

MASTER AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

**ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

AND

**ONTONAGON EDUCATION
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION**

2026-2029

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ARTICLE 1 AGREEMENT

- 1.1 This agreement entered into July 1, 2024 by and between the Ontonagon Education Support Personnel Association, an affiliate of the Western Upper Peninsula Education Association / Michigan Education Association – National Education Association as hereinafter called the “Union” and the Ontonagon Area School District Board of Education as hereinafter called the “Employer.”

In consideration of the following mutual covenants, it is hereby agreed as follows:

- 1.2 This Agreement is negotiated pursuant to the Public Employment Relations Act, Act No. 336 of the Public Acts of 1947 as amended, to establish the wages, hours, terms and conditions of employment for the members of the bargaining unit herein defined.

ARTICLE 2 RECOGNITION

- 2.1 The employer hereby recognizes the Ontonagon Education Support Personnel Association, an affiliate of the WUPEA/MEA-NEA, hereinafter the Union, as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative, for the purpose of and as defined in the Public Employment Relations Act 379, as amended, for all non-teaching employees, excluding supervisors as defined in the Act, one (1) confidential secretary and one (1) payroll clerk as defined by the Superintendent.
- 2.2 Unless otherwise indicated, use of the term “Employee” when used hereinafter in this Agreement shall refer to all members of the above defined bargaining unit.
- A. A probationary employee is a bargaining unit member who is employed to fill a position for a trial period of sixty (60) days actually worked.
 - B. A substitute is a person who is employed to fill a position while the regular employee is absent or on approved leave.
- 2.3 The Board agrees not to negotiate with any individual employee or organization other than the Union for the duration of this agreement, except with the agreement of the Union.

ARTICLE 3 UNION MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 An employee shall not be required as a condition of obtaining or continuing employment to do any of the following:
- A. Refrain or resign from membership in, voluntary affiliation with, or voluntary financial support of a labor organization or bargaining representative.

- B. Become or remain a member in the OESP, subject to resignation procedures (August opt-out) of MEA.
 - C. Pay any dues, fees, assessments, or other charges or expenses of any kind or amount, or provide anything of value to the OESP, MEA, or NEA.
 - D. Pay to any charitable organization or third party any amount that is in lieu of, equivalent to, or any portion of dues, fees, or assessments. Or other charges or expenses required of members of or public employees represented by a labor organization or bargaining representative.
- 3.2 In the event of any legal action against the Employer brought in a court or administrative agency because of its compliance with the Article, the Union agrees to defend such action, at its own expense and through its own counsel, provided:
- A. The Employer gives timely notice of such action to the Union and permits the Union intervention as a party if it so desires, and
 - B. The Employer gives full and complete cooperation to the Union and its counsel in securing and giving evidence, obtaining witnesses, and making relevant information available at both trial and appellate levels.

The Union agrees that in any action so defended, it will indemnify and hold harmless the Employer from any liability for damages and costs imposed by a final judgment of a court or administrative agency as a direct consequence of the Employer's compliance with this Article and shall include any liability for unemployment compensation paid under the Michigan Employment Security Act.

- 3.3 Any language, whether intended or circumstantial, in the Master Agreement (contract) making it a "condition of employment" for an employee to pay money to the union is null, void, and unenforceable.

ARTICLE 4 MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 4.1 The Board on its own behalf and on behalf of the electors of the district, hereby retains and reserves unto itself, without limitation, all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and vested in it by the laws and Constitution of the State of Michigan, and of the United States, including, but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the right:
- A. To the executive management and administrative control of the School system, its properties and facilities, and the activities of its employees.
 - B. To hire all employees, subject to the provisions of law and determine their qualifications, and the conditions for their continued employment, or their dismissal or demotion; and to promote and transfer all such employees.

- 4.2 The exercise of the foregoing powers, right, authority, duties and responsibilities by the Board, the adoption of policies, rules, regulations and practices in furtherance thereof, and the use of judgment and discretion in connection therewith shall be limited only by the specific and expressed terms of this Agreement and then only to the extent such specific and express terms hereof are in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- 4.3 Nothing contained herein shall be considered to deny or restrict the Board of its rights, responsibilities and authority under the Michigan General School Laws or any other national, state, county, district, or local laws or regulations as they pertain to the Employer.

ARTICLE 5 UNION RIGHTS

- 5.1 The Union and its representatives, upon request, shall have the right to use school buildings at reasonable hours to conduct business meetings. The Union shall notify the building principal when a meeting will be held.
- 5.2 The MEA Uniserv Director shall be permitted to transact official Union business on Employer property at reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal operations. He/she shall notify the office of his/her presence in the building.
- 5.3 The Union shall have the right to post notices of activities and matters of Union concern on designated bulletin boards, at least one of which shall be provided in each building.
- 5.4 The employer shall, upon notification, grant the Union up to a maximum of six (6) days per year as time off for Union members to conduct Union business or participate in Union activities such as conventions and/or conferences. An employee with administrative approval may exchange shifts with another employee if such exchange can be arranged in order not to lose time or pay. If not, such time off shall be without pay. No more than two (2) employees shall be absent for union business on any given day. Additional days without pay as provided for above may be granted and/or additional employees may be excused with approval of the Superintendent.
- 5.5 Upon request, the Superintendent agrees to meet with the Union President or his/her designee to discuss matters of general concern or grievances. Such meeting will take place at a time mutually acceptable to both parties.
- 5.6 There shall be a job description for each bargaining unit position. A copy of the job description shall be available to new hires. Any modification to existing positions shall be discussed by the parties. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to create, make and construct, modify or change all job descriptions.

- 5.7 The Union President or its designated representatives and representatives of the Employer shall meet to discuss proposed changes in job descriptions. The District reserves the right in its sole discretion to create, make and construct, modify or change all job descriptions.
- 5.8 Employees may be evaluated at least once every three (3) years by the Administration. Additional evaluations may be done at the discretion of the administration. Evaluations shall be based on the direct observation and/or knowledge of the evaluator. Upon completion of the evaluation, the administration shall meet and discuss the evaluation with the employee. The employee shall be required to sign the evaluation. However, said signature shall not be interpreted to mean agreement with the content of the evaluation. The employee shall have the right to attach a response to the evaluation.
- 5.9 Bargaining unit members who are required to meet with the Administration on Association business shall not be required to punch out to attend said meetings. Members of the Association Negotiations Committee shall not be required to punch out in order to participate in negotiations should a negotiations session be scheduled during their work time.

