hearing Law, R.S. 18A:6-10 *et seq.*

## B. PURPOSE

The purpose of this procedure is to secure at the lowest possible level, solutions to the problems relating to employment which may from time to time arise, affecting teachers. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedures.

## C. PROCEDURES

### 1. Level One.

Any teacher who has a grievance shall discuss at first with his principal in an attempt to resolve the matter informally at that level.

### 2. Level Two.

If, as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved in the satisfaction of the teacher within five (5) school days, he may set forth his grievance in writing to the principal in the mutually established written grievance format. The principal shall communicate his decision to the teacher in writing, with reasons, within five (5) school days of receipt of the written grievance.

### 3. Level Three

The teacher, no later than five (5) school days after receipt of the principal's decision, may appeal to the principal's decision to the Superintendent of Schools or his designee. The appeal to the Superintendent or his designee must be made in writing reciting the matter submitted to the principal as specified above and his

dissatisfaction with the decision previously rendered, furnishing the specific reasons for dissatisfaction. The Superintendent or his designee shall attempt to resolve the matter as quickly as possible, but within a period not to exceed ten (10) school days. The Superintendent or his designee shall communicate his decision in writing with the reasons to the aggrieved teacher and the principal.

4. Level Four.

- a. If the aggrieved teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Level Three, or if no decision has been rendered within ten (10) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Superintendent or his designee, he may, within five (5) school days after a decision by the Superintendent or his designee, or fifteen (15) school days after the grievance was delivered to the Superintendent or his designee, whichever is sooner, request in writing that his grievance be forwarded to the Board of Education.
- b. If the aggrieved teacher so requests, the Board may grant him a hearing before a committee of the Board of Education.
- c. The Board of Education shall act on the grievance and shall inform the aggrieved teacher and the Superintendent or his designee of the decision reached within twenty (20) school days of its receipt by the Board.

5. Level Five.

- a. If the aggrieved teacher is not satisfied with the disposition of his grievance at Level Four, or if no decision has been rendered within twenty (20) school days after the grievance was received by the Board of Education, he may within five (5) school days after a decision by the Board of Education, or twenty (20) school days after receipt of the grievance by the Board, whichever is sooner, request in writing that the Association submit his grievance to binding arbitration. If the Association determines that the grievance is meritorious, it may submit the grievance to binding arbitration within fifteen (15) school days after receipt of a request by the aggrieved teacher. The Superintendent or his designee shall be so notified in writing.
- b. Within five (5) school days after such written notice of submission to binding arbitration, the Board and the Association shall attempt to agree upon a mutually acceptable arbitrator and shall obtain a commitment from said arbitrator to serve. If the parties are unable to agree upon an arbitrator or to obtain such a commitment within a specified period, a request for a list of arbitrators may be made to the Public Employment Relations Commission (P.E.R.C.).

The parties shall then be bound by the rules established by P.E.R.C. in the selection of an arbitrator.

- c. The arbitrator so selected shall confer with the parties within ten (10) school days of his selection. He shall limit himself to the issue(s) presented to him, and shall be without authority to make any decision which requires the commission of an act prohibited by law.
- d. The arbitrator shall ask that all supportive evidence be placed before him. He shall issue a decision within thirty (30) school days of the last meeting with the parties. The arbitrator's decision shall be in writing and shall set forth his findings, reasoning, and conclusions on the issue(s) submitted. Copies of the arbitrator's decision shall be issued to the aggrieved teacher, the Association and the Board, and shall be binding to the parties.

#### D. COSTS FOR BINDING ARBITRATION

The costs for the services of the arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and actual and necessary travel, subsistence expenses and the cost of the hearing room, shall be borne equally by the Board and the Association. Any other expenses incurred shall be paid by the party incurring same.

#### E. MISCELLANEOUS

1. If more than one employee files the same grievance, the Association may request, in writing addressed to the Superintendent or his designee, that the procedures set forth in Levels One and Two be waived and the matter be presented de novo at Level Three and the grievance procedure continue as provided thereafter. The Superintendent or his designee must furnish an answer within five (5) school days. If the reply is in the negative, the employees will continue with these procedures commencing with Level One.
2. With the exclusion of Level One, all decisions rendered shall be in writing setting forth the decision and the reasons therefore and shall be transmitted promptly to all parties in interest and to the Association in accordance with the time limits set forth above.
3. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the administration against any party in interest, any representative, any member of the Association, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.
4. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, making appeals, making reports and recommendations, and other necessary documents shall be prepared jointly, by the



Superintendent or his designee, and the Association and given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.

5. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated representatives, heretofore referred to in this Article.
  6. Any party in interest may request and be entitled to have a representative present at any meeting or hearing in which he is required to be present or furnish testimony or information relative to a grievance.
  7. Failure at any step of this procedure to communicate the decision on a grievance within the specified time limits, unless notice by either party due to illness, shall permit the aggrieved teacher to proceed to the next step. Failure at any step of this procedure to appeal a grievance to the next step within the specified time limits, unless notice by either party due to illness, shall be deemed to be acceptance of the decision rendered at that step.
  8. It is understood that teachers shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievance and any effect thereof shall have been fully determined.
  9. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly as possible, the number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process.
  10. The grievance procedure shall proceed as set forth herein above notwithstanding that school is not in session due to summer vacation, in which event all references herein to "school days" shall mean "weekdays".
- F. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and to Paraprofessionals.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### TEACHER RIGHTS

- A. Pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.*, the Board hereby agrees that every employee of the Board, as defined in the Unit in Article I, Recognition, shall have the right freely to organize, join and support the Association and its affiliates for purposes of engaging in collective negotiations concerning terms and conditions of employment. As a duly elected body exercising governmental power under laws of the State of New Jersey, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive, or coerce

any teacher in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by *N.J.S.A. 34:13A-1 et seq.* or other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States. It shall not discriminate against any teacher by reason of his membership in the Association and its affiliates.

- B. Nothing contained herein shall be so construed to deny or restrict to any teacher such rights as he may have under New Jersey School Laws or other applicable laws and regulations of the State of New Jersey.
- C. The Board shall not discipline, reprimand, reduce in rank or compensation any teacher without just cause.
- D.
  - 1. Whenever any teacher is required to appear before the Superintendent, Board or any committee or member thereof, in a formal hearing concerning any matter which could adversely affect the continuation of that teacher in his office, position or employment, or the salary or any increments pertaining thereto, he shall be given prior written notice of such formal hearing and shall be entitled to have a representative of the Association present to advise him and represent him during such formal hearing.
  - 2. Any suspension of a teacher pending charges shall be without pay, providing the charges are filed against the teacher within ten (10) school days, by mailing a certified copy of the complaint to the teacher and the Association at the addresses on record in the Board Office.
  - 3. Any question or criticism by a supervisor or administrator of a teacher, his teaching technique or instructional methodology, shall be made under circumstances consistent with the professional status of both.
- E. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and to Paraprofessionals

## ARTICLE V

### ASSOCIATION RIGHTS

- A. The Board agrees to make available to the Association in response to reasonable requests from time to time, all available information in the public domain.
- B. Whenever any representative of the Association or any teacher is mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in negotiations, grievance proceedings,

conferences or meetings, he shall suffer no loss in pay or personal days. Such meetings are to be normally scheduled after the school day.

- C. Representatives of the Association, the New Jersey Education Association and the National Education Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property at all reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations, subject to prior approval of the Superintendent or his designee. Such permission is not to be unreasonably denied.
- D.
  - 1. The Association during the term of this contract, shall have the use of all school facilities in accordance with Board Policy No. 7510. A School Use Application will not be required for use of school facilities when the activity begins prior to 4:00 P.M. on a school day, except on a day preceding a holiday or weekend, in which case an application will be required at any time.
  - 2. A School Use Application must be filed and be approved in accordance with Board Policy No. 7510 for any use of facilities which begins after 4:00 P.M. on a school day. This provision may be waived by the Superintendent of Schools.
  - 3. At all other times, Board Policy No. 7510 shall pertain.
  - 4. Any change in said policy, applicable to all users in the same category, shall be applicable to the Association.
- E. The Association shall have the privilege of using school equipment, including computers, laptops, Smart Boards, printers, duplicating equipment, calculators, and all types of audiovisual equipment and technology tools at reasonable times on school property, when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall provide all materials and supplies. The Association shall be responsible for all reasonable damages incurred and shall be subject to the provisions of Board Policy No. 7510. In all cases prior permission of the Superintendent or his designee is required. Such permission is not to be unreasonably denied.
- F. Space shall be provided on the bulletin board in each faculty lounge in each school building for the exclusive use of the Association. The location of the Association bulletin boards shall be mutually agreed upon by the Association and the building principal. Copies of all materials to be posted on such bulletin boards shall be given to the building principal.
- G. The Association shall have the privilege of using the inter-school mail facilities and school mail boxes, as it deems necessary, according to standard operating procedures mutually agreed upon by the Association and the Superintendent or his designee.

- H. In no case shall students be used for Association Activities.
- I. In accordance with past practices, the Association and the Board of Education, acting through the Superintendent, shall mutually implement up to a four (4) day orientation program for new teachers, consistent with Article VII(A)(1). The Association shall be entitled to meet with the new staff for no less than two (2) hours of said orientation, exclusive of lunch.
- J. The rights and privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in this Agreement shall be granted to the Association as the exclusive representative of the teachers as designated in Article I.
- K. Association President
  - 1. The Association President shall teach the equivalent of four (4) periods per day. The Association President shall have no duty assignments beyond his/her teaching responsibilities, such as lunch duty, study hall, outdoor supervision, etc.
  - 2. The Board may grant excused absences without the loss of pay to the President of the Association, during his/her term of office, to attend meetings, conferences, workshops and conventions of affiliate associations according to reasonable prior notice and the approval of the Superintendent of Schools.
- L. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and to Paraprofessionals.

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **TERMINAL LEAVE REMUNERATION PLAN**

- A. Upon voluntary termination of a covered employee who meets the criteria specified below, a terminal leave payment shall be made. For 2022 – 2025, the terminal leave payment shall be equal to the employee's number of accumulated terminal leave days; multiplied by the daily accumulated rate of \$65.00 per day, with the maximum payment being \$10,000.00.\*

The criteria that must be met to qualify for the terminal leave are:

- 1. The employee is age 55 or over and has been continuously employed by the Fair Lawn Board of Education for at least fifteen (15) years.

2. Teachers can be eligible for Terminal Leave if they leave the District as of June 30th of any year or December 31 at the Elementary level, or at the end of the 2nd marking period at the Middle or Secondary Schools, provided notice in writing is given to the District by the prior December 31 for a June 30 termination and by the prior September 15 for the December-January termination date.
  3. Failure to provide proper notice will result in a sixth month delay of terminal leave payment, the only exceptions being for retirement for reasons of documented illness.
- B. The accumulated terminal leave days shall be 100% of the unused regular sick days, plus the applicable personal business days as provided in Article XIV. Accumulation of the unused personal business days shall begin with the 1982-83 School Year.
- C. Employees employed at least half time but less than full time, shall accumulate a pro-rated share of terminal leave days. Employees employed less than half-time shall accumulate no terminal leave days. Employees employed for less than a full year for at least half time, shall accumulate a pro-rated share of terminal leave days.
- D. Payments shall be made according to the option selected by the recipient. The options available are:
1. Lump sum payment - September of the school year following retirement.
  2. Lump sum payment - January of the calendar year following retirement.
  3. Ten equal monthly installments beginning in September of the school year following retirement.
  4. Five equal monthly installments beginning in January of the calendar year following retirement.
- E. In the event of death of the recipient, prior to collecting the full benefits, his or her estate shall be paid the remainder.
- F. Effective July 1, 2004, this Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals, provided all the above criteria are met, and in accordance with the following conditions:
1. Ancillary Teachers:
    - a. For 2022-2025, the terminal leave payment shall be equal to the employee's number of accumulated terminal days; multiplied by the daily-accumulated rate of \$35 per day, with the maximum payment being \$3,000.

