

**Master Agreement**

between the

Bentley Education

Association

and the

Bentley

Board of Education

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## **SECTION I -- BASIC CONTRACT PROVISIONS**

### **1.1 STATEMENT OF AGREEMENT**

The Board of Education of the Bentley Community Schools, Genesee County, Michigan, hereinafter called the "Board" and Local 10 MEA/NEA, Bentley Unit, hereinafter called the "Association," in consideration of the mutual covenants herein, agree as follows:

### **1.2 RECOGNITION**

The Board hereby recognizes Local 10 MEA/NEA, Bentley Unit as the sole and exclusive bargaining representative for all full-time and regular part-time certified or professional employees under contract to the Board, including: classroom teachers, guidance counselors, federally and/or categorically funded teachers, and special education teachers, long-term substitutes employed for ninety (90) continuous work days or more in the exact same position for the same teacher. However, this representation shall not include per diem substitutes, long-term substitutes employed for less than ninety (90) continuous work days in the exact same position, temporary employees, casual employees, aides, adult and community education instructors, superintendent, assistant superintendent, principals, business managers, supervisors, administrators, executive employees, clerical employees, and all other employees of the Board.

The term "Board" shall include all the officers and members of the Board of Education and its supervisory personnel. The term "Association" shall mean those teachers under contract to the Board of Education, as defined above.

The Board agrees not to negotiate with or recognize any teacher's organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement.

### **1.3 EXTENT OF AGREEMENT AND NEGOTIATIONS PROCEDURES**

A. Not later than March 1 of the calendar year in which this Agreement expires, the Board and the Association agree to begin negotiations on a successor agreement in accordance with the procedure set forth herein.

B. The parties mutually agree that the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement represent the full and complete understanding and commitments between the parties hereto, which may be altered, added to, deleted from, or modified only through the voluntary mutual consent of the parties in the Agreement hereto. Any amendment shall become a part of this Agreement and shall be reduced to writing following the procedure in C below.

C. Amendments - The official form shall be used for any agreements between the Board and the Association ( see SECTION VI, 6.3):

1. All Agreements between the Association and the Board shall be reduced to writing. No Agreement shall be binding unless it is in writing and signed by representatives of both parties.
2. All Agreements shall be subject to ratification and signed by two (2)

representatives each from the Board and the Association.

- D. If a law which is pertinent to this Agreement is changed or if any provision of this Agreement is held to be contrary to the law, then such provision shall be deemed valid only to the extent permitted by law; but all other provisions of this Agreement will continue in full force and effect.
- E. The parties will meet not later than fourteen (14) calendar days after such holding for the purpose of renegotiating the provision or provisions affected.
- F. Negotiations Procedures – Representatives of the Board and the Association negotiating teams will meet, in addition to negotiating sessions, for the purpose of reviewing administration of the Contract and to attempt to resolve problems that may arise, whenever necessary. These meetings are not intended to bypass the grievance procedure. An agenda for each meeting will be prepared in advance of each meeting.
- G. Any individual contract of employment between the Board and an individual teacher shall be subject to, and consistent with, the terms and conditions of the Agreement. Any individual contract of employment shall be on the forms provided in Addendum H and shall be expressly made subject to, and consistent with, this Agreement.
- H. This Agreement shall supersede any rules, regulations, or practices of the Board, which shall be contrary to or inconsistent with its terms. (This Agreement shall become the sole personnel policy between the Board of Education and the Association.)
- I. An individual contract offered to a teacher covered by this Agreement, shall be signed by said teacher, and returned to the Board within fourteen (14) calendar days of its issuance to be valid. Failure on the part of the teacher to sign and return said individual contract, shall be assumed to be a resignation from the Bentley Community Schools and forfeiture of all rights and protection granted by this Agreement.

#### **1.4 DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- A. This Agreement shall be effective as of 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2013; the date listed below, and shall continue in effect until 12:00 midnight, June 30, 2015. If, pursuant to such negotiations, an agreement on the renewal or modification is not reached prior to the expiration date, this Agreement shall expire at such expiration date unless it is extended for a specific period or periods by mutual written agreement of the parties.
- B. Copies of this Agreement shall be printed at the expense of the Board; a copy shall be given to each teacher now employed. When an individual contract is offered, a copy of the current Agreement shall be given to each new teacher.