ARTICLE 6

BARGAINING UNIT MEMBER RIGHTS AND PROTECTION

- 6.1 Pursuant to Act 379 of the Public Acts of 1965 and Public Act of 349 of 2012, the Board hereby agrees that every employee under contract with the Board shall have the right freely to organize, join, and support the Union for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiations or refrain from union activity. The Board and Union undertakes and agrees that it will not discharge or deprive or coerce any employee in the enjoyment of any rights conferred by Act 379 and Public Act 349 of 2012 or other laws of Michigan or the Constitution of Michigan and the United States.
- 6.2 Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any employee nor to the Board rights under the Michigan Revised School Code. The rights granted to employees and to the Board shall be deemed to be in addition thereto and the restriction, modification or elimination of said rights through Federal laws, Michigan State laws and court rulings shall take precedence over language in the contract agreement, and anything in this agreement in conflict therewith shall be void.
- 6.3 Drivers whose driving record makes it illegal for them to drive a school bus or if the district's insurance carrier will not insure the driver, said driver shall be placed on an unpaid leave of absence for that portion of work related to his/her driving duties. In this event he/she forfeits any rights to return to a driving position or any other position related to the operation of school buses.
- 6.4 Disciplinary action may include warnings, reprimands, suspension, loss of pay, demotion and discharge.

- 6.5 In imposing any discipline on a current charge, the Employer will not take into account any prior "district imposed" disciplinary action which occurred more than three (3) years previously unless the current conduct is of the same or similar nature, except where court rulings or case law mandates certain action. The law supersedes the contract.
- 6.6 An employee subject to suspension, loss of pay, demotion, or discharge shall be entitled to have present a representative of the Union during any meeting with the Employer
- 6.7 Each employee shall have the right upon request to review the contents of his/her own personnel file, except confidential material as determined by law. A representative of the Union may be requested to accompany the employee in such review. In the event that the employee feels that material placed, or to be placed in his/her file, is inappropriate or in error, he/she may receive adjustment through the grievance procedure whereupon, pending outcome of the grievance, the material shall be corrected or expunged from the file.

An employee's signature upon material in the file will be interpreted to mean that the employee knows of its presence, but is not necessarily in agreement with the material. The employee may or may not, upon exercise of personal option, attach a statement of agreement or disagreement of any evaluation placed in his/her file.

- 6.8 Employees shall be provided a copy of any non-confidential material (as determined by the courts and/or laws) placed in or to be placed in his/her file. Each file shall contain a cover sheet to be signed and dated by any person reviewing the file.

Absent a FOIA request, material placed in the personnel file, including evaluations, shall not be released to the general public or any other non-authorized person, as determined by the superintendent, without written permission from the employee.

Materials requested subject to Michigan's Freedom of Information Act will be released according to law. However, the District shall provide the employee with a copy of the FOIA request and a copy of the material intended to be provided. The employee will have the opportunity to make objections to the material prior to the material being released. If the employee requests time to respond to any of the material and signs an extension request to allow such response, the District will delay response for the allowable time frame.

ARTICLE 7 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- 7.1 A grievance shall be defined as a claim by an employee or the Union that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of any provision of this Agreement.

Grievances brought forth with a claimed basis of past practice and not directly on contract language cannot be taken past the level of mediation.

The Union shall not appeal any discharge or discipline of an employee convicted of violating MCL 28,722 (SORA – Sex Offender Registration Act), or Sections 1230b or 1230d of the Revised School Code.

- 7.2 STEP 1: In the event that an employee believes there is a basis for a grievance, the employee shall first discuss the alleged grievance with his/her immediate supervisor either personally or accompanied by his/her Union representative at a time mutually agreed upon.

- 7.3 STEP 2: If, as a result of the informal discussion with the immediate supervisor, a grievance still exists, the employee may invoke the formal grievance procedure through the Union on a form provided by the Union steward in each building.

A. The grievance must be filed within ten (10) workdays of the violation, misinterpretation or misapplication.

B. A copy of the grievance form shall be delivered to the immediate supervisor. If the grievance involves more than one school building, it may be filed with the superintendent.

C. Within five (5) workdays of receipt of the grievance, the immediate supervisor shall meet with the Union in an effort to resolve the grievance. The immediate supervisor shall indicate his/her disposition of the grievance in writing within five (5) workdays of such meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the Union.

- 7.4 STEP 3: If the matter is not resolved at the employee-immediate supervisor level the Union shall, within five (5) workdays from the decision of the immediate supervisor, forward the grievance to the superintendent. Within five (5) workdays of receipt of the grievance, the superintendent shall meet with the Union in an effort to resolve the grievance. The superintendent shall indicate his/her disposition of the grievance in writing within five (5) workdays of such meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the Union.

- 7.5 STEP 4: If the matter is not resolved at the superintendent's level, the Union shall, within five (5) workdays from the decision by the superintendent, forward the grievance to the Board committee. Within ten (10) workdays of receipt of the grievance, the Board committee shall meet with the Union in an effort to resolve the grievance. The Board

committee shall indicate their disposition of the grievance in writing within five (5) workdays of such meeting and shall furnish a copy thereof to the Union.

- 7.6 STEP 5: If a matter is not resolved at the Board committee level, the Union shall, within five (5) workdays from the decision by the Board Committee, notify the superintendent in writing of the Union's intent to pursue the grievance to mediation through MERC.
- 7.7 STEP 6: If a matter is not resolved at the mediation level, the Union shall, within ten (10) workdays from the mediation session, notify the superintendent in writing of the Union's intent to pursue the grievance to arbitration.
- 7.8 Upon notification to the employer of intent to pursue the grievance to arbitration the parties shall attempt to agree upon an arbitrator. If no agreement is reached within twenty (20) workdays the arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the rules and procedure of the American Arbitration Association. The Arbitrator shall be limited by the following:
 1. The Board and the Association shall not be permitted to assert in such arbitration proceeding any grounds or evidence not previously disclosed to the other party during the grievance process.
 2. The Arbitrator shall have no power to alter or modify the terms of this Agreement.
 3. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to decide a matter which is excluded from the grievance procedure or is a prohibited subject of bargaining.
 4. The Arbitrator shall have no power to establish salary/wage scales or change any salary/wage.
 5. The Arbitrator shall have no power to award interest or punitive damages.
 6. The Arbitrator shall have no power to award relief retroactive except in accordance with current law.
 7. In rendering a decision, an arbitrator shall give due regard to the responsibility of management.
 8. The Arbitrator shall have no authority to decide a matter which is excluded from the grievance procedure including the use of volunteers in providing services, the decision of whether or not to contract with a third party for one or more non-instructional support services other than bidding as described in subsection of PERA Act 336 of 1947 as amended, MCL 423.215, Section 15, the identity of the third party, or the impact of the contract for non-instructional support services on individual employees or the bargaining unit, who is or will be the policyholder of an employee group insurance benefit, and other prohibited subjects of bargaining or interpretations that are contrary to established law.