2. Paraprofessionals:

- a. For 2022-2025, the terminal leave payment shall be equal to the employee's number of accumulated terminal days; multiplied by the daily-accumulated rate of \$25 per day, with the maximum payment being \$1,500.

\* Commencing with the 1982-1983 School Year, when continuous employment is interrupted by non-reappointment due to reduction in force and the teacher is subsequently rehired, said service shall be considered as if it were continuous. Although self-explanatory, it is acknowledged that there will be no accrual of sick leave or personal days for any year in which the person is not employed due to a reduction in force.

**ARTICLE VII**

**TEACHER WORK YEAR**

- A.
  1. The in-school work year for teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis (other than new personnel who may be required to attend up to four (4) additional days for orientation) shall not exceed one hundred eighty-six (186) days. The association shall be entitled to meet with the new staff for no less than 2 hours during said orientation period exclusive of lunch.
  2. The first day for teachers returning to work after the summer recess shall not be a pupil contact day. The 186<sup>th</sup> (one hundred eighty-sixth) day shall also not be a pupil contact day.
  3. The in-school work year shall include days when pupils are in attendance, orientation days, and any other days on which teacher attendance is required.
- B.
  1. The School Calendar shall be established by the Board after consultation with the Association.
  2. The calendar may be adjusted, after consultation with the Association, in order to meet the minimum standards (180 days) of pupil attendance.
- C.
  1. All positions for the extended school year program will be posted via the electronic job posting platform. All teachers who are interested must apply. The positions of teacher for the extended school year program will be offered first to the teachers who are teaching in the same subject area in the current year (previous 10 months). All teachers employed in these positions, who are teaching in the same subject area

in the current year (previous 10 months), will be compensated at the daily rate of 1/200th of their applicable annual salary guide for the school year in which the summer employment occurs.

2. All teachers and paraprofessionals participating in the summer Extended School Year programs shall receive a duty-free lunch of the same duration as the students' lunch.
  3. Should the room assignment of a teacher or paraprofessional who participates in the summer Extended School Year program differ from the teacher or paraprofessional's regularly assigned classroom for the school year in which the summer program occurs, the employee will receive a compensatory payment equal to one additional day's summer pay, calculated as specified above (in addition to pay for all regular summer program days worked)
  4. Should the summer Extended School Year programs be changed in any way, the parties agree to meet to re-negotiate the above provisions.
- D. This Article shall not apply to Ancillary Teachers.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD**

- A. Members of the teaching profession are expected to devote to their assignments the time necessary to meet their responsibilities. Teachers shall indicate their presence for duty by placing their initials in the proper column of the faculty Sign-In and Sign-Out roster. Teachers shall be in their *buildings* no later than 10 (ten) minutes before the scheduled start of the school day.
- B.
  1. Teachers may leave the building without requesting permission during their scheduled duty free lunch periods, in accordance with A of this Article.
  2. The duty-free lunch period for all elementary school nurses shall be at a time other than student lunch time except as determined by the Superintendent of Schools. Such lunch periods shall not be bifurcated. No nurse shall be assigned her lunch period before 11:00 A.M. Such time shall be of the same duration as other teachers enjoy.

3. On days designated as “Back to School” night, teachers shall be allowed to leave at student dismissal time.
4. All elementary school teachers shall have a duty-free lunch period consisting of one (1) hour each working day.

C. At the middle school and the high school, no teacher in grades 5 through 12 shall be required to teach more than five (5) periods per day without additional compensation. If such teachers cover a sixth (6th) period for ten (10) or more consecutive days, such compensation, retroactive to the first day, shall be for the 2022-2023 school year \$41 (forty-one dollars) per period, for the 2023-2024 school year \$43 (forty-three dollars) per period, and for the 2024-2025 school year \$45 (forty-five dollars) per period, or  $1/7^{\text{th}}$  of  $1/200$  (one two hundredth) of their annual salary, whichever is greater. If a period exceeds 45 (forty-five) minutes at the high school or 40 (forty) minutes at the middle school, such hourly rate shall be prorated.

Absence of this teacher during such period because of any excused absence (i.e. illness, personal days/family illness, bereavement or any other agreed leave days defined in this contract) exclusive of extended leaves of absence where the teacher is not responsible for assignments or grading) shall not constitute an interruption of such consecutive days. In addition, attendance at conferences or on school business shall not, if sent by the Superintendent of Schools, interrupt the consecutive days of the teacher for this coverage. Any teacher so assigned or volunteering for a sixth period shall not lose a preparation period as a result of such an assignment.

Teachers teaching a sixth period will receive compensation for any absence of this teacher (as defined in paragraph 2 above). Compensation for such classes will be contingent upon proof of preparation for the sixth period class by the teacher’s immediate supervisor.

Any teacher assigned to classes in both an elementary school (including Edison) and the high school or middle school shall not teach in excess of 225 minutes per day without additional compensation. Such compensation shall be a pro-rated share of \$40.00 per forty-five minutes, or  $1/7$  of  $1/200$  of his/her annual salary, whichever is greater.

Middle School teachers shall not be scheduled to teach more than 225 minutes during the normal school day.

- D. 1. At the middle school and the high school, when a teacher is required over the course of the year to substitute for another teacher more than *two* (2) times each school year, the teacher shall be paid at the rate provided in Schedule G for the extra instruction required.



2. At the elementary school level, when a teacher is required over the course of the school year to substitute for another teacher more than *two* (2) times in each school year, the teacher shall be paid at the rate provided in Schedule G for each forty-five (45) minute period of time for the extra instruction required. If a period of time is less than forty-five (45) minutes, payment shall be in proportion. There shall be additional compensation when the teacher covers his or her own class because a special subject teacher is absent and a substitute is not obtained.
- E.
1. At the elementary school level, when a specialist has a single full class in charge, the classroom teacher shall be free from duty except for the time necessary to insure an orderly transition at the beginning or end of the period.
  2. All full time elementary school teachers, and ancillary teachers assigned to seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) hours of pupil contact, shall have a minimum of two (2) hours of preparation time per week. Elementary teachers who work less than full time and ancillary teachers assigned less than seventeen and one-half (17 1/2) hours of pupil contact shall receive a pro-rata share of the two (2) hours of preparation time per week. Failure to receive the mandated preparation time shall be compensated in compensatory time during normal pupil contact hours.
- The maximum duty free time in any school week, consisting of five (5) full days, shall be three and three quarter (3¾) hours. Duty free time shall be pro-rated in any shortened school week.
- F.
1. No teacher shall be required to attend more than two (2) general faculty meetings during each month. (Excludes early dismissal days, departmental and/or grade level meetings).
  2. Except in emergency circumstances, as determined by the Superintendent, meetings which take place after the regular in-school workdays and which require attendance, shall not be called on Fridays or on any day immediately preceding any holiday, or any other day upon which teacher attendance is not required at school.
  3. An Association representative may speak to the teachers at any faculty meeting at the request of the representative. Such request shall normally be placed as the last item on the agenda for said meeting. Teachers shall have the opportunity to suggest items for the agenda of faculty meetings.
- G.
1. For field trips that occur on other than school days, teacher chaperones shall be compensated \$60.00 where same involves four (4) hours or less; \$90.00 where

same involves a period of excess of four (4) hours. This shall NOT apply to the activity advisor as named in Schedule D.

2. For field trips that occur on school days, there shall be no additional compensation for chaperones.
  3. For field trips that extend overnight:
    - a. Teacher chaperones receive special compensation at the rate of \$60.00 per such night. This special compensation shall apply to all chaperones including the activity advisor as named in Schedule D.
    - b. The total compensation for chaperones of overnight field trips shall be a combination of 1., 2., and 3. a. above, as applicable.
- H.
1. Teacher participation as chaperones at such evening activities as dances, plays, class parties and bus supervision to away athletic events, shall be compensated at the rate of \$60.00 per evening. This shall not apply to the activity advisor as named in Schedule D (e.g., Class Advisor).
  2. Elementary teachers who chaperone students at school-sponsored evening activities shall be compensated at the rate of \$60.00 per evening. Moving-up ceremonies are excluded from this provision. Teachers who oversee the activity as part of their curriculum responsibility are also excluded from this provision (e.g., music teacher and Musicale).
  3. Should there be an insufficient number of volunteers, the principals shall have the right to assign staff.
- I. Coaching salaries and extra-curricular salaries are to be found in Schedules C and D.
1. In the event that a certificated association member does not volunteer for any of the activities listed in Schedules C and D, the Superintendent may appoint someone to the activity. The Superintendent shall notify the Association of such appointments.
  2. All positions found in Schedules B, C, and D must be posted annually throughout the district via electronic job posting platform.
  3. The Building Principal will make recommendations to the Superintendent of Schools for appointments to the positions on Schedules C and D. Principals will

at his/her discretion consult with the Association when formulating appointment recommendations.

4. Requests for additions or changes to the clubs or activities listed in Schedules C and D must be submitted through the executive board of the Association who may forward such requests to the Building Principal, who shall have sole discretion to deny the request or recommend its approval to the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education.
5. An attendance record of students participating in all sports and/or activities must be kept regularly by the advisor or coach.
6. At the high school, the assistant student activities coordinator and yearbook advisors shall have no duty assignments beyond their teaching responsibilities and student activities or yearbook tasks, such as lunch duty, study hall, outdoor supervision, etc.

J. School Counselors:

1. As in the past, School Counselors will continue to meet and confer with parents at mutually agreeable times and places.
2. All School Counselors shall be assigned, for the purposes of meeting with parents, with five (5) evenings during each school year. They shall be given compensatory time mutually agreed upon with the building Principal or the Supervisor of School Counseling and Student Wellness.

K. The Superintendent of Schools shall have the right to assign all teachers to non-regular classroom duties during the period of time between student dismissal and teacher dismissal. The administrative procedures for assignments of non-regular classroom duties shall be determined mutually between the Superintendent of Schools and the Association.

L. Program Facilitators shall receive an additional annual stipend, as outlined in Schedule B, for the performance of their duties, and may work up to an additional eight (8) days beyond the regular school year, if mutually agreed upon by the individual facilitator and the Superintendent of Schools.

Each of the above extra days worked beyond that of the teacher work year shall be compensated at the rate of 1/200 of the Facilitator's annual teachers' guide salary.

Job descriptions for Facilitators will include a statement that observation and evaluation are not part of the position's responsibilities.