## **1.5 CONTINUITY OF OPERATIONS**

Both parties recognize the desirability of continuous and uninterrupted operation of the entire school program during the school year and the avoidance of disputes, which threaten to interfere with such operations. Since the parties are establishing a comprehensive grievance procedure under which unresolved disputes may be settled by an impartial third party, the parties have removed the basic cause of work interruptions during the period of this Agreement. The Association accordingly agrees that it will not, during the period of this Agreement, directly or indirectly, engage in or assist in any strike against the Board, as said term is defined by the Public Employment Relations Act. Should the Association initiate any action, which constitutes a violation of the no-strike clause, the Board's remedy shall be that which law shall allow.

## **1.6 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

- A.
  1. A claim that there has been a violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of any provision of this Agreement or any rule, order, or regulation of the Board may be processed as a grievance as hereinafter provided.
  2. The "grievant" is the person or persons making the claim. If, in the judgment of the Association, a grievance involves contract administration or rules, regulations, or directives, affecting a group of teachers, the Association may initiate and process the grievance at any level up to and including the Superintendent's level.
- B. In the event that the grievant believes there is a basis for a grievance; the grievant shall first discuss the alleged grievance with his/her building principal either personally or accompanied by his/her Association representative. Any written grievance must be initiated within twenty (20) school days of the alleged violation, misinterpretation, or misapplication, or within twenty (20) school days of the discovery thereof.
- C. If, as a result of the informal discussion with the building principal, an alleged grievance has not been resolved, the grievant may invoke the formal grievance procedure within ten (10) school days, on the form provided, and shown in Section 6.2, copies of which shall be available in each building. A copy of the grievance form shall be delivered to the Principal. If the grievance involves more than one (1) building, it shall be filed with the Superintendent or a representative designated by him/her.
- D. Within five (5) school days of receipt of the grievance, the Principal shall meet with the grievant or the grievant and a representative of the Association in an effort to resolve the grievance. The Principal shall indicate his/her disposition of the grievance, in writing, within five (5) school days of such meeting to the grievant, with a copy to the Association.
- E. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance, or if no disposition has been made within five (5) school days of such meeting, (or ten (10) school days from date of filing, whichever shall be later), the grievance shall be

transmitted to the Superintendent. Within ten (10) school days, the Superintendent or his/her designee shall meet with the grievant or the grievant and a representative of the Association and shall indicate his/her disposition of the grievance, in writing, within five (5) school days of such meeting to the grievant, with a copy to the Association.

- F. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition by the Superintendent, or if no disposition has been made within the period above provided, the grievance shall be submitted to the Board of Education. Within twelve (12) school days from receipt of the written referral, the Board shall meet with the grievant or the grievant and a representative of the Association. A decision shall be rendered within eight (8) school days of the above-mentioned meeting.
- G. If the grievant is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance by the Board, or if no disposition has been made within ten (10) school days of the meeting outlined in F above, the grievance may, within ten (10) school days, be forwarded to the American Arbitration Association, and the parties shall proceed under procedures of the American Arbitration Association until resolution.

The decision of the arbitrator shall be final and binding on both parties.

It shall be the function of the arbitrator, and he/she shall be empowered except as their powers are limited below, after due investigation, to make a decision in cases of alleged violation, misinterpretation or misapplication of the specific articles and sections of this Agreement, or to determine that they do not have jurisdiction over the issue. A decision shall be rendered within thirty (30) calendar days.

- 1. They shall have no power to add to, subtract from, disregard, alter, or modify any of the terms of this Agreement.
  - 2. The Board and the Association shall share the fees and expenses of the arbitrator equally. All other expenses shall be borne by the party incurring them, and neither party shall be responsible for the expense of witnesses called by the other.
- H. Any grievance that is not referred to the next step in the grievance procedure within the time limits provided herein shall automatically be judged as accepted and shall not be the subject of another grievance.
  - I. The grievance procedure shall not apply to the termination of services of a tenure teacher where the provisions of the Tenure Act shall apply.
  - J. The time limits provided in this section shall be strictly observed, but may be extended by written agreement of both parties. In the event a grievance is filed after May 15 of any year, the time limits may be reduced by mutual agreement of both parties in order to effect a solution prior to the end of the school year or as soon thereafter as it is possible.
  - K. Notwithstanding the expiration of this Agreement, any claim or grievance arising thereunder may be processed through the grievance procedure until resolution.