- 7.9 There shall be no appeal from any arbitrator's decision. Each such decision shall be final and binding on the Union, its members, the employee or employees involved, and the Employer. The arbitrator shall make a judgment based on the express terms of this agreement, and shall have no authority to add to, or subtract from any of the terms of this Agreement. The expenses for the arbitrator shall be shared equally between the Employer and the Union.
- 7.10 A grievance, if withdrawn, shall be withdrawn with prejudice except where one or more grievances involve a similar issue. In that case those grievances may be withdrawn without prejudice pending the disposition of the appeal of the representation case. In such event, the withdrawal without prejudice will not affect financial liability.
- 7.11 Any grievance not answered within the time limits by the Employer shall be deemed settled on the basis of the Union's original demand.
- 7.12 Any grievance not appealed by the Union within the time limits shall be deemed settled on the basis of the Employer's last answer.
- 7.13 Should unforeseen circumstances arise, either party at any step of the grievance procedure may request in writing, an extension of time limits. Such extensions shall be in writing.
- 7.14 It is expressly understood by the parties that the discipline of a probationary employee shall not be grievable beyond the Board committee level.

ARTICLE 8 WORK HOURS

- 8.1 For payroll purposes, the work week shall be Sunday through Saturday.
- 8.2 An employee's regularly scheduled work hours and work schedule shall be as specified on the employee's job posting. After any modification or within thirty days after the start of the school year, each new employee shall receive a copy of his/her job description. Any changes in anticipated work hours will be provided to the employee in writing prior to the change. All new employees shall be given a copy of his/her job description and anticipated work hours at the time they are hired.

The work schedules and hours of employment may be changed if deemed necessary by the administration. Should a change occur which shortens a workday, the affected employee will have the opportunity to assert bumping rights under Article 10.6.

- 8.2.1 A. The administration shall provide the Union with an annual list of employees and their regularly scheduled hours within thirty (30) days after the start of the school year. The list is subject to change. The list will include name, position, regularly scheduled hours, total daily hours, number of days, and total annual hours for each employee.
- B. The maximum, full working day for full-time employees shall consist of eight (8) hours per day (except that the maximum, full working day for the office clerical employees shall consist of seven (7) hours per day on non-session days), with a twenty (20) minute lunch period on the premises included. It is understood that such eight (8) or seven (7) hour work period need not be in consecutive hours for the bus driver classification. Employees may not work through a lunch period without administrative approval.
- C. Employees who clock "in" late and clock "out" early shall accrue time based on time clocked "in" late and "out" early. Accrued time adding up to 15 minutes, in any span of time, shall be docked from next pay period.

Employees should clock in no earlier than 10 minutes prior to their scheduled shift, to allow for travel to their work areas and other personal items to be conducted prior to starting work and should clock out no later than 10 minutes after their shift, without the approval of the administration to extend work hours.

- 8.3 A. Full-time employees may take a "break" in the a.m. and also a "break" in the p.m. or the first half and second half of their regular shift, whichever may apply. However, each break shall not exceed ten (10) minutes duration and such breaks shall be expressly understood to be taken on the premises of the Employer. Breaks shall not be combined with lunch period unless agreed upon by the supervisor and employee.

- B. Part-time employees with continuous shifts scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. or between 2:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. shall be entitled to a work break as follows:
1. Four (4) hours to four (4) hours and fifty-nine (59) minutes – one (1) ten (10) minute break.
 2. Five (5) hours to six (6) hours and fifty-nine (59) minutes – two (2), ten (10) minute breaks or a twenty (20) minute lunch.
- 8.4 If an employee is called in, to work outside of his/her regular schedule, he/she shall be paid a minimum of two (2) hours pay and need not work more than the time actually required to deal with the emergency; for emergency call-in only, mileage will be paid, both ways, for all miles in excess of three (3) miles one way, at the internal revenue service rate.
- 8.6 In the event of a shift reorganization, shift preference shall be granted on the basis of seniority within classification and qualifications.
- 8.7
1. ADVANCED NOTICE (Received by Central Office a minimum of 3 workdays prior to the start of the absence)
 - a. Part-time employees wanting to be considered for short term (less than six consecutive days) substitute work should notify the business office by August 15 of each year. Their names will be placed on a call list. Such employees shall be utilized to the extent their total work time does not exceed forty hours per week and qualified substitutes are available.
 - b. Assignments to positions shall be made on the basis of seniority and qualifications.
 - c. Special education aides may not leave their regular job to substitute for an absent employee unless the change is required or approved by the administration.
 - d. The administration may adjust work hours in one or both jobs to make an acceptable accommodation. Exceptions need not be made for conflicts with outside work schedules.
 - e. Employees working in a higher classification will be paid the wage rate of the higher classification, if they work at least one half of a complete shift.
 - f. A special education paraprofessional will work his/her regular hours on days his/her special child is absent. The administration can assign the paraprofessional to other duties for such a shift.
 2. SHORT NOTICE (Less than 72 hours notice). The administration may use their discretion in filling substitute slots.

- 8.8 Early Release Days: Employees who will lose regularly scheduled hours or minutes as a result of scheduled early release of students shall be given the option of making up the lost time by working on a cleaning crew, pre-arranged professional development that may be required for some employee groups, or other duties that the District is in need of completion, after school is dismissed on such days as determined by the school administration.

The District shall provide notice of professional development opportunities at least thirty (30) calendar days in advance. Employees shall receive notice of such opportunities in their work email and a posting.

If no employee professional development is scheduled, employees must sign up a minimum of at least two (2) days prior to early release so that the work can be approved.

Sign-up must minimally occur one (1) day prior to the early release.

Employees shall report to the office to receive their work assignment. Bus Drivers will report following their scheduled run. All other employees will report by 12:15 p.m. Time cards must be punched in and out to indicate time worked.

In-service or driving assignments offered to affected employees on scheduled early release days shall be considered to take the place of the work opportunity, provided the employee is offered equal or more time as his/her regularly scheduled hours. Employees electing not to work shall be considered to be taking time off without pay, which does not count towards contracted maximum days off without pay.

- 8.9 For drivers without another regular assignment, morning, afternoon and kindergarten bus runs shall be considered to be two (2) hours or actual driving time. Pre and post inspection included. The District may assign drivers additional work during this time.

In the event of extenuating circumstances (e.g. mechanical problems, accident, getting stuck) additional time shall be paid. Inclement weather alone shall not be considered an extenuating circumstance. Extra runs shall be paid at the driver's hourly rate. Athletic and Extra Curricular Trips will be assigned by the Transportation Supervisor. The assigned driver will inform the transportation supervisor immediately of the exchange, which must be approved by the transportation supervisor.

ARTICLE 9
VACANCIES, TRANSFERS, AND PROMOTIONS

9.1 A vacancy shall be defined as a newly created position or a present position that is vacated due to resignation, retirement, death or dismissal. Positions not filled due to long term health and/or injury problems shall be considered vacant after one (1) calendar year.

9.2 All vacancies shall be posted, with one (1) job description per posting, in a conspicuous place in each building of the district for a period on ten (10) workdays. Said posting shall contain the following information:

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| a. Type of work | f. Classification |
| b. Location of work | g. Minimum requirements |
| c. Starting date | h. Benefits |
| d. Rate of pay | i. Immediate Supervisor |
| e. Hours to be worked | |

9.3 Interested employees may apply in writing to the Superintendent, or designee, within the ten (10) day posting period. The Employer shall notify the Union President of vacancies occurring during the summer months.