M. Mentoring

1. The Board of Education shall provide direction and guidance for all teachers who serve as mentors before the start of their assignment.
2. All vacancies for mentoring positions shall be posted as early as the District is aware of its needs. The posting shall include the qualifications for the position.
3. No employee shall be involuntarily assigned to serve as a mentor if there are qualified volunteers available.
4. Teachers shall typically serve as a mentor to only one (1) teacher. If there are not enough individual volunteers to facilitate a 1-1 ratio for mentoring, then a teacher may serve as a mentor to no more than two (2) provisional teachers at a time.
5. Joint Committee on Mentoring

There shall be a committee of three (3) administrators designated by the Superintendent and three (3) teachers appointed by the Association President. The committee shall review the State requirements concerning certification and support services for provisional teachers and make recommendations to the Board regarding those aspects which do not have an impact on terms and conditions of employment.

- N. Any person who does curriculum writing shall be paid at the summer workshop rate (as per Schedule G).
- O. This Article does not apply to Ancillary Teachers, except as set forth in E. 2., G. and H. above.
- P. Home instruction shall be paid at the hourly rate indicated on Schedule G. In the event a session is cancelled by the student (or parent or guardian) that same day, the member shall receive ½ hour of pay.

## ARTICLE IX

### NON TEACHING DUTIES

- A. The Board and the Association acknowledge that a teacher's primary responsibility is to teach and that his energy to the extent possible be utilized to this end.
- B. Teachers shall not be required to drive students to activities which take place away from the school building. A teacher may do so voluntarily, however, with the advance approval of his/her Principal. In the event that a Principal is absent, there shall be a designee empowered to provide such approval. He/she shall be compensated in accordance with district policy for the use of his own automobile.
- C. The Board shall arrange for and maintain appropriate insurance to cover all damages, losses and expenses incurred by a teacher against whom any action may be brought for any act or omission arising out of the authorized use of his own automobile in the performance of school duties. The Board's insurance is secondary to that of the teacher/driver.
- D. Teachers shall not be required to correct standardized tests which can be graded by machine, except in an emergency as determined by the Superintendent.
- E. Teacher's conferences regarding student progress shall be conducted in a five(5)-day period. During the scheduled conference time, no school or district meetings or in-services shall be scheduled. Teachers shall devote such time as necessary to complete such conferences. This is to be done twice a year two (2) times per school year. In addition, during the scheduled five-day period, two (2) half-days will be provided for the teachers to meet with parents in the Fall and two (2) half days will be provided in the Spring. All conferences will be optional for the parents. If due to extenuating circumstances conferences are canceled, conferences will be rescheduled within a reasonable amount of time.
- F. All employees (teachers, ancillary staff and paraprofessionals) will attend a minimum of two (2) days of in-service sessions per school year. Notification to members will be disseminated no less than ten (10) days prior to scheduled professional development days.

All Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals who attend the mandatory in-service sessions must record the hours on a voucher and have the voucher signed by the respective building principal to receive payment.

Attendance at professional development days is mandatory and required for payment.

In the event the district fails to provide the in-service in accordance with the paragraph above, Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals shall be paid at their daily rate for each in-service session not provided.

The district will provide notification to all part-time employees of the schedule for professional development dates by August 15 for the upcoming school year.

- G. Every effort should be made by the district to notify members as soon as possible of new school year assignments. Whenever possible, these assignments/schedules shall be provided before the end of the previous school year.

1. For paraprofessionals, the member shall be provided 1 (one) class period to meet with the case manager and/or observation when a job assignment is changed after October 1 which will result in a significant change in daily job responsibilities.

## ARTICLE X

### SALARIES AND TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

- A. 1. Each regular teacher shall, upon recommendation of the Superintendent, be placed on his proper step of the Salary Schedule A, in accordance with Paragraphs 2 through 10 below.
2. All regular teachers upon re-employment shall be on the proper step of the guide as determined by the teacher's initial guide placement, and the degree status and experience credit accrued subsequent to his or her date of hire, unless an increment has been withheld.
3. Effective July 1, 2004, all teachers, upon initial employment, will receive one (1) years credit for every year of full-time teaching experience, under contract, in a public or private accredited school. In certain circumstances, the Superintendent may place a teacher on a lower step of the salary guide, provided the step agreed upon by the Superintendent and the individual is more than the teacher's previous salary. The Superintendent may recommend to the Board of Education that any prospective employee receive up to a maximum of four (4) additional years of salary guide credit for placement on the guide, and the Board may accept such recommendation and adjust initial guide placement accordingly.

4. Credit for new teachers for teaching experience of less than a complete year will be based upon a full increment for ninety (90) teaching days or more of experience, and no increment for less than ninety (90) teaching days of experience.
5. All personnel shall be granted full experience credit for not more than four (4) years of military service or for not more than four (4) years of alternative civilian service required by the Selective Service System.
6. All personnel shall be granted not more than two (2) years for service in the Peace Corps, V.I.S.T.A., the National Teachers Corps, and time spent on a Fulbright Scholarship.
7. The aggregate total of 4. and 5. above shall not exceed four (4) years of experience credit.
8. The Superintendent of Schools may recommend to the Board of Education that any prospective employee may receive up to a maximum of four (4) years of non-teaching or industrial experience for placement on the salary guide.
9. No teacher shall be transferred or reassigned from a position covered by the salary guide for full time classroom teachers to a position that is not covered by that salary guide; however, the forgoing shall not apply to a regular, full time classroom teacher who terminates employment in the district and in a subsequent school year, voluntarily accepts a position as a part time teacher of ancillary services.
10. a. In order to be eligible for movement from the B.A. column to the B.A. +15 column of the teacher salary guide, a teacher hired on or after July 1, 1992 must comply with the following requirements:
  - (1) The teacher must obtain prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools for all graduate courses taken beyond the Bachelor's degree.
  - (2) The approved graduate courses must be taken, and the fifteen (15) graduate semester hours beyond the Bachelor's degree must be earned, after the Bachelor's degree has been conferred. Courses taken prior to the award of the Bachelor's degree shall not be applied toward movement to the BA+ 15 column.
  - (3) Graduate courses must have been taken and credit earned within the six (6) year period immediately prior to the teacher's application for salary guide movement. Graduate credits earned more than six (6)

years prior to such application shall not be applied toward movement to the BA+ 15 column.

- b. In order to be eligible for movement from the B.A. column to the B.A. +15 column of the teacher salary guide, a teacher hired prior to July 1, 1992 must comply with the following requirements:
- (1) The teacher must obtain prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools for all graduate courses taken beyond the Bachelor's degree.
  - (2) The approved graduate courses must be taken, and the fifteen (15) graduate semester hours beyond the Bachelor's degree must be earned, after the Bachelor's degree has been conferred. Courses taken prior to the award of the Bachelor's degree shall not be applied toward movement to the BA+ 15 column.
  - (3) Graduate courses must have been taken and credit earned within the eight (8) year period immediately prior to the teacher's application for salary guide movement. Graduate credits earned more than eight (8) years prior to such application shall not be applied toward movement to the BA+ 15 column.

B. Ancillary teachers shall be paid in accordance with Schedule H.

- C.
1. Paraprofessionals shall be paid in accordance with Schedule I. Paraprofessionals shall be paid in twenty (20) equal semi-monthly installments.
  2. When a pay day falls on or during a school holiday, vacation or weekend, paraprofessionals shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day.
  3. Paraprofessionals shall receive their final checks by July 15th, following the end of the school year, provided they have completed all professional responsibilities.
  4. Paraprofessionals employed in the summer school shall receive their first paycheck at the mid-point of the summer school program. The final paycheck shall be issued no later than fifteen (15) business days after the program concludes.
  5. Reimbursements for approved paraprofessional expenditures and/or compensation for any approved activities shall be made within thirty (30) days from completion of the activity and submission of proper voucher to the appropriate authority, except where otherwise herein provided.



6. When inclement weather or other emergency situation necessitates the district to have a delayed opening, Paraprofessionals shall receive their full day's pay.
- D. Teachers shall be notified of their contract status for the ensuing year no later than May 15th. If a successor agreement has not been reached by May 15th, all contracts offered to teachers shall provide that the salary status shall be as provided in the agreement ultimately reached.
  - E.
    1. Teachers shall be paid on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of the month.
    2. When a pay day falls on or during a school holiday, vacation or weekend, teachers shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day.
    3. Teachers shall receive their final checks the last working day of the school year, provided they have completed all professional responsibilities.
    4. Teachers employed in the summer school shall receive their first paycheck at the mid-point of the summer school program. The final paycheck shall be issued no later than five (5) business days after the program concludes.
    5. Reimbursements for approved teacher expenditures and/or compensation for any approved activities shall be made within thirty (30) days from completion of the activity and submission of proper voucher to the appropriate authority, except where otherwise herein provided.
  - F. A teacher can move to a new salary track in mid-year with the following provisions:
    1. Notification in September preceding the mid-year qualifications.
    2. Teachers must complete all course work by December 31<sup>st</sup>, in order to move to a new column on the guide on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Pay will not be retroactive to the preceding September, and teachers are not required to work one full year after movement on the guide in the Fair Lawn school district to qualify.
  - G. A differential shall be paid to persons having special responsibilities inherent in their position, in accordance with Schedules of Compensation.
  - H.
    1. Coaches will be paid in accordance with Schedules of Compensation.

2. Coaches shall be paid in two installments. The first shall be at the mid-point of the sport. The second shall be paid within five (5) business days after the completion of the sport if all of his professional responsibilities have been concluded.
- I. All tentative openings for positions in the summer school program shall be posted via the electronic job posting platform. Teachers shall be notified of the action taken as soon as practicable.
  - J. Any currently employed ancillary teacher, who is transferred to Schedule A will receive one year's credit on the salary guide for every two years they have taught as an ancillary in district.
  - K.
    1. In order to be eligible for movement from the Master's (MA) column to the Master's plus 15 (MA+15) or the Master's plus 30 (MA+ 30) columns of the teacher salary guide, a teacher hired on or after July 1, 1992 must comply with the following requirements:
      - a. The teacher must obtain prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools for all graduate courses taken beyond the Master's Degree.
      - b. The approved graduate courses must be taken, and the fifteen (15) or thirty (30) graduate semester hours beyond the Master's degree must be earned, after the Master's degree has been conferred. Courses taken prior to the award of the Master's degree shall not be applied toward movement to the MA + 15 or the MA + 30 columns.
      - c. Graduate courses must have been taken and credit earned within the six (6) year period immediately prior to the teacher's application for salary guide movement. Graduate credits earned more than six years prior to such application shall not be applied toward movement to the MA + 15 or the MA+ 30 columns.
    2. In order to be eligible for movement from the Master's (MA) column to the Master's plus 15 (MA+ 15) or the Master's plus 30 (MA+ 30) columns of the teacher salary guide, a teacher hired prior to July 1, 1992 must comply with the following requirements:
      - a. The teacher must obtain prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools for all graduate courses taken beyond the Master's degree.