- L. Paid leave shall be provided to any teacher called by the Board to testify at an arbitration hearing held during normal working hours. Leave shall be provided an employee of the Board who is called by the Association to testify at an arbitration hearing that is held during the employee's normal working hours. The Association shall reimburse the cost of a substitute to the Board.
- M. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to prevent any individual teacher from presenting a grievance and having said grievance adjusted without intervention of the Association, providing such adjustment is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement and the Association has been given an opportunity to be present at such adjustment.
- N. In the event that a grievance is filed that is of such a nature that expediency in resolution is imperative or the grievance is of such a nature that a resolution could not be achieved by following the normal procedures, the parties may, by mutual consent, in writing, send the grievance directly to binding arbitration.
- O. Insofar as possible, the handling of all grievances under this section shall be done in a manner and at a time which will not embarrass, detract, inconvenience or penalize any student or group of students.
- P. It shall be the practice of all parties interested in the processing of a grievance to attempt to proceed during time which does not interfere with assigned duties.

## **SECTION II -- EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS**

### **2.1 ASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A.
  - 1. Pursuant to the Michigan Public Employment Relations Act, the Board hereby agrees that every teacher employed by the Board shall have the right to freely organize, join, and support the Association for the purpose of engaging in collective bargaining or negotiation and other lawful concerted activities for mutual aid and protection.
  - 2. The Board agrees that it will not interfere with, restrain, restrict, or coerce any teacher in the enjoyment of any rights conferred under Michigan General School Laws or by other applicable laws and regulations.
- B. The Board agrees that it will not discriminate against any teacher with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of their membership in the Association or collective professional negotiations with the Board, or because of their institution of any grievance under its Agreement.
- C. The Board agrees to grant the rights contained in 1-4 below exclusively to the Association or its representatives:
  - 1. To use school buildings for Association meetings, provided that when special custodial service is required, a reasonable charge may be made. The meetings shall be scheduled in advance with the Superintendent.
  - 2. To transact official Association businesses on school property at all



reasonable times, provided that this shall not interfere with or interrupt normal school operations.

3.
    - a. To use school facilities and equipment at reasonable times, when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay the school costs of all materials and supplies incident to such use and assume responsibility for damages to this equipment caused by negligence, careless use, or by movement from its original location and its return thereto.
    - b. To return all facilities and equipment borrowed to the original locations in time so as not to interfere with normal school operations.
  4. To post notices of its activities and matters of Association concerns on teacher's bulletin boards in faculty lounges, at least one of which shall be provided in each faculty lounge. The Association may use the intra-school mail service and teacher mailboxes for communications to teachers.
- D. 1. The Board agrees to furnish to the Association in response to written requests presented to the Superintendent:
- a. All available information needed by the Association to process grievances and for negotiations as provided by law.
  - b. Names and addresses of all teachers, salaries paid thereto, educational background, certification, employment date, leave information and such other information as will assist the Association in developing intelligent, accurate, informed and constructive programs on behalf of the teachers and students, together with information which may be necessary for the Association to process any grievance or complaint.
2. Costs of reproducing any of this data will be borne by the Association.
- E. Individual teacher's names, addresses, and telephone numbers may be supplied to the Association, governmental and accrediting agencies but to no other group or individual without the consent of the teacher.
- F. The Board shall inform the Association of any new or modified fiscal, budgetary or tax programs, construction programs, or major provisions of education policy, which are proposed or under consideration; and the Association shall be given opportunity to make a recommendation to the Board with respect to said matters prior to their adoption and/or general publication.
- G. The Board shall furnish in advance of each Board meeting a copy of the agenda to the Association president.
- H. The Association shall receive a copy of tentative minutes of each regular Board meeting. Such minutes shall be sent to the Association at the same time such is sent to Board members.
- I. The Board shall place on the agenda of each regular Board Meeting any matters

brought to its consideration by the Association so long as those matters are made known, in writing, to the Superintendent's Office six (6) days prior to said regular meeting.