9.4 A. Vacancies will be filled on the basis of qualifications, skills, ability, and seniority. Unless the employer can establish that one of the applicants has greater qualifications, skills, or ability, the employee/applicant with the greatest seniority will be awarded the position.

Employees shall be given a thirty workday trial in which to show his/her ability to perform the new job or determine his/her desire to remain on the job. If the employee is unable to demonstrate ability to perform the work required during the trial period or at the option of the affected employee, the employee shall be returned to his/her previous assignment and where applicable provided reasons for such decision. Should this action be needed, any other employee affected by the change shall not hold the District liable for a change, reduction, or layoff in work schedule.

B. For purposes of this agreement, for food service, custodial and bus driver positions, qualified shall be defined as meeting the minimum requirements on the job description for a particular position. For the purposes of the agreement, for clerical, paras, mechanic/transportation director and head cook/food service supervisor qualified shall be defined as meeting minimum requirements on the job description. Length of experience in positions with similar job responsibilities and amount of relevant education and training obtained by the individual will also be considered in the selection process.

9.5 Employees shall not lose wage experience credit due to transfers.

9.6 Involuntary transfer of employees shall be on the basis of seniority and qualifications.

- 9.7 Temporary assignments for the purpose of filling openings without posting, due to employees on vacation, absent because of illness, etc., will be based on seniority, qualifications, and staff who have made proper written request to be considered for subbing opportunities in the available position.
- 9.8 Costs specifically related to physical examinations required for initial employment purposes and that are mandated by law or Board policy shall be paid by the Board. The Board shall reserve the right to select a physician for such exams in order to provide consistent and adequate medical information that may be required, and to control costs.

ARTICLE 10
SENIORITY, LAYOFF, RECALL

- 10.1 Employees shall have no seniority until the completion of the probationary period at which time their seniority shall revert to their first day of work following Board action. In the event that more than one (1) employee has the same first day of work, position on the seniority list shall be determined by the order that the Board of Education acted in open session of a Board meeting to hire employees.
- 10.2 The seniority list on the date of this Agreement will show the names and job titles of all employees of the unit entitled to seniority. The Employer will keep the seniority list up to date at all times and will provide the local union membership with up-to-date copies on January 1 and July 1 of each year during the period of this Agreement.
- 10.3 An employee shall lose his/her seniority for the following reasons only:
- a. He/she quits.
 - b. He/she is discharged and the discharge is not reversed through the procedure set forth in this Agreement.
 - c. He/she does not return to work when recalled from layoff as set forth in the recall procedure.
 - d. Retires from School District.
 - e. Voluntary transfer to a non-bargaining unit position.
- 10.4 Layoff shall be defined as a reduction in the work force due to a decrease of work or financial distress of the Employer.
- 10.5 No employee shall be laid off pursuant to a necessary reduction in the work force unless said employee shall have been notified of said layoff at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the effective date of the layoff. In the event of a necessary reduction in work force, the Employer shall first lay off probationary employees, then the least senior employees. In no case shall a new employee be employed by the Employer while there are laid off employees who are qualified for a vacant or newly-created position. Employees whose positions have been eliminated due to reduction in work force or who have been affected by a layoff/elimination of position shall have the right to assume a position, regardless of classification, for which they are qualified, which is held by a less senior employee.
- 10.6 A. In the event of a reduction in work hours, a qualified employee with greater seniority may displace employees with less seniority in order to maintain work hours. In no case shall a reduction of any employee's work hours take effect until ten (10) workdays after written notice to the affected employee(s) is given by the Employer.
- B. Where a group meeting is held to facilitate the bumping process, affected employees shall be provided with written notice at least five (5) workdays prior to the meeting.

C. For purposes of this article, it is understood that qualified, displaced employees with fewer hours can bump employees with greater hours.

- 10.7 Laid off employees shall be recalled in order of seniority, with the most senior employee being recalled first to any position for which he/she is qualified. An employee who has served more than thirty (30) consecutive working days in a position shall be deemed qualified for that position. Notices of recall shall be sent by certified or registered mail to the last known address as shown on the Employer's records. The recall notice shall state the time and date on which the employee is to report back to work. It shall be the employee's responsibility to keep the Employer notified as to his/her current mailing address. A recalled employee shall be given five (5) workdays from receipt of notice to accept or reject work. If a response is not received within the specified time limit, it shall be regarded as a declined response and subject to the same consequences as if that person had declined said work. Employees recalled to an equal or greater number of work hours for which they are qualified are obligated to take said work. An employee who declines such recall shall forfeit his/her seniority rights and shall be considered to have quit.

ARTICLE 11 PAID LEAVE

- 11.1 Employees shall be eligible to earn one-half (1/2) sick leave day per pay period. Each day shall be based on regularly assigned job hours, excluding overtime.

The Employer may require, after five (5) continuous days of requested sick leave, a doctor's certificate or report specifying the reason for such absence and the ability of the employee to return to work. Suspected abuse of sick leave may be subject to investigation and discipline. Except in an emergency, on days school is in session each employee shall be expected to call in to the employee sick line as early as possible, but not later than one and one-half (1½) hours prior to scheduled reporting time.

Sick leave may be used for the sickness/illness or death of a spouse, parent, parent of a spouse, children or grandchildren to the full extent of the sick leave allowance unused. Sick leave shall be used strictly for illness or medical reasons. Sick leave is not intended for the purpose of childcare or other custodial responsibilities. In the event of the illness of the employee's spouse, children, grandchildren, or parents, the illness must necessitate the employee's presence. Sick leave may also be used for necessary travel time relative to medical appointments. In no circumstance may more time be taken than is actually necessary to accommodate the employee's presence and travel needs.

Upon suspected abuse of sick leave, the employee may be subject to progressive discipline by the Superintendent, which may include proof of illness by a physician after one warning.

- 11.1 Employees at work for all regularly scheduled hours during each trimester of the school year shall receive an additional \$50 for each such third of the school year. The administration shall provide the Union with a schedule prior to the start of school. Days for school business (not union business), funerals, (parents, spouse, children, sibling only), and jury duty will be the only acceptable leave time that can be used and still be eligible for this payment.
- 11.2 Sick leave may be accumulated to 1,440 hours. Payment for accumulated sick leave shall be made only to employees who are separated from their employment for other than just cause, and such accumulated sick leave shall be payable to the employee at 40% of their current pay rate for accumulated leave to a maximum of 1,440 hours.

Employees with a minimum of ten (10) years active service with the District and retiring with the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement System on or before the time they are eligible to retire, shall receive an additional \$60 per year of service in the District.

Payment for accumulated leave shall be made in the payroll period immediately following the employee's effective date of retirement/resignation. Payment under this article shall be the sole payment to an employee upon resignation or retirement.

Any employee receiving Worker's Compensation benefits who does not resign, retire, or return to work within the time limits provided for in Article 16 shall not be eligible for payment under this section.

In the event of an employee's death, payment for any accumulated sick leave shall be made to his/her beneficiary.