- b. No more than forty percent (40%) of the approved graduate credits attained prior to obtaining the Master's degree can be used for the purpose of placement on the MA+ 15 or the MA+ 30 columns.
  - c. Graduate courses must have been taken and credit earned within the eight (8) year period immediately prior to the teacher's application for salary guide movement. Graduate credits earned more than eight (8) years prior to such application shall not be applied toward movement to the MA+ 15 or the MA+ 30 columns.
- L. The honorarium for a Doctorate degree shall be \$2,750.00 effective July 1, 2006.
- M. It shall be clearly understood by both parties that the salary schedules (e.g. designated as A-1 or included in this agreement) do not guarantee an automatic increase. The Board reserves the right to withhold, for inefficiency or other good cause, any and all employment adjustments and/or increments. In the event the Board wishes to exercise such a right, it does hereby agree to follow this procedure:
1. Whenever the Superintendent of Schools is considering recommending the withholding of a salary increment, he or his designee shall meet with the teacher and review the matter with him. If the Superintendent subsequently decides to submit a recommendation to the Board to withhold a salary increment, the employee to be so deprived shall be put on notice of this recommendation by June 30th.
  2. Arrangements shall be made to afford said employee a reasonable opportunity to speak in his own behalf before the Board, within thirty (30) days of notification. Such a meeting before the Board shall not constitute a plenary hearing.
  3. The Board will not take necessary formal action until a date subsequent to the above meeting.
  4. If the resultant action of the Board is to withhold an increment, it shall, within thirty (30) days, give written notice of such action, together with the reasons therefore, to the employee concerned.
  5. In the case of an employee who has had an increment withheld, he may be placed on his proper step on the current salary guide the following year, as determined by his years of experience and degree status, if the Board, in its discretion, deems such action appropriate.

6. The employee shall have the right to grieve, in accordance with Article III, only the failure to comply with the above procedure.
- N.
1. Positions for any and all instruction/remediation being taught before a school's first bell or after a school's initial dismissal time will be posted via the electronic job posting platform.
  2. All posted positions for instruction/remediation being taught before a school's first bell or after a school's initial dismissal time will be filled on a voluntary basis, by an appropriately certified individual, in response to a posting.
  3. All sessions for instruction/remediation being taught before a school's first bell or after a school's initial dismissal time will be as listed in Schedule G.
  4. All sessions for instruction/remediation being taught before a school's first bell or after a school's initial dismissal time will last 35 minutes.
  5. Test scores/performance assessments of students who take part in any instruction/remediation being taught before a school's first bell or after a school's initial dismissal time will not be used in an evaluative means. Such sessions will not be used as a method of a teacher observation.
- O. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers only as to paragraphs B, D, E, , and N above. All other paragraphs do not apply to Ancillary Teachers.
- P. This Article shall apply to Paraprofessionals only as to paragraph D. All other paragraphs do not apply to Paraprofessionals.

## ARTICLE XI

### PROMOTIONS

- A. Promotional positions are defined as follows:
1. Positions paying a salary differential whether by index based on B.A. minimum or by specified contracted amount, and/or positions on the administrative-supervisory levels of responsibility. All vacancies in promotional positions, including specialists and/or special project teachers, pupil personnel workers and positions in programs funded by the Federal Government, and changes in job classification shall

be adequately publicized by the Superintendent in accordance with the following procedures.

2. When school is in session, a notice shall be posted in each school as far in advance as practicable, ordinarily at least thirty (30) school days before the final date when applications must be submitted and in no event less than fifteen (15) for any position specified in Article I, "Recognition" as exclusively administrative or supervisory or ten (10) school days for any other district position. Teachers who desire to apply for such vacancies shall submit applications via the electronic job posting platform.

When school is not in session, due to scheduled vacation time, "school days" shall mean "weekdays".

- B. All qualified teachers shall be given adequate opportunity, as determined by the Superintendent of Schools, to make application for such positions and no positions shall be filled until all properly submitted applications have been considered.
- C. In the situation set forth above the qualifications for the position, its duties, and the rate of compensation shall be clearly set forth.
- D. Exceptions to the terms of this section may be made, upon Superintendent recommendation, by decision of the Board of Education. Such exceptions shall be noted in writing to the Association president.
- E. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers.

## ARTICLE XII

### TEACHER OBSERVATIONS AND EVALUATIONS

#### A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of teachers' observations and evaluations shall be to:
  - a. Promote and recognize professional excellence;
  - b. Improve student learning and growth;

- c. Improve the skills of staff members; and
  - d. Provide a basis for the review of performance of staff members.
2. All observations and evaluations shall be conducted openly and with the full knowledge of the employee and should include only school related duties and responsibilities.
3. Nothing contained within this article shall abridge the rights of the evaluator to visit classes as deemed appropriate by the evaluator consistent with the terms of this article.

## B. DEFINITIONS

1. For the purpose of this Article, the following definitions shall prevail:
  - a. Classroom observations shall consist of classroom visits by a certified evaluator for the following durations: Short Observation: twenty (20) minutes; Long Observation: conducted for a maximum of 45 minutes or one full class period; whichever is shorter.
  - b. Educational Services professionals and other specialists not assigned to regular classroom duties shall be observed at their assigned work stations for a reasonable period of time, which will reflect a fair assessment of their performance.
  - c. An observation report shall be a written critique of the data collected during the classroom observation. The report shall include the strengths and perceived weaknesses of the teacher as evidenced during the visit and based on the six standards as presented in the district's adopted Stronge Model.
  - d. Other observations shall be those observations other than classroom observations. These shall include on-going day-to-day observations of teacher performance in carrying out professional responsibilities.
  - e. A summative performance report shall be the act of making judgments and drawing conclusions based on data collected which pertains to the teacher's/certificated staff member's performance of his/her professional duties and job responsibilities over the course of the academic year.
  - f. The summative evaluation performance report shall be based upon the six standards, as listed below, that assess the teacher's performance, commendations,

and the staff member's potential for growth. The six standards are:

- (1) Professional Knowledge
- (2) Instructional Planning or Program Planning and Management
- (3) Instructional Delivery or Program Delivery
- (4) Assessment of and for Student Learning or Assessment
- (5) Learning Environment or Communication and Collaboration
- (6) Professionalism

### C. PROCEDURES

- (1) At the start of each school year, by September 15<sup>th</sup>, each teacher, educational service professional or other specialist shall be informed in writing of the DEAC guidelines for observations. These criteria and methods of collecting data shall be limited to areas specifically related to professional performance and assigned responsibilities. No observations can be conducted prior to receipt of this material.
  - a. Observations: Any observation - whether formal or informal - shall be conducted openly and with the knowledge of the employee being observed.
    - (1) Non-tenured certificated staff in Years 1 and 2 will receive two long and one short observation. Non-tenured certificated staff in Years 3 and 4 will receive one long and two short observations. Changing any short observation into a long observation will be at the discretion of the administrator with input from individual teachers/educational specialists or at the request of the teacher/educational specialist. All certificated staff will receive a minimum of one announced observation and one unannounced observation. For certificated staff, the pre-conference shall include information submitted electronically via "mylearningplan" or similar program.
  - (2) All Effective and Highly Effective tenured teachers and educational specialists will receive one long announced observation and one short unannounced observation. Changing any short observation into a long observation will be at the discretion of the administrator with input from individual teachers/educational staff specialists or at the request of the teacher/educational specialist.

Observations shall be the following durations: Short Observation: twenty (20)

minutes. Long Observation: conducted for a maximum of 45 minutes or one full class period; whichever is shorter.

One observation of tenured staff must take place during the first half of the year (September – January) and the other must take place during the second half of the year (January – April). Each required observation shall be scheduled no more than once a semester.

- (3) Educational Services professionals and other specialists not assigned to regular classroom duties shall be observed at their assigned work stations for a reasonable period of time, which will reflect a fair assessment of their performance.
- (4) Teachers may request additional observations above the minimum required.
- (5) A post observation conference may be held prior to the writing of the finalized classroom observation report by the supervisor so as to allow for clarification and exchange of information regarding the instruction observed.
  - (a) At the request of a staff member, a post-conference will be done face to face, at a mutually agreeable time.
  - (b) The post-conference shall include data from the observation and all the evidence that shall be included in the observation report, as well as the draft observation report.
- (6) The official post-observation conference shall occur within ten (10) school days of the observation visit and shall take place within the workday at a time other than duty-free lunch unless mutually agreed upon.
- (7) The teacher shall be required to acknowledge the completed observation report before the report is finalized. Such acknowledgement shall indicate solely that the teacher has read the report. The teacher shall have two (2) school days after his/her observation conference to inform the evaluator, electronically, that he or she wishes to rebut the report. If a rebuttal is to be added, the teacher shall have five (5) school days from the date of the conference to electronically submit a rebuttal.
- (8) Multiple classroom observations shall not occur on the same day (Unless requested by the teacher and agreed to by the observer).
- (9) No observation shall occur prior to the previous observation conference. In addition, there shall be at least ten- (10) school days between the time one evaluation is completed, including the post observation conference and submission of any responses, and the subsequent observation or evaluation.



- (10) No teacher shall be observed in excess of the minimum number unless the evaluator specifies in writing to the teacher, the reasons for the additional classroom observations. Each additional observation shall be followed by an observation report and a post-observation conference.
- (11) If a certificated staff member's final summative rating is Partially Effective or Ineffective, this staff member must be placed on a Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and will receive a total of 5 observations.

The additional three (3) observations will be long. Two of the additional observations will be announced, and the third observation will be unannounced. Teachers on a CAP will be observed 3 times in the first half of the year and twice during the second half of the year.

In addition, all CAPs must be developed and discussed with the teacher by September 15th and finalized by September 30th.

b. Summative Performance Report:

- (1) Non-Tenured teaching staff members shall be evaluated twice each year consisting of an interim performance report and a summative performance report.
- (2) Tenured teaching staff members shall receive an annual summative performance report.
- (3) The summative conference shall take place within the workday at a time other than duty-free lunch unless mutually agreed upon.
- (4) The teacher shall be required to acknowledge the completed summative performance report before the report is finalized. Such signature shall indicate solely that the teacher has read the report. The teacher shall have two (2) school days after his summative conference to inform the evaluator, electronically, that he or she wishes to rebut the report. If a rebuttal is to be added, the teacher shall have five (5) school days from the date of the conference to electronically submit a rebuttal.
- (5) Teachers shall be evaluated only by persons certificated by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners to supervise instruction. The names of his/her evaluators shall be given to each teacher at the start of each school year. No teacher member, or non-certificated staff member, of the School Improvement Panel (SciP) shall be permitted to have knowledge of, or participate in, the evaluation process of any other certificated staff member. Use of any such information will render the evaluation null and void.

(6) Any question or criticism by a supervisor, administrator, or Board member of an employee's performance/instructional methodology shall be made in confidence and not in the presence of students, parents, co-workers, or members of the public.

(7) During a classroom or workplace observation/evaluation, whether formal or informal, no tape recorders, videotape equipment, computers, telephones, or any other device with video or audio recording capability shall be used to record the staff member. Evaluation of a staff member shall not be accomplished through electronic monitoring or taping.