- J. The Association shall be granted a minimum of ten (10) days of release time without loss of pay for officers, delegates, committee chairpersons, and/or members to take part in business, which pertains to the Association. The Association shall notify the Board at least five (5) school days in advance of its intent to use any of the days provided above and the names of the teacher or teachers to be absent. If less than five (5) school days notice is given, or if more than two (2) teachers are to be gone, the availability of substitutes must be confirmed. The Association shall pay for the cost of substitutes needed to provide the ten (10) days of release time provided above.
- K. The Association may hold meetings five (5) minutes after students are dismissed, with teachers excused to attend these meetings, provided:
  - 1. They are not held in conflict with teacher's classroom duties.
  - 2. That previously announced administrative meetings take precedence.
  - 3. Building Principals be notified of the meetings at least 24 hours in advance.

## **2.2 TEACHER RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. Teachers shall be entitled to full rights of citizenship and no religious or political activities of any teacher or lack thereof shall be grounds for discipline or discrimination with respect to the professional employment of such teacher, except when it seriously interferes with the teacher's efforts to provide a quality education to all students in the Bentley School District.
- B. The provisions of this Agreement and the wages, hours, terms, and conditions of employment shall be applied without regard to race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, sex, marital status, handicap or membership in an organization concerning the activities of any employee organization.
- C. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher the rights he/she may have under the Michigan General School Laws, Tenure Act, or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to teachers hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere in this Agreement.
- D. No teacher shall be prevented from wearing insignia, pins or other identification of membership in the Association either on or off school premises.
- E. The official personnel file shall be maintained at the Superintendent's Office. Materials kept in building files are official only if copies of materials therein contained are forwarded to the teacher and to the Superintendent for inclusion in the official files at the time they are placed in the Building file. Teachers shall have the right to a copy of any materials included in such file.
- F. Teachers shall have the right, upon request, to review the contents of their own personnel file. A representative of the Association may be requested to accompany

the instructor to such review. Confidential credentials (and related personal references) normally obtained at the time of employment are specifically exempted from such review and shall be removed prior to the review of the file. A teacher will be given the opportunity to file a response to any adverse material placed in the personnel file and the response shall be made a part of the said file. If the teacher is asked to sign material placed in the file, such signature shall be understood to indicate awareness of the material, but in no instance shall said signature be interpreted to mean agreement with its content.

- G. Each teacher shall supply the Superintendent with transcripts of all completed academic work.
- H. Each teacher shall provide the Business Office with any changes relative to: name, address, telephone number, and information on the person to be contacted in case of emergency.
- I. All non-tenured professional staff are required to attend three (3) after school mentor-mentee workshops as part of their professional responsibilities. Mentors will be compensated at the \$12.50/hour rate for pre-approved time spent outside the contractual day.
- J. Each teacher shall plan and facilitate one (1) Parent Academy or Parent University workshop per school year as a part of their professional responsibilities.

### **2.3 BOARD RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. 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 the Constitution of the State of Michigan and of the United States.
- B. The exercise of powers, rights, 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 express terms of this Agreement in conformance with the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, and the Constitution and laws of the United States.
- C. The Board may delegate any and all duties of the Board as defined in this Agreement.
- D. If the current incumbent vacates the Athletic Director's position, nothing in the contract prevents either party from filing a unit clarification petition with Michigan Employment Relations Commission (MERC) regarding the proper unit placement of the Athletic Director Assignment.
- E. The Board and the Association shall continue to meet in order to negotiate calendar and/or other parts of the Master Agreement in order to meet State requirements or to improve the working conditions therein listed.

## **2.4 HIRING, VACANCIES, PROMOTIONS, AND TRANSFERS**

- A. **Transfers**  
Requests by a teacher for a transfer to a different class, building, or position for the following year shall be made in writing to the Superintendent, with a copy sent to the Association by April 15. The application shall set forth the reasons for the transfer request, the school, grade, or position sought, and the applicant's academic and professional qualifications.
- B. **Vacancies**
1. **Long-Term Vacancies** – those vacancies that occur after the start of the school year, and it is known that they will last until the end of the school year. .
  2. **Short-Term Vacancies** - Those vacancies that occur during the school year whose duration will be less than the school year.
  3. All teachers who are on the lay-off list who desire to be considered for positions listed in 1 and 2 above must notify the Board each year of their desire to participate.
- C. **1.** When a teaching vacancy occurs within the bargaining unit prior to the close of the school year for the next school year, the Superintendent shall promptly notify the Association President. Notice of same shall be posted with accompanying job description and minimum requirements on bulletin boards in each school building for no less than five (5) school days before notice of vacancy is sent to any other party.
- 2.** Whenever a non-teaching vacancy occurs, it shall be posted for no less than five (5) school days on bulletin boards in each building with accompanying job descriptions and minimum requirements.
- D. Whenever vacancies occur during the normal summer months when regular school is not in session, the following procedure shall be followed:
1. Teachers with specific interests in possible bargaining unit vacancies will notify the Superintendent of their interest, in writing, during the last regular week of school and shall include a summer address.
  2. The teachers so notified shall have the responsibility of contacting the Superintendent indicating their interest in said position within three (3) calendar days of receiving such notification.
  3. The Association President shall receive a copy of notice of vacancy by certified mail.
  4. The vacancy shall be filled at the discretion of the Board.

