

AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

Board of Education

AND

Ovid-Elsie Area Schools

Administrative Assistant Staff



August 1, 2024 - July 31, 2027

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This Agreement is entered into this 30th day of June 2024 by and between the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Board of Education, hereinafter called the "Employer" and the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools Administrative Assistant Staff, hereinafter called the "Employee". The term "Employees" refers to individuals employed by Ovid-Elsie Area Schools who are in this bargaining unit (as defined below) and who are therefore exclusively represented by the Administrative Assistant Staff.

ARTICLE I: RECOGNITION

- A. The Employer hereby recognizes the Administrative Assistant Staff as the sole and exclusive collective bargaining agent of the Employee covered by this Agreement for the purpose of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- B. The term "Employee" as used hereinafter shall include a total of seven (7) Administrative Assistants including:
- High School Administrative Assistants
 - Middle School Administrative Assistant
 - Elementary Administrative Assistants
 - Technology Administrative Assistant

but excluding substitute employees, supervisors and all other employees of the Ovid-Elsie Area Schools.

- a. Under mutual agreement, the number of Administrative Assistant staff positions may be altered due to the District's financial circumstances. In the event that a position needs to be modified resulting in a change to its duties and responsibilities, a discussion will be conducted between the Administrative Assistant bargaining unit and administration,

ARTICLE II: DEFINITIONS

An Employee is a member of the bargaining unit who is scheduled to work forty (40) hours per week and works a minimum of 207 days with a maximum of 210 days if agreed upon with the building administrator. Scheduled work shall start two (2) weeks before teachers start or as agreed upon with the building administrator.

ARTICLE III: WORKING HOURS

- A. The District reserves the right to establish the number of working days, work weeks, and work hours associated with each bargaining unit position to determine and initiate a reduction in work days, work weeks, and work hours at the renewal of the contract.
- B. For the duration of this contract, all Administrative Assistant staff positions recognized under Article I:B are full-time and will be compensated for 207 (8) hour days, with a maximum of 210 (8) hour days if agreed upon with the building administrator.
- C. Daily work hours will be designated by the building administrator in consultation with the employee

to coincide with each building's hours of operation. Employees will receive thirty (30) minutes per day for an unpaid and uninterrupted lunch and two (2) fifteen (15) minute paid breaks during the daily work hours, provided that coverage is available. The building administrator and employee may agree to combine or otherwise utilize the paid breaks in place of the 30-minute unpaid lunch break. Times for breaks will be established by the building administrator in consultation with the employee.

- D. All employees may leave fifteen (15) minutes early on Fridays and days preceding holidays.
- E. Overtime rates will be paid as follows:
- a. Time and one-half (1 1/2) will be paid for all time worked in excess of forty (40) hours in one (1) work week.
 - b. Whenever an employee is required to work after the completion or outside of their regularly scheduled working hours or days for unscheduled work, they will receive a minimum of two (2) hours of pay at their hourly rate.

ARTICLE IV: PAID HOLIDAYS

A. Paid holidays shall include:

- Labor Day
- Wednesday* before Thanksgiving
- Thanksgiving Day
- Friday after Thanksgiving
- Christmas Eve Day
- Christmas Day
- New Year's Eve Day
- New Year's Day
- Good Friday*
- Memorial Day

*If Good Friday or the Wednesday before Thanksgiving is a regular, scheduled school day, a paid compensatory day of the employee's choosing (with administrative approval) will be allowed.

- B. In order to be eligible for holiday pay, a leave day may not be taken on the last workday immediately prior to the holiday or on the first workday immediately following the holiday. In extenuating circumstances, the administrator may approve the use of leave days.
- C. If an employee volunteers for eight (8) athletic events during a school year, they will be allowed to use a leave day on either side of a vacation or holiday. Volunteering at an athletic event may include, but is not limited to, taking tickets, public broadcast announcing, middle school concessions, clock or scoreboard, an unpaid event manager, or event volunteer (i.e., track event monitor). The Athletic Director will verify the events worked with the Administrator to coordinate this pre-planned leave.