#### D. PERSONNEL RECORDS

1. Those complaints, regarding a teacher made to any member of the administration or by any parent, student, or other person, which are used in any manner evaluating a teacher, shall be promptly investigated. The teacher shall be given an opportunity to respond to and/or rebut those complaints, which, as a result of the investigation, shall become a part of his/her file.
2. No material derogatory to a teacher's conduct, service, character, or personality or any material, which could have an adverse effect on a teacher's status, shall be placed in his/her personnel file unless the teacher has had an opportunity to review the material.
3. The teacher shall acknowledge that he/she had the opportunity to review such material referred to in D. 1. and D. 2. above by affixing his/her signature to the copy to be filed with the express understanding that such signature in no way indicates agreement with the contents thereof. The teacher shall also have the right to submit a written answer to such material and his/her answer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee and attached to the file copy.
4. A teacher shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of his/her personnel file and (\*see note below) to receive copies at Board expense of any documents contained therein. A teacher shall be entitled to have a representative(s) of the Association accompany him/her during such review. Once every year, a teacher shall have the right to indicate those documents and/or other materials in his/her file gathered in the current or previous year, which he believed to be inappropriate to retain. Said documents shall be reviewed by the Superintendent or his/her designee and if, in fact, they are inappropriate to retain as determined by the Superintendent they shall be destroyed.

\* Only copies of material not previously received by the teacher will be prepared at Board expense.

5. The Board agrees to protect the confidentiality of personal references, academic credentials and other similar documents. It shall not establish any separate personnel file that is not available for the teacher's inspection.
6. All teachers must be notified of any personnel file that exists. All files must comply with the provisions of Paragraph B, Article XII.

#### E. INDIVIDUAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (PDP)

1. The Individual Professional Development Plan (PDP) shall be developed by the teaching staff member and the teaching staff member's certified district supervisor.
2. The PDP shall be considered a living document. The employee shall have the right to modify the plans, goals, and activities listed throughout the calendar year to meet his/her emerging goals, amending the plan in collaboration with his/her immediate certified supervisor.
3. The individual Professional Development Plan shall require no more than the minimum required 20 hours of professional development a year.
4. The PDP shall include no more than three goals, such as a professional practice goal, school goal, and/or district goal.
5. Any professional development required of any school staff member – whether through a PDP or Corrective Action Plan (CAP) – shall be provided during the regularly scheduled work year and work day.
6. Any professional development activity or experience, recommended by an administrator and approved by central office, aimed at helping a teacher meet their PDP goals will be funded by the district.

#### F. CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN (CAP)

1. The Corrective Action Plan must define both the individual's responsibilities and the district's and supervisors'/administrators' responsibilities in helping the employee address any identified deficiencies.
2. The plan shall spell out which specific evaluation standards need to be addressed. When possible, it will include opportunities to view modeling of "effective" representations of meeting the standards by the certified supervisor and/or by those rated "effective" or "highly effective" in such standards.

3. The employee who is required to have a Corrective Action Plan shall have the right to have an association representative present during any conference where a Corrective Action Plan is created.
4. Every individual on a Corrective Action Plan shall be provided regular and continuous support toward and feedback about their progress in addressing any deficiencies.
5. Observations of individuals with Corrective Action Plans shall be conducted by multiple observers who shall be certified evaluators.

G. COLLABORATIVE/SUPERVISION MODEL

1. In the event that the NJDOE allows it, teachers may choose other options in place of the standard, contractual method of observation outlined above in this article. Whatever option the teacher chooses shall be totally voluntary.
2. The teacher may withdraw from this model at any time to return to the standard method of observation/evaluation with no penalty.
3. No teacher shall be held responsible if this model is not successful.
4. If allowed by the NJDOE, any tenured teacher may participate in this model with the mutual agreement of the supervisor/principal. If mutual agreement cannot be achieved, the teacher may appeal to the Superintendent.

H. ANCILLARY PERSONNEL- This Article shall apply to ancillary teachers.

I. PARAPROFESSIONAL PERSONNEL

1. Paraprofessionals shall receive an annual summary evaluation using the form agreed upon by the Board of Education and the Association.
2. Paraprofessionals shall be required to sign the completed evaluation report before the report is submitted. Such signature shall indicate solely that the report has been read by the paraprofessional. The paraprofessional may rebut the evaluation within five (5) school days from the date of receiving it.
3. Only persons certified by the New Jersey State Board of Examiners to supervise instruction shall evaluate paraprofessionals.

## ARTICLE XIII

### SICK LEAVE

A. 1. Regular

All regularly employed 10-month personnel shall be entitled to ten (10) days sick leave per year with full pay which shall be accumulative.

2. Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals

All Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals are entitled to a pro-rated portion of the statutory provided ten (10) days sick leave per year with full pay. All unused days shall be accumulative.

B. Extended Sick Live

1. Extended sick leave for teachers shall be applied for and may be granted by the Board in its discretion, less the cost or estimated cost of a substitute, in accordance with the provisions of *N.J.S.A.* 18A:30-6.

2. Effective July 1, 1992, all teachers who were in the employ of the Board on June 30, 1992 shall, as in the past, be entitled to utilize for extended sick leave with partial pay and/or extended sick leave with full pay any days credited to them for such purposes on June 30, 1992. After June 30, 1992, however, no additional days will be credited to any unit member for extended sick leave purposes.

C. When a teacher is absent for reasons of health, under the provisions of this Article, for three (3) or more consecutive days, a doctor's note or proof of illness acceptable to the Superintendent may be required. When, in the judgment of the Principal, immediate superior or department head, when applicable, absences have been excessive, the Superintendent shall reserve the right to demand proof of illness and take whatever steps are necessary to insure the intended and proper use of the provisions of this Article.

This Article shall not apply to Ancillary Teachers or to Paraprofessionals, except as provided in Section A. 2. above.

## ARTICLE XIV

### TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

#### A. Temporary Leaves of Absence with Pay

The Superintendent of Schools shall grant to any regularly employed person emergency leave for the following reasons:

1. Death in the Family
  - a. Immediate Family - 5 Days per occurrence
    - Husband or Wife
    - Children
    - Mother or Father
    - Sister or Brothers
    - Mother-in-Law
    - Father-in-Law
    - Anyone living in the same domicile at time of death
  - b. Other family members - 3 days per occurrence
    - Sisters-in-Law or Brothers-in-Law
    - Grandmother or Grandfather
    - Grandmother-in-Law or Grandfather-in-Law
    - Grandchildren
  - c. Other family members – 2 days per occurrence
    - Aunt or Uncle
    - Niece or Nephew
  - d. Death of relative not a member of the immediate family - 1 day per occurrence.
2. Personal Business Days/Illness in Family - 3 days
  - a. (1) Personal Business Days shall be used for those things which cannot be done by the teacher during other than normal school hours.
  - (2) The Superintendent reserves the right to require verification of same in order to insure proper and intended use of this provision.

- b. Personal business days may be used by the teacher for the reasons of illness in the immediate family.
- c. All such days under this section not utilized during the course of the academic year shall accrue as additional sick days as per Article XIII "Sick Leave" and thereby result in each employee being permitted to accrue a maximum of thirteen (13) unused sick days derived from the ten (10) days under Article XIII and the three (3) days permitted under this section.
- d. In addition to such accrual as to sick leave, all personal business days under this section shall accrue as accumulated terminal leave days referred to in Article VI "Terminal Leave Remuneration Plan" to the maximum limit of three (3) days per year.

**B. Temporary Leave of Absence Without Pay**

Requests for absence not within the limitations of Section A.1 through A.2 above, may be approved without pay by the Superintendent of Schools for a maximum of three (3) days per teacher per year.

- C. Time necessary for persons called into temporary active duty of any unit of the U.S. Reserves or the State National Guard, provided such obligation cannot be fulfilled on days when school is not in session. A teacher shall be paid his regular pay, in addition to any pay which he receives from the State or Federal Government.
- D. Other leaves of absences with or without pay may be granted by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
- E. Leaves taken pursuant to Section A. shall be in addition to any sick leave to which the teacher is entitled.
- F. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals.

**ARTICLE XV**

**EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

- A. The Board agrees that up to two (2) teachers elected to a county, state or national office affiliated with the Association shall, upon request, be granted a leave of absence without pay for two (2) years, or in the alternative such teacher elected to a state or national office

shall, upon request, be granted up to ten (10) days absence without pay during the school year in addition to the days absences provided for in Article XIV herein above; said additional days not to be taken without the prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools, and, in no event, during the last five (5) school days of the year.

- B. A leave of absence without pay of up to two (2) years shall be granted to any tenured teacher who joins the Peace Corps, V.I.S.T.A., National Teacher Corps, or serves as an exchange teacher or overseas teacher, and is a full-time participant in either of such programs, or accepts a Fulbright Scholarship.
- C. A teacher on tenure shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for up to one (1) year to teach in an accredited college or university.
- D. Military leave without pay shall be granted to any tenure teacher who is inducted or enlists in any branch of the armed forces of the United States for the period of said induction or initial enlistment.
- E.
  - 1. The Board of Education shall grant a leave of absence for child rearing, herein defined as being during child's first year after birth, without pay, to any staff member. Child rearing leaves for non-tenure personnel shall not extend beyond the school year in which the leave commenced, and under no circumstances shall a staff member attain tenure while on child rearing leave. The leave shall commence at the time specified by the employee and shall terminate on a date which, to insure program and instructional continuity, will coincide with the beginning or end of a semester, marking period, or school year, or such other date as the employee and the Board shall agree.
  - 2. The Board of Education shall grant a leave of absence without pay for adoption of an elementary age child from birth up to the end of the school year in which the child attains the age of six which shall commence upon receipt of de facto custody of said child or earlier if necessary to fulfill requirements of the adoption. Such adoption leaves for non-tenure personnel shall not extend beyond the school year in which the leave commenced and under no circumstances shall a staff member attain tenure while on an adoption leave. The leave shall commence at the time specified by the employee and shall terminate on a date which, to insure program and instructional continuity, will coincide with the beginning or end of a semester, marking period, or school year, or such other date as the employee and the Board shall agree.
  - 3. Either of the above leaves shall be as follows:



Two full years for the first leave and one full year for each consecutive leave. If a teacher returns to work for a full year, they would be eligible for another two year leave.

- F. The Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, may grant a maximum of one year leave of absence, without pay, for personal reasons, to any tenured teacher.

The Superintendent of Schools shall take the following factors into consideration:

1. Length of time teacher has served in the Fair Lawn School System.
  2. Benefits which would result for the school system.
  3. Expectations of the teacher to return to the Fair Lawn School System.
- G. The Board shall grant a leave of absence without pay to any teacher to serve in a public office.
  - H. Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted by the Board upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
  - I.
    1. Upon return from leave granted pursuant to Sections A., B., D., or E. of this Article, a teacher shall be placed at the proper step of the current schedule as determined by time spent in actual teaching experience and in accordance with the provisions of Article X. Time spent on said leave shall not be credited towards the fulfillment of the time requirements for acquiring tenure. A teacher shall not receive increment credit for time spent on a leave granted pursuant to Section C., E., F., G., or H. of this Article nor shall time count towards to the fulfillment of the time requirement for acquiring tenure.
    2. All benefits to which a teacher was entitled at the time his leave of absence in Fair Lawn Public Schools commenced, including unused sick leave accumulated in Fair Lawn, shall be restored to him upon his return.
  - J.
    1. Re-employment of any teacher on extended leave must begin as of September 1, except that, at the request of the teacher and upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the Board may permit re-employment to begin if a vacancy occurs prior to September 1.