- 11.4 It is expressly agreed that in addition to bona fide usage for sick leave purposes, the employee may utilize three (3) sick leave days for emergency purposes upon the prior approval of the Superintendent. An emergency day is considered an unforeseen urgent (Urgent defined as "requiring immediate attention that cannot be delayed without immediate consequences") event that requires the employee to be absent to address immediate health, safety, and property matters. Additional days of emergency leave may be taken by the employee when necessary, with the approval of the administration, deductible from sick leave.

Effective 2026-2027 school year, the first six (6) snow or Act of God days of the school year will be paid by the District. After those six days, at the employee's option, an employee may use sick/emergency days, personal days, or vacation time for days or delays due to school cancellation. At the employee's option, they may choose to take the cancelled days or delays as unpaid leave.

At the employee's option, an employee who has a legitimate reason to work may choose or be assigned work in order to fulfill their regular day's hours. An employee who has a legitimate reason may also choose to work a partial day and use emergency, sick, or personal time to make up for hours missed on an hour for hour basis.

If an employee reports for work on a snow day that is subsequently called, they may return home utilizing any of the above options for any portion of a day over the actual time worked.

Each employee shall be entitled to two (2) personal leave days per year. Personal leave days may accumulate from year to year to a maximum of four (4) days carryover. Unused personal leave days in excess of the maximum accumulation shall be added to the employee's accumulated sick leave. No more than three (3) days of personal leave shall be used consecutively.

11.5 Bereavement Leave

1. Employees shall be allowed up to five (5) workdays off with pay for absences necessitated by the death of an employee's spouse or partner, child, step-child, parent, step-parent, sibling or grandchild, in-laws, and grandparents without charge against sick leave.
 2. Employees shall be allowed up the three (3) workdays off with pay for a daughter-in-law or son-in-law, aunt or uncle.
 3. Bereavement leave for employee's nieces and nephews shall be limited to one (1) day.
 4. Other leave for individuals may be granted and deducted from sick leave if approved by the administration in individual cases.
 5. For leave necessitated in paragraphs A 1-2, should the situation require, employees may be permitted to split the workdays allocated for the purposes of bereavement upon approval by supervisor. A request to split the leave must be communicated to the immediate supervisor prior to the leave.
 6. If a funeral is delayed, the employee may attend but will not be paid for more funeral leave days than outlined in this policy. If a death occurs in the summer (with the exception of the full-year employees), the employee will not be granted funeral leave unless the funeral is delayed and occurs during the school year.
 7. Employees who are unable to return to work up on the exhaustion of their bereavement leave in paragraphs A 1-3 above, may request to use another form of accumulated leave where the purpose for such leave would qualify for the requested leave.
- 11.6 If a member is required to serve on a jury, or as a witness, when subpoenaed to a hearing, the Employer shall pay the difference between the jury fee/witness fee and the employee's normal wages (based on the employee's regularly scheduled hours for the day, excluding overtime), but only in those instances where the employee is not a party to said action.
- 11.7 All paid leave days shall be based on an employee's regularly scheduled hours for the day, excluding overtime, unless other arrangements have been mutually agreed upon.
- 11.8 Current sick leave accumulation and vacation day information will be provided with payroll checks on a quarterly basis (first payday of September, December, March and June).

ARTICLE 12 UNPAID LEAVES

- 12.1 Leaves of absences without pay may be granted to permanent employees with at least one (1) year seniority. Prior to applying for a leave of absence because of an employee's illness, all sick leave shall be utilized. Employees qualifying for purchased Short Term Disability or Long Term Disability will not be required to utilize leave time prior to said leave. Leaves of absence may be granted for the following reasons:
- A. Health – Provided it can be reasonably expected that medical treatment will enable the Employee to return to work.
 - B. Illness of a member of the employee's immediate family, when living under the same roof as the employee, or when the employee has financial or supervisory responsibility for the relative.
 - C. In extraordinary circumstances administrative leave may be granted by the superintendent.
- 12.2 In general, excepting childcare leave, leaves of absence may not exceed three (3) months. However, they may be renewed for additional three (3) month periods if circumstances warrant. In no event shall consecutive leaves exceed two (2) years. A person who fails to apply for a leave of absence by the time sick leave has been used up shall be deemed to have quit, if such request is not made within five (5) days after notification by certified mail, return receipt requested, by the Employer that sick leave has been used up and that further absence requires a leave of absence.
- 12.3 Child Care – An employee with at least one (1) year seniority shall, upon request, be allowed a leave of absence not to exceed a period of twelve (12) months for the purpose of child care. Disability due to pregnancy shall be treated as sick leave (Article 11). It is understood between the parties to this agreement that this leave is only to be extended to the care of the employee's child who may be the employee's natural child, adopted child, foster child, step-child, or a child to whom the employee is recognized as the legal guardian. It is not the intent of this leave to provide child care for grandchildren, etc.
- 12.4 Fringe benefits are suspended during a leave of absence which exceeds five (5) work days. Employees may elect to continue insurance programs on a direct reimbursement basis with the Employer.
- 12.5 Seniority shall not accumulate while an employee is on an unpaid leave.
- 12.6 Employees qualifying for the Family Medical Leave Act should contact the business office for details.

ARTICLE 13 HOLIDAYS

13.1 The paid holidays are designated as:

Fourth of July	Christmas Day
Labor Day	Day Before New Year's Day
Thanksgiving Day	New Year's Day
Day After Thanksgiving Day	Good Friday
Day Before Christmas Day	Memorial Day

- 13.2 Full year employees shall receive ten (10) paid holidays as specified above. School year employees shall receive nine (9) paid holidays as specified above, excluding the Fourth of July. Holiday pay shall be based on regularly scheduled hours. New employees shall not be entitled to Labor Day pay their first year unless they begin work before Labor Day.
- 13.3 Employees will be paid their current rate based on the usual workday. Holiday pay shall be at the rate paid for the employee's regular job classification, except that if an employee is filling a vacant position, or a position then open due to another vacancy, as opposed to filling in for someone only temporarily absent, then the employee shall be paid at the rate of the job being performed, if that rate is higher than the employee's regular classification.
- 13.4 Holiday benefits do not accrue to an employee who is scheduled to work, but who is absent from work without supervisory approval the day before or the day after a recognized holiday. If a holiday falls on a weekend, employees shall have another day off during the week, at a time mutually agreeable, unless school is in session.
- 13.5 If an employee is required to work on a holiday, he/she shall be paid at the rate of double time for all hours worked in addition to holiday pay.

ARTICLE 14 VACATIONS

- 14.1 All permanent full-time, full-year employees covered by this Agreement shall earn annual leave as follows:
- After the completion of one (1) full year of employment, one (1) work week.
 - After the completion of two (2) years of employment, two (2) work weeks.
 - After the completion of seven (7) years of employment, three (3) work weeks.
 - After the completion of eleven (11) years of employment, four (4) work weeks.
 - After the completion of eighteen (18) years of employment, five (5) work weeks.
- 14.2 Employees permanently assigned to the following jobs are not eligible for vacation, but shall receive pay in lieu of vacation: Clerk, Student Supervisor, Paraprofessional, Head Cook, Cook, Kitchen Aide, High School Cook, Delivery Driver, and Bus Drivers.