ARTICLE V: LEAVE BANK

- A. Twelve (12) days shall be credited to the Employee's leave bank at the beginning of the school year. All unused days will roll over to the next year's leave bank. These days may be used for either illness or personal business. The Employee will notify the administrator at least two (2) business days prior to a pre-planned leave of absence.

- a. Employees whose personal illness extends beyond the period compensated under leave allowance shall be granted a leave of absence without pay for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Upon return from leave, an employee shall be assigned to the same or similar position, if available, or a substantially equivalent position. Bargaining unit members on an unpaid leave of absence shall retain accumulated seniority.
- b. Use of leave days may also be granted when a member of the immediate family requires the care and attendance of the employee because of a serious injury or illness. Such use of leave is to be limited to not more than thirty (30) days per year. Immediate family for this benefit means spouse, parents, parents-in-law, children, brother or sister, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren, or step-relatives. In extenuating circumstances, the administrator may approve the use of leave days for the care of any member outside the "family" or "step family".
- c. The Employer shall provide Workers Compensation Insurance as provided by law.
- d. The Employer shall comply with the Family and Medical Leave Act as required by law.
- e. Leave time is not intended for vacation purposes during the school year. In extenuating circumstances, the administrator may approve the use of leave days for such.
- f. Any leave time extending beyond two (2) consecutive days must be pre-approved by the administrator at least one (1) week in advance or the employee must provide documentation from his/her doctor to verify an illness.
- g. Employees may donate a maximum of three (3) Leave Bank days to fellow Administrative Assistant Staff Employees per year.

B. The employee will be eligible for the following benefits:

- a. If a maximum of zero (0) to one (1) day of an employee's Leave Bank is used during the year, she/he will receive twenty percent (20%) pay of the remaining accumulated Leave Bank days for the year (this is either twelve (12) or eleven (11) days).
- b. If a maximum of two (2) to three (3) days of an employee's Leave Bank is used during the year, she/he will receive ten percent (10%) pay of the remaining accumulated Leave Bank days for the year (this is either ten (10) or nine (9) days).

ARTICLE VI: FUNERAL LEAVE

A. Employees will be allowed five (5) days for each death in the immediate family, not to be charged to

the employee's leave bank. When five (5) days are insufficient, additional days may be used and charged to the employee's leave bank.

- a. Immediate family shall include: spouse, parents, parents-in-law, children, brother or sister, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, grandparents, grandparents-in-law, grandchildren, or step-relatives. In extenuating circumstances, the administrator may approve days, not charged to the leave bank, for funerals outside the "family" or "step-family".
- B. Employees will be allowed one (1) funeral day leave for each death in the non-immediate family (ie, nephew/niece, aunt/uncle, aunt/uncle or first cousin), not to be charged to the employee's leave bank.
- C. Employees may be granted additional days for each death above or days for individuals outside of the above-listed relations, not to be charged to the employee's leave bank upon approval from the Superintendent.

ARTICLE VII: REDUCTIONS IN PERSONNEL, SENIORITY AND RECALL

- A. The District reserves the right to determine when staff reduction is necessary. The District also reserves the right to institute layoffs based on the elimination of positions or through a combination of position elimination, or a reduction in work weeks, workdays, and/or work hours.
- B. In the event of job elimination or layoff, the order of reduction shall be:
 - a. Employee with least seniority;
 - b. Competency as determined by administrator;
 - c. Job evaluation as determined by administrator;
 - d. Employee(s) with the most seniority will be laid off last.
 - e. The Employee will have bumping rights should a position be eliminated.
- C. Recall of Employees shall be:
 - a. The Employee with the most seniority who is on layoff will be the first hired back provided that the employee is qualified to perform the duties of the open position.
 - b. No new hiring will be instituted until laid-off employees are rehired or have submitted a written refusal of the job
 - c. Employees on layoff shall retain accumulated seniority
 - d. The District has no obligation to post a position when an employee may be recalled to perform the work required.
- D. Seniority shall be defined as the Employee's first working day in the School District in the Bargaining Unit.