2. Any teacher on extended leave must notify the Superintendent of Schools in writing by April 1st of his intention to return the following September. Failure to notify the Superintendent of Schools by April 1<sup>st</sup> will be considered an abandonment of one's position resulting in termination of employment. The Superintendent of Schools has the right to determine when an extenuating circumstance exists regarding the April 1<sup>st</sup> notification date.
- K. All extensions or renewals of extended leaves of absence shall be applied for in writing by April 1st, and, if granted by the Board, as indicated by its official Minutes of Public Meeting, shall be in writing.
  - L. The total number of leaves provided for in this Article shall be limited to two percent (2%) of the members of the Unit as defined in Article 1. In extraordinary circumstances, the Board may grant leaves in excess of this figure.
  - M. For the purpose of defining the duration of leave in this Article, if more than ninety (90) school days remain from the effective date of the leave until the end of the school year, this period of time shall be considered to be one full year. If ninety (90) or fewer school days remain, this period of time shall be considered to be zero years.
  - N. This Article shall not apply to Ancillary Teachers.

## **ARTICLE XVI**

### **EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT**

The Board and the Association agree to implement the following practices:

- A. Tuition reimbursement shall be governed by the following conditions:
  1. Courses must be directly related to the area of present service.
  2. Said courses must have the prior approval of the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee.
  3. Courses must be taken at an accredited college and equivalent to a full semester course. The duration of the course is not relevant. Teachers must complete all course work by August 31<sup>st</sup> in order to move to a new column on the guide on September 1<sup>st</sup>. Teachers must complete all course work by December 31<sup>st</sup> in order to move to a new column on the guide on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Pay is no longer retroactive

to September for a mid-year qualification. Teachers are not required to work one full year in Fair Lawn after movement on the guide.

4. Tuition reimbursement for all eligible members shall not exceed sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000.) per budget year, for completed courses. These monies shall be distributed equally amongst eligible applicants, regardless of the number of courses taken.
    - a. Reimbursement shall not exceed \$1,200. per person.
    - b. There shall be no reimbursement for any grade lower than a B-.
    - c. Reimbursement monies will be distributed by July 30<sup>th</sup>.
  5. Teachers on an unpaid leave of absence are not eligible for tuition reimbursement.
- B. The Fair Lawn Professional Development Committee shall be comprised of four teachers, elected by the District Board of Education instructional and educational services staff through their majority representative, and two administrative staff members appointed by the chief school administrator. Election of teacher representatives shall conform to the following procedures:
1. There shall be an open nomination of candidates from among the ranks of instructional and educational services staff members;
  2. Voting shall be conducted in accordance with the established elections procedures of the majority representative as established in its constitution and bylaws. The election calendar developed by the majority representative shall factor in time for runoff elections should the need arise;
  3. Professional Development Committee terms shall begin on September 1 and shall expire on August 31 of the appropriate year;
  4. Should a teacher member vacancy on the Professional Development Committee occur, the president of the employees' majority representative shall appoint a replacement to serve out the remaining term until the next scheduled election; and
  5. Member terms shall be two years. Members can be reappointed up to three times. All active teachers and education services personnel are eligible to vote for and to serve on the Fair Lawn Professional Development Committee.
- C. In order to encourage employees to participate actively in meetings of local, County, State and national professional organizations (exclusive of any conventions of NEA, NJEA,

BCEA, and FLEA), the payment of employee expenses incurred in attendance and the salary of substitutes shall be carried in the budget as an in-service education expense item, in accordance with the following guidelines:

1. An allowance of \$75.00 per day for food and lodging to a maximum of \$300.00 per person, plus the cost of transportation to a maximum of \$100.00 per person.
  2. Among other considerations, eligibility to attend meetings of state and national professional organizations shall be based upon professional interest and leadership position of local affiliation.
  3. Requests for permission to attend professional meetings are subject to the approval of the Superintendent of Schools in cases when the registration and other fees do not exceed \$200.00 and where teacher expenses (mileage, hotel, food, etc.) do not exceed \$200.00. All other conference/conventions are subject to Board of Education approval.
  4. The employee shall file with the Principal and Superintendent of Schools a report of the conference with recommendations for use, if any, by employees and the Board of Education.
  5. The number of employees attending a total of all conferences in any one month at Board expense shall not exceed four percent (4%) of the professional staff.
- D. The Superintendent shall grant permission for an employee to be absent two (2) days per year at full pay, when required by school business; and, in those instances where permission has been granted, the employee shall be entitled to be reimbursed for his expense.
- E. The Superintendent of Schools may grant members of the instructional staff permission to visit other schools when, in the judgment of the Principal and the Superintendent, said visitation will serve as means to improve professional competence. Said leaves shall be for no more than two (2) days per year and shall be with full pay.
- F. A member of the professional staff shall be granted one (1) day's absence with pay to attend graduation exercises at which he or she receives a degree. The graduation must be during the day and the staff member must attend.
- G. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers only at the discretion of the Superintendent of Schools.

## ARTICLE XVII

### INSURANCE PROTECTION

- A. The Board shall provide Health Insurance protection which includes the benefits indicated below:
1. For each teacher presently in the employ of the Board who continues for a full school year, the Board shall make payment of insurance premiums to provide coverage for the full twelve-month period, commencing September 1st and ending August 31st.
  2. Effective July 1, 2016, each new teacher who is appointed during the summer months up to and including September 1st for the 2016/2017 and following school years, will be eligible to enroll in any of the NJ SEHBP offered health plans up to and including Horizon Direct 15. Health coverage for newly hired employees is effective on September 1st for the school year in which they are hired. Teachers appointed after September 1st may enroll in the health insurance program to become effective on the first of the month following the date they complete two months of continuous service with the Board. The dependents' coverage for those enrolling dependents will become effective on the same date. Upon completion of four years' consecutive service, and renewal of employment for the following school year, these newly hired employees will be eligible to transition to the Horizon Direct 10 Health Insurance Program during the district's open enrollment period, upon request, to be effective January 1st of their fourth consecutive year of service in the District.
  3. Any benefit changes imposed after July 1, 2012, by the School Employees Health Benefits Program shall become the new standard level of coverage and the Board shall not be obligated to furnish any additional insurance or otherwise provide additional compensation. Employees may select any available plan without penalty.
- B. The Board shall provide each teacher with a description of Health Insurance coverage provided by the beginning of the school year. This information shall include a clear description of conditions and limits of coverage provided.
- C. The Board shall pay the full premium cost of Health Insurance coverage as outlined above, for the employee and for any dependents in accordance with New Jersey State Law.

- D. Each employee covered by Part B Medicare shall be reimbursed annually by the Board of Education for the premium costs.
- E. For the 2015-16 school year through the 2018-19 school year, the Board shall pay up to \$3,800.00 per enrolled employee for provision of existing Dental and Optical insurance coverage at the 2006-07 level. If the amount of the premium for provision of such coverage for an employee is less than \$3,800.00, the Board of Education shall be obligated only to pay such lesser premium amount, and there shall be no entitlement or claim that any differential may be applied to the purchase of a better plan or to offset premium cost for another employee.

Should the premiums for the above mentioned benefit plans be less than required to keep the benefit levels at the 2006-2007 level, then the remaining money may be used to supplement the subsequent school years, if necessary, to keep the plans at the 2006-2007 benefit levels.

- F. 1. This Article shall not apply to Ancillary Teachers unless any such assignments shall exceed twenty-five (25) hours per week. Effective July 1, 1999, Paraprofessionals are covered by E. above if any such assignment shall be at least thirty (30) hours per week.
2. Effective July 1, 1993, the work week of Ancillary Teachers who have acquired twenty-five (25) years or more of service in the District shall be increased to a minimum of twenty-five (25) hours per week, and such Ancillary Teachers shall thereby be entitled to receive the benefits provided by this Article. Effective July 1, 1999, the threshold of 25 years in the first sentence shall be changed to 24 years.
3. Effective July 1, 2001, all non-certificated staff members covered by this agreement must have a regularly scheduled work week of thirty (30) hours or more to be eligible for any benefit package outlined in this Article XVII. All non-certificated staff members hired before July 1, 2001, who currently receives the benefits outlined in this Article XVII, will continue to receive said benefits despite the number of regularly scheduled work hours per week.
- G. Waiver of Insurance Coverage B Effective July 1, 2010, all employees have the option to waive medical insurance coverage and in return receive a taxable, but not pensionable, cash incentive as follows. The annual payment below will be made in the last pay in June and December of each year, pro-rated for the number of months the employee has elected to waive medical coverage. All other ancillary benefits will remain in place. The waiver is available during open enrollment to be effective January 1 of each year.

<u>Eligible for:</u>	<u>Waiving Incentive</u>
Single	\$2,000
Two Adults	\$5,000
Two Adults Opting single	\$2,000
Family	\$6,000
Family Opting single	\$2,000
Parent/Child	\$2,000
Parent/Child Opting single	\$1,000

Upon entry into the School Employees Health Benefits Program, the waiver payments made to eligible employees shall be adjusted in accordance with applicable legal requirements and maximums.

Employees waiving coverage must show proof of alternate coverage. The waiver will remain in place for 12 months, and the employee may re-enroll unconditionally effective each subsequent January 1<sup>st</sup>, (with 30 days-notice) and may also re-enroll immediately if they submit proof of a life status change (as defined by IRS, e.g. employment, death or disability of a spouse; divorce or legal separation, activation to full-time military status, etc.)

The Board of Education has adopted a Section 125 Plan Document and the waivers will be administered in accordance with the IRS Code and guidelines.

## ARTICLE XVIII

### TAX-SHELTERED ANNUITIES

- A. Upon the request of a teacher, in accordance with Administrative Regulations, the Board shall take the necessary steps to enroll the teacher in a Tax Sheltered Annuity Program, in existence in the district at the present time, as provided for under Sections 403(b) and/or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code and the New Jersey Division of Pensions.
- B. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals to the extent permitted by law and by the insurance carrier.

## ARTICLE XIX

### DEDUCTIONS FROM SALARY AND AGENCY FEE

- A. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its teachers' dues for the Fair Lawn Education Association, the Bergen County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association, and the National Education Association, as said teachers individually and voluntarily authorize the Board to deduct, after said forms have been submitted to the Business Department by the Association. Such deductions shall be made in compliance with Chapter 310, Public Laws of 1967 (*N.J.S.A. 52:14-15.9e*) and under rules established by the State Department of Education. Said monies together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the treasurer of the Fair Lawn Education Association.
- B. Each of the associations named above shall certify to the Board, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues. Any association which shall change the rate of its membership dues shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of such change.
- C. Agency Fee

- 1. Purpose of Fee

Commencing July 1, 1998, if an employee does not become a member of the Association during any membership year (i.e., from September 1 to the following August 31) which is covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, said employee will be required to pay a representation fee to the Association for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as majority representative.



2. Amount of Fee

a. Notification

Prior to the beginning of each membership year, the Association will notify the Board in writing of the amount of the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the Association to its own members for that membership year. The representation fee to be paid by nonmembers will be determined by the Association in accordance with the law.

b. Legal Maximum

In order to adequately offset the per capita, cost of services rendered by the Association as majority representative, the representation fee should be equal in amount to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the Association to its own members, and the representation fee may be set up to eighty-five percent (85%) of that amount as the maximum presently allowed by law.