Pay in lieu of vacation shall be determined by multiplying the number of vacation weeks times the regularly scheduled weekly work hours times the employee's hourly rate(s) times 0.8.

Pay in lieu of vacation will be prorated for employees utilizing an unpaid leave of absence or on Workers Compensation during the year.

- 14.3 Vacations will be granted ordinarily during the summer vacation considering both the wishes of employees and efficient operation of the department, but in extraordinary circumstances, vacations may be taken at other times with the consent of the Superintendent of Schools. There must be three (3) working days notice for requesting vacation days during the winter and spring break. Vacation days will not be granted during those breaks without proper notice.
- 14.4 Vacations, upon written request and approval of Administration, may be split into periods of hours, days or weeks, provided such scheduling does not impede the operation of the schools.
- 14.5 A vacation may not be waived or accumulated by an employee and extra pay received for work during that period. An exception shall be where a vacation request has been denied and cannot be reasonably rescheduled. If a request to roll over vacation days is in writing and approved prior to the employee's anniversary date, the employee may roll over accumulated vacation days for a maximum of three months.
- 14.6 If an employee becomes ill or is injured and is under the care of a duly licensed physician, and his/her illness extends into his/her vacation, his/her vacation will be rescheduled or may roll over per the previous paragraph. In the event his/her incapacity continues through the year, he/she will be awarded payment in lieu of vacation. The Employer, in such case, may require a physician's certificate as required under Article 11.
- 14.7 If a regular payday falls during an employee's vacation, he/she will, on request, receive that check in advance before going on vacation.
- 14.8 If an employee is laid off, separated, or retired, he/she will receive any unused vacation credit accrued. A recall employee who received credit at the time of lay off for the current calendar year will have such credit deducted from his/her vacation the following year.
- 14.9 Employees will be paid their current rate based on their regular scheduled work or portion thereof as hereinafter described while on vacation and will receive credit for any benefits provided for in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 15 INSURANCE COVERAGE

- 15.1 The Board shall provide MESSA insurance coverage for each permanent employee and his/her eligible dependents.

The Board shall pay 90% of the cost of this coverage for all employees working more than 1500 regularly scheduled annual hours. For other employees electing coverage, the Board shall pay the percentage of the monthly premium based upon regularly scheduled hours per day as follows (prorated to comply with Hard Cap as needed):

8.0 hours per day = 85%	4.5 hours per day = 50%
7.5 hours per day = 80%	4.0 hours per day = 45%
7.0 hours per day = 75%	3.5 hours per day = 40%
6.5 hours per day = 70%	3.0 hours per day = 35%
6.0 hours per day = 65%	2.5 hours per day = 30%
5.5 hours per day = 60%	2.0 hours per day = 25%
5.0 hours per day = 55%	

With implementation of the PAKs, proration of insurance fees for part-time employees shall continue to be determined using the single, 2-person, and family rates established for area 7.

PAK A

Health: (Choices listed below)
Dental: Delta 100: 90/90/90-\$3,000/\$3,500
Vision: VSP 3 Plus
Life: \$40,000 Life w/AD&D

PAK B

Does Not Include Health
Dental: Delta 100: 90/90/90-\$3,000/\$3,500
Vision: VSP 3 Plus
Life: \$40,000 Life w/AD&D

(Dental plan coverage changes will be effective August 1, 2026)

The employer shall pay the following annual amounts toward the total cost of the MESSA Medical plans available to members inclusive of medical premiums and "Health Equity" (HEQ) Health Savings Account (HSA) funding described below for each medical benefit plan coverage year.

For January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026, the Board of Education shall pay towards the premium for Major Medical Health coverage the current maximum hard cap permissible by law, which is \$661.84/month or \$7,942.09/year – single; \$1,384.11/month or \$16,609.38/year – individual & spouse; \$1,805.02/month or \$21,660.30/year – family.

For January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027, the Board of Education shall pay towards the premium for Major Medical Health coverage the current maximum hard cap permissible by law, which is \$681.69/month or \$8,180.35/year – single; \$1,425.63/month or \$17,107.66/year – individual & spouse; \$1,859.17/month or \$22,310.11/year – family.

Upon receipt of renewal for the MESSA Medical Plans, updated calculations will be provided for the revised premium share amounts.

These annual employer paid amounts shall adjust annually at the beginning of each medical benefit plan coverage year, to the maximum payment permitted by Section 3 of the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act.

The specific MESSA Medical Plans available to eligible employees are determined by the Coalition Team of the Upper Peninsula Area Purchasing Agreement (UPAPA). Plans will be decided by the Coalition Team each September (after the initial year) for implementation on the following January 1. Should the district no longer participate in the UPAPA, or if the UPAPA no longer exists, the existing MESSA plans will be in place until other plans are negotiated. Dental, vision, life and long term disability benefits are still subject to this collective bargaining agreement.

Current Health plans available are:

1. Choices \$1,000/\$2,000, \$20/\$25/\$50 office visit, 3 Tier Rx, 0% coinsurance
2. Choices \$1,000/\$2,000, \$20/\$25/\$50 office visit, 5 Tier Rx, 0% coinsurance
3. ABC Plan 2, \$2,000/\$4,000, 3 Tier Rx, HSA, 0% coinsurance
4. ABC Plan 2, \$2,000/\$4,000, 5 Tier Rx, HSA, 0% coinsurance
5. Balance + \$1,700/\$3,400, \$25/\$50/\$200 office visit, HSA; 20% coinsurance; Balance+ Rx

In the event an employee elects a negotiated medical plan in which the premium is below the district's agreed to maximum level of premium contribution, the employee is entitled to compensation equal to the difference between the employer's maximum contribution and the premium of the plan they elected. By December 31, the employee will receive a lump sum payment deposited into their Health Savings Account (HSA).

- 15.2 The following language is effective for employees hired on or prior to February 28, 2007:
Employees whose regularly scheduled assignment is less than 2 hours per day shall not be eligible for insurance benefits.

The following language is effective for employees hired after February 28, 2007:

Employees whose regularly scheduled assignment is less than thirty (30) hours per week during the school year shall not be eligible for insurance benefits.

- 15.2.1 The Board, at its sole option, may institute a MESSA-PAK with comparable dental coverage.

- 15.4 It shall be the responsibility of the eligible employee to properly enroll in programs available and make notification of any change in status in a timely fashion. It shall be the responsibility of the employer to promptly notify the insurance company of such changes. All benefits are subject to policy, plan, or program terms and conditions.