- E. An Employee shall lose his/her seniority if he/she resigns, retires, is discharged by the Board, or leaves the Bargaining Unit to take another position outside the Bargaining Unit. An Employee also loses seniority after being on layoff for twenty-four (24) months after the effective date of layoff. A new seniority date would be determined if the Employee is hired or returns to a Bargaining Unit position on a later date.
- F. In the event of more than one individual Employee having the same seniority date, all individuals affected will participate in a drawing to determine positions on the seniority list should layoff or recall be considered. After thirty (30) days of distribution, an employee may not object to the seniority list.

VIII: VACANCIES / NEW POSITIONS

- A. In the event of a vacancy or new position within the bargaining unit, the Superintendent, or designee, will make every attempt to provide advanced notification (by email) to all Employees within this bargaining unit prior to publicly posting for a position in a conspicuous place within each school building for no less than fourteen (14) calendar days before the position is filled.
- B. Administrative Assistant employees submitting an application shall be given consideration before outside candidates. In the event that more than one employee submits an application and they are equally qualified, the applicant with more seniority shall be awarded the position.
- C. When outside applicants are being considered for an administrative assistant position, a member of the bargaining unit will be invited to be on the interview committee.
- D. The District has no obligation to post a position when an employee may be recalled to perform the work required.

ARTICLE IX: TERMINAL LEAVE

- A. Employees who upon permanent separation from the District and who have been employed by the District for at least ten (10) consecutive years will receive a terminal leave payment as follows:

a.	10-15 years	\$5,000
b.	16-20 years	\$5,500
c.	21-24 years	\$6,000
d.	25+ years	\$6,500
- B. In the event of an Employee's death while still employed by Ovid-Elsie Area Schools and having met the requirement as set forth in Article IX: A, this benefit will be paid to the Employee's beneficiary as designated in writing. If the beneficiary is not designated, the terminal benefit will be paid in accordance with Section 10 of the Payment of Wages and Fringe Benefits Act, MCL 408.480.

ARTICLE X: ACT OF GOD DAYS

- A. Employees shall not be required to report for duty on days and hours when school is closed due to "An Act of God" and will be paid for those cancelled days and hours. Should a closing because of conditions not within the control of school authorities require the scheduling of additional days and hours of student instruction because previously scheduled days and hours were cancelled and could not be counted for purposes of receiving full appropriations under the State School Aid Act, such days and hours will be rescheduled by the Board of Education without additional compensation to ensure a minimum number of instructional days and hours are provided. Rescheduled time/day(s) will be the same as teachers.

ARTICLE XI: JURY DUTY

The Employee shall be paid by the District at the daily rate of pay and the compensation paid from the court shall be submitted to the District, excluding allowance for mileage by the court.

ARTICLE XII: INSURANCE

The District will provide medical coverage for eligible employees and their eligible dependents to cover medical premiums up to the PA 152 hard cap limits. For Dental, Vision, Life and LTD coverage, the District will cover the cost of these benefits in full based on the agreed coverage levels.

Ovid-Elsie Area School employees will be provided (to select one of the following medical plans):

BCN Blue Elect Plus HSA POS (\$1600/\$3200 Deductible)

BCN Blue Elect Plus HSA POS (\$2000/\$4000 Deductible)

ADN Dental Insurance 80/20

ADN Vision Insurance Ultra Vision Plan II

\$20,000 Life Insurance with AD&D

Long Term Disability

- 60% of the Employee's current wage
- \$5,000 maximum monthly cap
- 90 calendar days modified fill
- Social Security freeze
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- A. Payroll deductions towards the insurance premium and medical benefit plan costs shall be done bi-weekly.
- B. In lieu of insurance, the Employee will receive \$250 monthly for one person, \$450 monthly for two

people, \$500 monthly for three people, and \$550 monthly for four people or more, divided equally over 26 pay periods and calculated as part of the Employee's hourly rate to be considered reportable wages in accordance to the Office of Retirement Services. Employees electing this option must provide written verification that he/she is voluntarily waiving enrollment in insurance programs offered by the Employer and that he/she is enrolled in other medical coverage that is compliant with the Affordable Care Act.