3. Deduction and Transmission of Fee

a. Notification

Once during each membership year covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, the Association will submit to the Board a list of those employees who have not become members of the Association for the then current membership year. The Board will deduct from the salaries of such employees in accordance with paragraph b. below, the full amount of the representation fee and promptly will transmit the amount so deducted to the Association.

b. Payroll Deduction Schedule

The Board will deduct the representation fee in equal installments, as nearly as possible, from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list during the remainder of the membership year in question. The deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid:

- (1) ten (10) days after receipt of the aforesaid list by the Board; or,
- (2) thirty (30) days after the employee begins his or her employment in a bargaining unit position, unless the employee previously served in a bargaining unit position and continued in the employ of the Board in a non-bargaining unit position or was on layoff, in which event the deductions will begin with the first paycheck paid ten (10) days after the resumption of the employee's employment in a bargaining unit position, whichever is later.

c. Mechanics

Except as otherwise provided in this Article, the mechanics for the deduction of representation fees and the transmission of such fees to the Association will, as nearly as possible, be the same as those used for the deduction and transmission of regular membership dues to the Association.

d. Changes

The Association will notify the Board in writing of any changes in the list provided for in paragraph a. above and/or the amount of the representation fee, and such changes will be reflected in any deductions made more than ten (10) days after the Board received said notice.

4. Indemnification and Save Harmless Provision

a. Liability

The Association agrees to indemnify and hold the Board harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability, including liability for attorney's fees and other legal costs and expenses, which may arise by reason of any action taken or not taken by the Board in complying with the provisions of this Article, provided that:

- (1) the Board gives the Association timely notice in writing of any claim, demand, suit or other form of liability in regard to which it will seek to implement this paragraph; and
- (2) if the Association so requests in writing, the Board will surrender to it full responsibility for the defense of such claim, demand, suit or other form of liability; provided, however, that this condition shall

not apply where there may be a conflict of interest between the Board and the Association which would necessitate separate representation. The Board and the Association will cooperate fully with each other in gathering evidence, securing witnesses and in all other aspects of said defense.

- D. The Board will advise the Association of the name of any unit employee hired after the beginning of the school academic year, within thirty (30) days of the date of the Board resolution approving such employment.
- E. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and to Paraprofessionals.

## ARTICLE XX

### SENIORITY FOR PARAPROFESSIONALS

- A. Effective July 1, 2001, the Board and the Association agree to create a seniority protection arrangement for Paraprofessionals. For purposes of this Article, seniority means the number of academic or calendar years of employment or fraction thereof, of a Paraprofessional in the Fair Lawn School District.

Paraprofessionals will not be entitled to seniority until they have completed three consecutive academic years of employment in the District, together with employment at the beginning of the next succeeding academic year, or upon completion of the equivalent of more than three academic years within a period of any four consecutive academic years. Upon completing such period of employment, a paraprofessional will be granted seniority credit retroactive to initial date of service.

In the event of elimination of a position, a paraprofessional whose position is eliminated shall be given that employment which he or she is entitled by seniority. Seniority under the Article will be used only for purposes of layoff and recall, and a reduction in hours will not constitute a reduction in force for purposes of this Article when it occurs during the course of an academic year. In the event the elimination of a job occurs during the academic year, the affected paraprofessional, with seniority to bump a less senior paraprofessional, will be placed in a substantially equivalent position, but not necessarily of equal hours. In no event shall any paraprofessional lose benefits as a result of such an action. However, no new employee shall be hired during the course of an academic year if a current employee has had her hours reduced during said academic year until such time as the current employee has been asked if she wishes to take on the "new" assignment which would increase her hours of employment. If she refuses the new assignment the district need not offer her

any additional hours during the course of the current academic year. And also, in the event that the “new” assignment, which would increase the paraprofessionals hours of employment, is in conflict with his/her current position, the district need not offer him/her the “new” assignment. Paraprofessionals will be laid off in reverse order of seniority. The employee with the least amount of seniority, as determined by hire date of the employee, will be subject to layoff even if that individual’s specific position has not been abolished.

In the event a vacancy occurs in a paraprofessional position, paraprofessionals who have been laid off will be entitled to recall in the order of seniority. Recall rights shall expire five years after the date of layoff.

The district will notify a laid-off paraprofessional of recall to work by sending written notice via certified mail return receipt requested addressed to the paraprofessional last address appearing on the records of the school district. Within five (5) calendar days from receipt of such notice the paraprofessional must notify the district verbally whether he or she desires to accept the offer of re-employment. The paraprofessional must confirm the acceptance in writing within ten (10) calendar days of receipt of notice. If the paraprofessional fails to reply within these time lines, or indicates that he/she does not desire to return to such work, he/she shall forfeit all seniority and all recall rights. A paraprofessional whose employment is terminated or who resigns shall lose all seniority/recall rights.

Seniority shall not be accumulated during the period of layoff or during any unpaid leave of absence of more than 30 days’ duration. Upon recall, the paraprofessional’s accumulated seniority shall be the same as it was on the date of the layoff.

At the beginning of each academic year, the district will distribute all work for paraprofessionals on the basis of seniority. If two or more paraprofessionals have equal seniority the district will decide which paraprofessional receives the greater work load. Once a paraprofessional qualifies for seniority under the provisions of this article, the failure on the part of the Board to non-renew a paraprofessional for a subsequent year shall be subject to the grievance procedure. However, prior to eligibility of seniority, the termination or non-renewal of a paraprofessional will not be subject to the grievance procedure.

## ARTICLE XXI

### MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

- A. This Agreement constitutes a Board policy and an Association policy for the term of said Agreement, and the Board and the Association shall carry out their respective commitments contained herein and give them full force and effect as Board and Association policy.
- B. If any provision of this Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.
- C. Any teaching contract between the Board and an individual teacher shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If the aforesaid teaching contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement during its duration shall be controlling unless the language is statutory.
- D. Except as this Agreement shall otherwise provide, all terms and conditions of employment applicable on the effective date of this Agreement as established by administrative procedure, existing practice, or Board policy shall continue to be applicable during the term of this Agreement.
- E. Nothing in this Agreement which changes pre-existing School Board policy, rules or regulations shall operate retroactively unless expressly so stated.
- F. It is understood that teachers shall continue to serve under the direction of the Superintendent of Schools and in accordance with the "School Board" policies and administrative rules, regulations and the provisions of this Agreement.
- G. Copies of this Agreement shall be reproduced at the equal expense of both parties within sixty (60) calendar days after the Agreement is signed and presented to all teachers employed. The Fair Lawn Education Association has the right to select the printer for this document.
- H. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or part by the parties except by an instrument in writing, duly executed by both parties. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this Agreement, either party shall do so by telegram or certified letter at the following addresses:

1. If by Association to Board, at:

Fair Lawn Board of Education  
37-01 Fair Lawn Avenue  
Fair Lawn, NJ 07410

2. If by Board to Association President, at his/her appropriate school address and/or home address.

I. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers.

J A teacher must be given a written job description of any activity prior to accepting the position.

ARTICLE XXII

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

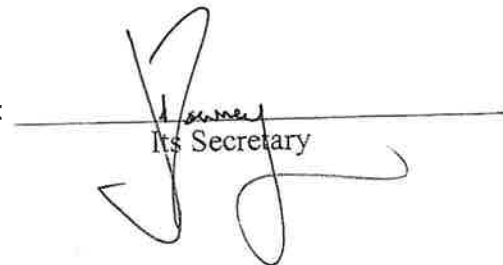
- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2022, and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2025, except as otherwise expressly provided herein, subject to the Association's right to negotiate over a successor Agreement as provided in Article II. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.
- B. This Article shall apply to Ancillary Teachers and Paraprofessionals.
- C. **IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their respective presidents, attested by their respective secretaries, and their corporate seals to be placed hereon, all as of the day and year above written.

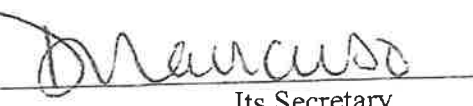
FAIR LAWN EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

FAIR LAWN BOARD OF EDUCATION

By:   
Its President

By:   
Its President

By:   
Its Secretary

By:   
Its Secretary

## SALARY SCHEDULES

### Schedule A Certificated Staff

YEAR 1  
2022-23

Step	BA	BA+15	MA	MA+15	MA+30
A	\$57,748	\$58,648	\$64,348	\$65,198	\$71,048
B	\$58,248	\$59,148	\$64,848	\$65,698	\$71,548
C	\$58,798	\$59,698	\$65,398	\$66,248	\$72,098
D	\$60,098	\$60,998	\$66,698	\$67,548	\$73,398
E	\$61,898	\$62,798	\$68,498	\$69,348	\$75,198
F	\$63,748	\$64,648	\$70,348	\$71,198	\$77,048
G	\$65,748	\$66,648	\$72,348	\$73,198	\$79,048
H	\$67,798	\$68,698	\$74,398	\$75,248	\$81,098
I	\$69,998	\$70,898	\$76,598	\$77,448	\$83,298
J	\$72,848	\$73,748	\$79,448	\$80,298	\$86,148
K	\$75,748	\$76,648	\$82,348	\$83,198	\$89,048
L	\$78,648	\$79,548	\$85,248	\$86,098	\$91,948
M	\$81,848	\$82,748	\$88,448	\$89,298	\$95,148
N	\$85,198	\$86,098	\$91,798	\$92,648	\$98,498
O	\$89,498	\$90,398	\$96,098	\$96,948	\$102,798
P	\$98,960	\$99,860	\$105,560	\$106,410	\$112,260



**Schedule A  
Certificated Staff**

**YEAR 2  
2023-24**

<b>Step</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA+15</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>MA+15</b>	<b>MA+30</b>
<b>1</b>	\$58,952	\$59,852	\$65,552	\$66,402	\$72,252
<b>2</b>	\$59,452	\$60,352	\$66,052	\$66,902	\$72,752
<b>3</b>	\$60,002	\$60,902	\$66,602	\$67,452	\$73,302
<b>4</b>	\$61,302	\$62,202	\$67,902	\$68,752	\$74,602
<b>5</b>	\$63,102	\$64,002	\$69,702	\$70,552	\$76,402
<b>6</b>	\$64,952	\$65,852	\$71,552	\$72,402	\$78,252
<b>7</b>	\$66,952	\$67,852	\$73,552	\$74,402	\$80,252
<b>8</b>	\$69,002	\$69,902	\$75,602	\$76,452	\$82,302
<b>9</b>	\$71,202	\$72,102	\$77,802	\$78,652	\$84,502
<b>10</b>	\$74,052	\$74,952	\$80,652	\$81,502	\$87,352
<b>11</b>	\$76,952	\$77,852	\$83,552	\$84,402	\$90,252
<b>12</b>	\$79,852	\$80,752	\$86,452	\$87,302	\$93,152
<b>13</b>	\$83,052	\$83,952	\$89,652	\$90,502	\$96,352
<b>14</b>	\$86,402	\$87,302	\$93,002	\$93,852	\$99,702
<b>15</b>	\$90,702	\$91,602	\$97,302	\$98,152	\$104,002
<b>16</b>	\$100,160	\$101,060	\$106,760	\$107,610	\$113,460