- 15.5 The Board shall adopt a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan in accordance with IRS requirements. The Board shall be responsible for administering the plan. The plan shall minimally include a benefit selection option to be filled out by all bargaining unit members on an annual basis. For those bargaining unit members opting to participate, the District shall offer the option of receiving cash in lieu of benefits or of utilizing a salary reduction plan to maintain a tax deferred status. The cash value of the option in lieu of insurance shall be limited to \$500 per month.
- 15.6 The Board shall adopt a Flexible Spending Arrangement Plan (FSA) for medical reimbursements in accordance with IRS requirements. The Board shall be responsible for administering the plan. The Board shall provide \$682 on August 1, and \$682 on January 1 for all employees electing health insurance coverage, monies to be placed into the individual's FSA.

ARTICLE 16 WORKER'S COMPENSATION

- 16.1 Except as provided below, all matters pertaining to Worker's Compensation shall be handled in accordance with applicable State and/or Federal laws.
- 16.2 An employee injured or claiming to have been injured or disabled as a result of accident or occupational disease so as to allegedly fall within coverage of Worker's Compensation shall be subject to the same requirements as other employees in applying for leave of absence, but fringe benefits shall be available to the limited extent provided for hereinafter.
- 16.3 If compensation is voluntarily paid by the Worker's Compensation carrier of the School District, the Employer shall maintain in effect at no cost to the employee for a period of six (6) months, the insurance benefits provided by the Employer to employee prior to cessation of work. Thereafter, the employee may elect at his/her own expense to continue insurances through the District's policies.

Any such employee who has unused sick leave benefits accrued may draw upon the accrued sick leave to supplement Worker's Compensation benefits to a level equal to 100% of the employee's regular after-tax pay based on his/her regular job prior to the accident of injury. Sick leave accumulation shall be proportionally reduced as payments are made. The payment of sick leave shall not extend the period during which the Employer shall pay the insurance costs for the employee.

Any period of less than one (1) month during which the employee may return to work on a trial basis without full release to return to work from his/her doctor shall not extend the Employer's responsibility for payment of insurance or sick leave arising from the initial injury or disability.

- 16.4 If an employee claims a compensable injury or disease which is not voluntarily paid by the Worker's Compensation carrier, the School District shall maintain insurance coverage for the employee only so long as sick leave benefits are payable. Thereafter, the employee may, at his/her option and expense, maintain such insurance coverage through the Employer's policies during the period the claim for Worker's Compensation is in dispute.

If a determination is finally made that the employee was entitled to Worker's Compensation during the period, the Employer shall reimburse the employee for the cost of the insurance for a period not to exceed six (6) months from the date of cessation of work.

If a determination is finally made that the employee is not entitled to Worker's Compensation, or if the matter is settled by redemption or settlement without a specific determination of entitlement to Worker's Compensation benefits, the cost of maintaining such insurance shall not be reimbursed.

- 16.5 In the event an employee is injured while at work and does not qualify for Worker's Compensation for lost time wages, the Employer shall pay these lost time wages at the employee's current rate of pay for the maximum of seven days. These days shall not be deducted from the employee's sick leave.
- 16.6 An employee receiving Worker's Compensation benefits shall be eligible for an unpaid leave of absence. The leave shall not exceed three (3) months. However, such leave shall, upon the employee's written request, be renewed for additional three (3) month periods. In no event shall such leave exceed two (2) years.
Upon medical release, the employee shall have the right to return to his/her former position. If the employee is unable to return to work after two (2) years, he/she shall lose all seniority.
- 16.7 No additional leave time benefits shall accrue while the employee is on Worker's Compensation leave. Upon return to work, all accrued leave time earned prior to the leave shall be restored and be immediately available. If the Worker's Compensation leave has exceeded three (3) months, the employee shall complete thirty (30) shifts to be eligible for vacation leave.
- 16.8 Nothing herein shall prevent the Employer from offering any such employee restricted work.
- 16.9 After an employee has received Worker's Compensation benefits for twelve (12) months, the Employer may request said employee apply for social security benefits and Michigan Public School Employee Retirement System benefits as allowed in accordance with MCL 418.354. If the employee qualifies for the benefit(s), such benefit(s) shall be coordinated with Worker's Compensation to the extent allowed by law.
This section (16.9) shall not in any way prohibit an employee from returning to work as provided for under section 16.6 of this article.

ARTICLE 17
TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES

- 17.1 With respect to the hiring of temporary employees, we agree that the number shall not exceed six (6) and that the period of their employment will be restricted to those months or weeks of the year when school is not in session. In no case will the period of employment of these temporary employees exceed sixty (60) workdays. Any summer employment to be offered by the Employer shall be posted in accordance with this Agreement, and school year and laid off employees shall, if qualified, be given preference for such positions.
- 17.2 It is understood that any temporary employee working by virtue of federal and/or state programs shall not be included within these limitations.
- 17.3 It is further understood that the provisions of this Agreement entered into between the parties do not apply to temporary employees.
- 17.4 The parties agree that the Employer may employ not to exceed three (3) persons for extracurricular, weekends, and evenings after 6:00 p.m. bus drivers as permanent part-time employees. Such employee shall be utilized only after employment equal to forty (40) hours in a week has been offered to or made available to all regular bus drivers.
- 17.5 Due to an emergency or temporary lack of work in their regular assignment, employees shall be required to assist with temporary assignments during their regular work schedules.

ARTICLE 18
MISCELLANEOUS

- 18.1 Letters of agreement shall be automatically included in the contract. The existence of a past practice shall not be deemed an enforceable aspect of this contract unless both parties acknowledge and approve of it in writing.
- 18.2 Bargaining unit members will be admitted free to all school events and shall voluntarily assist with, to the same extent as other employees, problems that may arise at such events.
- 18.3 All bargaining unit members shall be paid at their regular rate of pay for all mandatory trainings. Training payment shall be equal to length of said trainings.

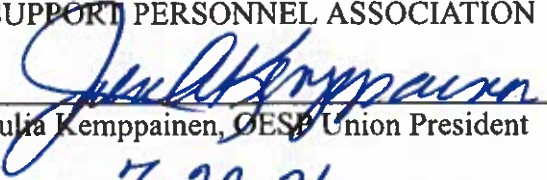
ARTICLE 19
NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES

- 19.1 Negotiations between the parties on a successor agreement shall begin at least sixty (60) days prior to the expiration of the contract.
- 19.2 There shall be two (2) signed copies of any final agreement. One (1) copy shall be retained by the Employer and one (1) by the Union. Copies of this agreement shall be printed by the Employer within sixty (60) days after the agreement is signed. A copy shall be provided to each employee and the MEA Uniserv office.

**ARTICLE 20
DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- 20.1 This agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 2026 and through June 30, 2029.
- 20.2 In witness thereof the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed by their representatives.