- C. If the spouse of the Employee does not cover the Employee who is not taking insurance in the future, then the Employee will be able to have insurance offered by the Employer, subject to the enrollment requirements of the insurance carrier.

The Board of Education and the Administrative Assistant Unit mutually agree to review insurance programs annually to determine if better opportunities exist for the Employee and the District.

ARTICLE XIII: HOURLY RATES

		2024-2025	2025-2026	2026-2027
Step 1	Starting Wage	\$16.10	\$16.50	16.91
Step 2	Year 2 - 4	\$17.25	\$17.68	18.12
Step 3	Year 5 - 7	\$18.40	\$18.86	19.33
Step 4	Year 8 - 10	\$19.55	\$20.04	20.54
Step 5	Year 11 - 13	\$20.70	\$21.22	21.75
Step 6	Year 14 - 19	\$21.85	\$22.40	22.96
Step 7	Beginning with Year 20	\$22.45	\$23.02	23.60

The District shall provide the Administrative Assistant staff assigned to Special Education Services an additional hourly wage for the duration of the contracted year of:

\$1.20/hour for the 2024-2025 school year

\$1.25/hour for the 2025-2026 school year

\$1.30/hour for the 2026-2027 school year

ARTICLE XIV: DURATION OF AGREEMENT

- A. This Agreement shall be effective August 1, 2024 and continue in effect until July 31, 2027.
- B. Employees will be provided a copy of the Master Agreement within thirty (30) days of ratification.
- C. The Employer and Employees shall initiate negotiations on or before April 1, 2027, for the purpose of entering into a successor Agreement for the forthcoming year.

ARTICLE XV: GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

- A. Definitions
 - a. A grievance is an alleged violation of the interpretation or meaning of expressed terms of this contract.
 - b. A representative, if so desired may accompany any Employee or group of Employees who have a complaint or grievance.
 - c. Grievances that are not appealed within the time limits specified in the grievance procedure shall be considered withdrawn by the Employee. If the Board neglects or fails to answer a grievance within the time limits specified at the various steps of the grievance procedure, the grievance may then be processed to the next higher step in the procedure.
- B. Contents of Written Grievance(s)
 - a. They shall be signed by the grievant.
 - b. They shall contain the date when, to the best of the grievant's knowledge, the violation first occurred.
 - c. They shall contain a brief synopsis of the facts giving rise to the alleged violation and cite the section or subsection of the contract alleged to have been violated.
 - d. They shall specify the relief requested.
- C. Grievance Process (Steps)
 - 1. From the date of the alleged violation of the contract provisions, the grievant must, within five (5) working days, discuss the alleged grievance with their immediate supervisor, in an attempt to resolve the complaint.
 - 2. The immediate supervisor shall give a verbal reply to the grievant within three (3) working days from the date the grievance was brought to him/her by the grievant. If the supervisor's verbal response is not satisfactory, within three (3) working days of the receipt of the verbal response, the grievant shall reduce the grievance to writing and present the written response to the supervisor.