**Schedule A  
Certificated Staff**

**YEAR 3  
2024-25**

<b>Step</b>	<b>BA</b>	<b>BA+15</b>	<b>MA</b>	<b>MA+15</b>	<b>MA+30</b>
<b>1</b>	\$59,858	\$60,758	\$66,458	\$67,308	\$73,158
<b>2</b>	\$60,358	\$61,258	\$66,958	\$67,808	\$73,658
<b>3</b>	\$60,908	\$61,808	\$67,508	\$68,358	\$74,208
<b>4</b>	\$62,208	\$63,108	\$68,808	\$69,658	\$75,508
<b>5</b>	\$64,008	\$64,908	\$70,608	\$71,458	\$77,308
<b>6</b>	\$65,858	\$66,758	\$72,458	\$73,308	\$79,158
<b>7</b>	\$67,858	\$68,758	\$74,458	\$75,308	\$81,158
<b>8</b>	\$69,908	\$70,808	\$76,508	\$77,358	\$83,208
<b>9</b>	\$72,108	\$73,008	\$78,708	\$79,558	\$85,408
<b>10</b>	\$74,958	\$75,858	\$81,558	\$82,408	\$88,258
<b>11</b>	\$77,858	\$78,758	\$84,458	\$85,308	\$91,158
<b>12</b>	\$80,758	\$81,658	\$87,358	\$88,208	\$94,058
<b>13</b>	\$83,958	\$84,858	\$90,558	\$91,408	\$97,258
<b>14</b>	\$87,308	\$88,208	\$93,908	\$94,758	\$100,608
<b>15</b>	\$91,608	\$92,508	\$98,208	\$99,058	\$104,908
<b>16</b>	\$101,280	\$102,180	\$107,880	\$108,730	\$114,580

**Schedule B  
Schedule of Differentials  
Annual Stipends**

<b>Position</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
District - Academically Talented Coordinator	3,478	3,589	3,704
Psychologist - Social Workers*	5,162	5,327	5,498
Guidance Counselors*	2,828	2,918	3,012
Learning Disability Specialists*	2,828	2,918	3,012
Program Facilitators	5,466	5,641	5,822
High School - Distributive Education Coordinator	2,452	2,530	2,611
High School - Cooperative Office Education Coordinator	2,452	2,530	2,611
High School - Cooperative Industrial Education Coordinator	2,452	2,530	2,611
High School - Cooperative Home Economics Coordinator	2,452	2,530	2,611
High School - Faculty Treasurer	4,299	4,436	4,578
Middle School - Faculty Treasurer	3,478	3,589	3,704
Elementary - Teacher in Charge	2,864	2,955	3,050
HIB Stipend	500	516	533

\* All Child Study Team members and guidance employees hired after the ratification of the 1997-2000 Agreement will not receive a differential. All Child Study Team members and guidance employees on staff prior to the ratification of the 1997-2000 Agreement will continue to receive the differentials listed above in their base pay.

Schedule C

Stipends-Head Coach

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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**Group 1**

Step 1	9,555	9,861	10,176
Step 2	10,356	10,687	11,029
Step 3	11,155	11,512	11,880

(assistants)  
6

**Group 1**  
Football

**Group 2**

Step 1	8,695	8,973	9,260
Step 2	9,309	9,607	9,914
Step 3	9,926	10,244	10,572

(assistants)

2  
4  
2  
3  
1

**Group 2**  
Wrestling  
Basketball (2)  
Ice Hockey  
Spring Track (2)  
Swimming

**Group 3**

Step 1	7,463	7,702	7,948
Step 2	8,049	8,307	8,573
Step 3	8,634	8,910	9,195

(assistants)

3  
3  
4  
5  
4

**Group 3**  
Baseball  
Softball  
Lacrosse (2)  
Soccer (2)  
Volleyball (2)

**Group 4**

Step 1	6,849	7,068	7,294
Step 2	7,279	7,511	7,752
Step 3	7,710	7,957	8,211

(assistants)

1  
0  
2  
1

**Group 4**  
Fencing  
Gymnastics  
Winter Track  
Cross Country

**Group 5**

Step 1	5,864	6,052	6,245
Step 2	6,233	6,432	6,638
Step 3	6,602	6,813	7,031

(assistants)

0  
2  
1  
0  
2  
3  
2

**Group 5**  
Bowling (2)  
Cheerleading  
Dance Team  
Golf  
Tennis (2)  
Marching Band  
Indoor Percussion

Schedule C

Stipends-Assistant Coaches - Per Coach

	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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**Group 1**

Step 1	7,167	7,396	7,633
Step 2	7,766	8,015	8,271
Step 3	8,367	8,635	8,911

**Group 1**  
Football

(assistants)  
6

**Group 2**

Step 1	6,520	6,729	6,944
Step 2	6,982	7,206	7,436
Step 3	7,444	7,682	7,928

**Group 2**  
Wrestling  
Basketball (2)  
Ice Hockey  
Spring Track (2)  
Swimming

(assistants)  
2  
4  
2  
3  
1

**Group 3**

Step 1	5,598	5,777	5,961
Step 2	6,036	6,229	6,429
Step 3	6,474	6,681	6,895

**Group 3**  
Baseball  
Softball  
Lacrosse (2)  
Soccer (2)  
Volleyball (2)

(assistants)  
3  
3  
4  
5  
4

**Group 4**

Step 1	5,136	5,301	5,470
Step 2	5,459	5,634	5,814
Step 3	5,782	5,967	6,158

**Group 4**  
Fencing  
Gymnastics  
Winter Track  
Cross Country

(assistants)  
1  
0  
2  
1

**Group 5**

Step 1	4,397	4,538	4,683
Step 2	4,674	4,824	4,978
Step 3	4,951	5,109	5,273

**Group 5**  
Bowling (2)  
Cheerleading  
Dance Team  
Golf  
Tennis (2)  
Marching Band  
Indoor Percussion

(assistants)  
0  
2  
1  
0  
2  
3  
2

## SCHEDULE D

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	GROUP	HIGH SCHOOL	GROUP	GROUP
Webmaster	5	Coordinator of Student Activities	1	Academic Decathlon Advisor
<b>MIDDLE SCHOOLS</b>	<b>GROUP</b>	Assistant Coordinator of Student Activities	2	Big Brother/Big Sister
Instrumental/Music	2	School Musical Advisor	2	Biology League Advisor
Choral Music	3	Yearbook Advisor	2	Chemistry League Advisor
Drama Club	4	Debate Team Advisor	3	Computer League Junior Division Advisor
National Junior Honor Society Advisor	4	Engineering Design Club	3	Computer League Senior Division Advisor
Student Council	4	F.B.L.A. Advisor	3	Environmental Club Advisor
Yearbook Advisor	4	Freshman Class Advisor	3	E.R.A.S.E. Advisor
Art/Craft Club	5	Junior Class Advisor	3	J.E.T.S. Advisor
Astronomy	5	Junior Prom Advisor	3	Marathon Coordinator
Boys Intramural	5	Masques Advisor	3	Masques Assistant
Celebrate America	5	School Musical - Pit Orchestra	3	Mathematics League Advisor, Freshman
Computer League	5	Senior Class Advisor	3	Physics League Advisor
Debate Team	5	Sophomore Class Advisor	3	Scarlet Letters Advisor
Destination Imagination	5	Boptones Advisor	4	School Musical Choreographer
Drama Club Assistant	5	Crimson Crier Advisor	4	School Store Advisor
Environmental Club	5	Interact Advisor	4	Senior Class Assistant
Future Business Leaders of America	5	Jazz Ensemble	4	Stage Technician
Girls Intramural	5	Mathematics League Advisor	4	Subject Area National Honor Societies
Instrumental/Strings	5	Model UN Advisor	4	Varsity Law Team
Literary Magazine	5	National Honor Society Advisor 1	4	
Mathematics League	5	National Honor Society Advisor 2	4	
National Junior Honor Society Asst. Advisor	5	Peer Listening	4	
Peer Mediation	5	Peer Mediation	4	
Ping Pong	5	Peer Mentoring	4	
REACH	5	Production Club Advisor	4	
School Newspaper	5	Publications Manager	4	
School Store	5	Webmaster - High School	4	
Student Council Assistant	5	Yearbook Assistant Advisor	4	
Video Production Club	5			
Webmaster	5			
Word Masters	5			
World Language Club	5			
Production Club	6			
Yearbook Assistant	6			

## Schedule D

### Annual Stipends

Position	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25
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#### Group 1

Step 1	5,691	5,873	6,061
Step 2	6,307	6,509	6,717
Step 3	6,921	7,142	7,371

#### Group 2

Step 1	4,005	4,133	4,265
Step 2	4,497	4,641	4,789
Step 3	4,990	5,149	5,314

#### Group 3

Step 1	3,230	3,333	3,440
Step 2	3,660	3,777	3,898
Step 3	4,092	4,223	4,358

#### Group 4

Step 1	2,694	2,780	2,869
Step 2	3,064	3,162	3,263
Step 3	3,433	3,543	3,656

#### Group 5

Step 1	2,122	2,190	2,260
Step 2	2,368	2,444	2,522
Step 3	2,615	2,698	2,785

#### Group 6

Step 1	1,507	1,555	1,605
Step 2	1,630	1,682	1,736
Step 3	1,752	1,808	1,866

## Schedule F

### Outdoor Education Program Schedule

<b>Position</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
TEACHING STAFF - Salary Rate per Week (Per Teacher)	833	860	888
NIGHT SUPERVISORY STAFF - Salary Rate per Week (Per Teacher)	96.66	100	103
DIRECTOR/TEACHER-IN-CHARGE - Salary per year	4,405	4,546	4,692

## Schedule G

### Miscellaneous Hourly and Periods Rates of Pay

<b>Position</b>	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>2024-25</b>
REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION (before & after school as explained in Article X; 0)	50.99	52.63	54.31
LUNCHROOM	33.88	34.96	36.08
PLAYGROUND	33.88	34.96	36.08
SIXTH PERIOD (non-continuous basis) High School - Middle Schools	32.08	33.11	34.17
SUMMER WORKSHOPS	41.56	42.89	44.27
SUMMER SCHOOL	41.56	42.89	44.27
SUMMER SCHOOL HALL DUTY SUPERVISOR	26.39	27.24	28.11



**Schedule H  
Fair Lawn Ancillary Teachers**

**YEAR 1  
2022-23**

Step	Hourly
1	\$73.19
2	\$75.84
3	\$78.66
4	\$81.59

**YEAR 2  
2023-24**

Step	Hourly
1	\$75.53
2	\$78.27
3	\$81.18
4	\$84.20

**YEAR 3  
2024-25**

Step	Hourly
1	\$77.95
2	\$80.77
3	\$83.77
4	\$86.90

**Schedule I  
Fair Lawn Paraprofessionals**

**YEAR 1  
2022-23**

Step	Hourly
1	\$29.77
2	\$30.28
3	\$30.96
4	\$31.80

**YEAR 2  
2023-24**

Step	Hourly
1	\$30.73
2	\$31.25
3	\$31.95
4	\$32.81

**YEAR 3  
2024-25**

Step	Hourly
1	\$31.71
2	\$32.25
3	\$32.97
4	\$33.86