ONTONAGON EDUCATION
SUPPORT PERSONNEL ASSOCIATION

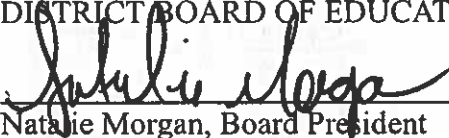


Julia Kemppainen, OESP Union President

Date

7.22.26

ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL
DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION



Natalie Morgan, Board President

Date

7.21.26

APPENDIX A WAGE SCHEDULE

A.1

Classification	Position	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29
Transportation	Bus Driver – Mechanic	\$22.06	\$22.50	\$22.95
	Bus Driver	\$22.06	\$22.50	\$22.95
	Bus Aide	\$14.71	\$15.00	\$15.30
Custodial	Custodian	\$19.35	\$19.74	\$20.13
Food Service	Head Cook	\$19.04	\$19.42	\$19.81
	High School Cook	\$18.63	\$19.00	\$19.38
	Cook	\$18.17	\$18.53	\$18.90
Office Personnel	Secretary/Attendance	\$19.59	\$19.98	\$20.38
Paraprofessional	Paraprofessional	\$18.47	\$18.84	\$19.22
Facilitator	Facilitator	\$25.22	\$25.72	\$26.23

Bus drivers will be eligible for the following bonuses on the final payroll in June should they be continuously employed for the entire school year:

\$750.00	Full-time Bus Drivers	2 Bus Runs, Morning & Afternoon
\$375.00	Part-time Bus Drivers	1 Bus Run, Morning or Afternoon

Starting with the 2024-25 school year, Attendance job duties will be moved under the Secretary rate of pay for four (4) hours per day.

Facilitator rate is contingent upon being hired before June 9, 2022. Facilitators hired after June 9, 2022 with a BA degree will be paid at \$2 more than the paraprofessional rate.

- A.2 Longevity will be paid on the last payday in January on the last payday in January, separate from the regular pay. Vacation pay will be paid on the last payday in June, separate from the regular pay. Longevity shall be determined by multiplying the employee's regularly scheduled hours including regularly scheduled overtime times the employee's base salary as specified in Section A.1 above times the appropriate percentage herein:

After three (3) years	1.75%
After five (5) years	2.75%
After eight (8) years	4.75%
After twelve (12) years	5.75%
After eighteen (18) years	6.75%
After twenty-four (24) years.....	7.75%

Longevity shall be pro-rated for employees receiving Workers' Compensation benefits or on an unpaid leave of absence. Employees transferring or assigned from one classification to another shall maintain the same longevity level on the pay scale, i.e. a custodian (2 years) transferring or assigned to be a bus driver (2 years).

- A.3 Paraprofessional-A will be paid an additional \$2.50 per class period when in charge of classroom or library when the regular instructor is absent from class and no other substitute teacher is assigned to that class by the Superintendent, Principal, or Head Teacher.
- A.4 All bus drivers employed by the District shall be reimbursed their actual costs for their CDL (Commercial Driver's License), on submitting to the School District evidence of the amount actually paid for a new CDL license, when reissued.
- A.5 Any driver driving to an out-of-district activity shall be compensated at his/her regular rate from the start of the first out-of-district run until the end of the last out-of-district run each day.

On any day starting and ending outside of the District, the driver shall receive eight hours pay, or in accordance with the previous paragraph, whichever is greater.

- A.6 Each driver on out-of-district trips shall be reimbursed for meals and lodging reasonably incurred. Drivers on out-of-district trips shall be reimbursed for reasonable lodging costs, breakfast, lunch, and dinner at the per diem rate following federal guidelines for the State of Michigan or the state in which the employee is traveling. A receipt shall be required for reimbursement.
- A.7 Every other month, the district shall provide employees with a record of his/her current sick leave, personal leave and vacation status.

- A.8 Employees required to work in a higher classification for at least one (1) scheduled workday shall be paid the rate of the higher classification.
- A.9 In addition to the hourly rate paid to the bus driver trainer in Section A.1 above, the trainer shall receive a yearly stipend of \$250, if providing training during that year.
- A.10 Employees working a non-transportation shift that starts at or after 2:00 p.m. shall receive a shift differential of \$0.10 per hour more than the rate specified in A.1. or A.2. above.
- A.11 Head cook will be hourly with a separate Food Service Director administrative duties contract.
- A.12 Mechanic is hourly with a separate Transportation Director administrative duties contract.
- A.13 Employees may request in advance and in writing up to three (3) unpaid days annually subject to approval of the superintendent and contingent on available subs.
- A.14 An employee on layoff, working as a substitute, shall be paid his/her individually appropriate wage rate for a duration equal to his/her length of regular employment with the district.

APPENDIX B
ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
OESP GRIEVANCE FORM

Grievance No. _____

BUILDING	ASSIGNMENT	NAME OF GRIEVANT	DATE FILED
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STEP 2

A. Date Cause of Grievance Occurred _____

B.1 Statement of Grievance _____

B.2 Relief Sought _____

Date	Grievant Signature	Association Signature
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C. Disposition by Immediate Supervisor _____

Date	Signature of Immediate Supervisor
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Position of the Association _____

Association Signature	Date
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STEP 3

A. Date Received by Superintendent _____

B. Disposition of Superintendent _____

Superintendent Signature Date

C. Position of the Association _____

Signature of Association Date

STEP 4

A. Date Received by Board Committee _____

B. Disposition of Board Committee _____

Signature of Committee Date

C. Position of the Association _____

Signature of Association Date

STEP 5

A. Date submitted to Mediation _____

B. Disposition & Award of Mediation _____

STEP 6

- A. Date Received by Arbitration _____
- B. Disposition of Arbitration _____

Signature of Committee

Date

APPENDIX C
ONTONAGON AREA SCHOOLS EMPLOYEE WORK RULES:

1. Relation of employees to pupils

Employees will not assume or exercise authority or control over pupils except within the limits authorized by the Principal of the school. The employee will follow the rule of reporting all violations of school regulations to the Principal. Children of school age are great imitators and receive lasting impressions; for this reason an employee should be conscious of personal appearance and standards of conduct.

2. No employee shall utilize school time to repair privately owned vehicles or to perform any personal work.

3. School equipment shall not be used for personal benefit.

4. Friends or relatives are not allowed to visit during scheduled working hours.

5. Employees will work with students, other staff, parents, and the public with a tactful, friendly, and cooperative manner.

APPENDIX D
LETTER OF AGREEMENT

Letter of Agreement

Between

Ontonagon Education Support Personnel Association

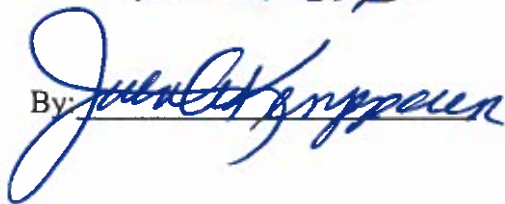
And

Ontonagon Area School District

The parties agree that a workgroup shall be formed and shall begin meeting no later than January 1, 2027 to explore training/pay options related to work for paraprofessionals. In attendance shall be one member from each of the following groups: Administration, Ontonagon ESP, or any others as appropriate. Any proposed changes shall be subject to ratification by both parties.

For the Association:

Date: 7.22.26

By: 

For the District

Date: 7.21.26

By: 