3. The supervisor shall provide his/her written response to the grievant within four (4) working days of the receipt of the written grievance. The grievant shall, within three (3) working days of the supervisor's Step 2 reply, providing such a reply is unsatisfactory, appeal the grievance to the Employee's Grievance Committee.
4. The Grievance Committee shall, within ten (10) working days of the grievance appeal, meet to discuss and investigate the grievance and then either appeal the grievance to the Superintendent of Schools or advise the grievant of the reason(s) for not appealing the grievance further.
5. If the grievance is appealed to the Superintendent, the Superintendent shall, within ten (10) working days upon receipt of the grievance, set a meeting with the grievant and Grievance Committee to hear the grievance. The Superintendent shall then render a written reply to the grievance within five (5) working days of the meeting.
6. If not satisfied with the Superintendent's reply to the grievance, the grievant shall within ten (10) working days of the receipt of the Superintendent's reply, advise the Superintendent of its intent to appeal the grievance to the Michigan Relations Commission (MERC) Mediation Services.
7. If the grievance is not resolved in Step 6 within seven (7) working days of the mediation meeting, the grievance may be referred to the Board of Education. Grievances appealed to the Board of Education must be received at least seven (7) working days prior to a scheduled Board meeting.

ARTICLE XVI: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT EVALUATIONS

- A. The administrator in charge of the specified area shall evaluate each Administrative Assistant not less than annually.
- B. The evaluation is to be completed prior to May 31 using the Personnel Appraisal Form (attached).

ARTICLE XVII: EMERGENCY MANAGER CLAUSE

An Emergency Manager appointed under the Local Stability and Choice Act is authorized to reject, modify, or terminate this Agreement as provided in the Local Financial Stability and Choice Act, 2012 Public Act 436.

ADDENDUM A: SENIORITY LIST

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT STAFF - SENIORITY LIST

Valorie Zemla	August 15, 2011
Sue Horak	August 26, 2011
Rebecca Powell	August 29, 2016
Michele Moore	September 14, 2020
Jilliane Bushard	August 23, 2021
Mary Perrien	August 8, 2022
Trina Pontack	August 22, 2022

ADDENDUM B: AGREEMENT SIGNATURES

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The parties hereto have caused this instrument to be executed.

Rebecca Powell

Representative, Administrative Assistant Staff

E. J. Jones

Board of Education

Jelleanne Bushnell

Representative, Administrative Assistant Staff

[Signature]

Board of Education

Wayne Stroelje

Superintendent

8-06-2024
Date

6-24-2024
Date

ADDENDUM C: PERSONNEL APPRAISAL FORM

Name: _____

Date: _____

School/Building _____

Years in Current Assignment: _____

<u>Applicable Personal Relationships:</u>	Below Average	Average	Above Average	N/A
Cooperation with Administrator	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rapport with the students, teaching staff and other employees	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appropriate dress	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Participation in a reasonable number of in-service meetings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understanding and cooperation with rules and regulations as set forth by the building administrator.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Work Performance:</u>				
Develops respect by example in appearance, manners, behavior, language and interest.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Supervision in assigned activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is well-versed and knowledgeable in matters pertaining to his/her work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has individual and group discipline control.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Helps other peers become better employees.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is fair, understanding, tolerant, sympathetic, and patient with students.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is innovative using new ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is prompt in meeting work schedules.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Has necessary skills to perform assigned work.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Related Responsibilities:</u>				
Care of equipment and facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is cooperative in sharing the use of facilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

	Below Average	Average	Above Average	N/A
Understands place in the line of authority in relationship to:				
A. Administrators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
B. Teachers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shows self-control and poise in all areas related to his/her responsibilities.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Displays enthusiasm and vitality in assignment.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keeps the administrator informed about unusual events within the school day.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Suggested Recommendations In Areas Needed To Be Improved:

Comments:

Check One:

- To be recommended for continued assignment
- To be recommended for reassignment, provided an understanding can be reached in areas where improvement is suggested.
- Not to be recommended for reassignment.

 Evaluator's Signature

 Employee Signature*

*The signature of the employee does not necessarily indicate agreement with the appraisal on the preceding pages, but indicates he/she has seen it. The employee may attach a memo explaining his/her disagreement regarding any aspect of this evaluation.