## **2.5 TEACHER'S CERTIFICATIONS, QUALIFICATIONS, AND ASSIGNMENT**

- A. All new teachers employed by the Board for any regular classroom teaching

assignment shall hold a valid Michigan Teaching Certificate.

- B. Any assignment in addition to the normal teaching schedule during the regular school year, including adult education courses, driver education, extra duties enumerated in Addendum B or D, and summer school courses, shall not be obligatory. The Association will make every effort to assist the Board in filling these positions.

## **2.6 REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL, SENIORITY, AND RECALL**

- A. Seniority, for the purpose of this Agreement, is defined as continuous years of active service with the bargaining unit, subject to the restrictions herein:
1. Seniority credit shall accumulate for any semester if one-half (1/2) or more of a semester is taught in a school year.
  2. Teachers whose normal assignment is less than full time, shall accrue full seniority for the year.
  3. Teachers on paid leave of absence, such as, but not limited to, illness and/or disability, shall accumulate seniority credit during the period of such leave.
  4. Teachers on a voluntary leave of absence shall not accumulate seniority credit during the period of voluntary leave.
  5. Teachers on leave of absence that permits the teacher to accrue seniority can accrue a maximum of one (1) year of seniority credit.
  6. Teachers on lay-off shall keep the Superintendent's Office informed of current address and telephone number.
  7. All seniority is lost when employment is severed by resignation, retirement, discharge for cause; however, seniority is retained if severance of employment is due to lay-off. In the cases of lay-off, teachers so affected shall retain all seniority accumulated as of the effective date of the lay-off. This provision is effective with the June 30, 1985 Seniority List, and is subject to provisions of 2.6, A.6, above. Teachers on lay-off have call back rights for one year.
  8. Accumulated seniority for those teachers on lay-off shall be the number of years shown on the seniority list dated June 30 of each year and attached as Addendum "G".
- B. A seniority list shall be prepared by the Board and verified by the Association.
1. It is the individual employee's responsibility to notify the Superintendent's Office of any changes or anticipated changes in certification and/or endorsements. Such notice must be given prior to May 1 if to be used in making assignments from current seniority list, and appropriate documentation provided as soon as possible.

2. When two (2) or more employees have the same years of seniority, they will be ranked in order of their date of hire by the Board.
  3. When two (2) or more employees have the same years of seniority and Board hire date, the individuals affected will participate in a drawing, when hired, to determine placement on the seniority list. The Association and teachers so affected will be notified, in writing, of the date, place, and time of the drawing. The drawing shall be conducted openly and at a time and place that will reasonably allow affected teachers and Association representatives to be in attendance. The Association shall draw for any affected teacher not present.
- C. The seniority list will include 1.) years of seniority, 2.) Board hire date, 3.) type of certification, 4.) areas of certification, and 5.) current assignments. The seniority list shall be published and posted conspicuously in all buildings of the District by November 1 of each school year. Individuals and the Association shall have five (5) school days to respond with challenges to the seniority list.

Revisions and changes in certification shall be reported to the office of the Superintendent by April 15. A copy of the revisions shall be forwarded to the Association by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **2.7 IN-SERVICE EDUCATION**

- A. The parties support the principle of continuing training of teachers, participation by teachers in professional organizations in the areas of their specialization, and leaves for work on advanced degrees or special studies. In addition, time and training shall be given for teachers to acquire the methodology and understandings requisite for programmatic changes instituted by the School District.
- B. 1. Release time equaling one (1) day for each teacher may be provided for the purpose of teacher visitation to observe other educational programs.
2. The Board shall reimburse the teacher's actual amounts of registration, transportation, meals in conjunction with the conference and lodging for all professional visitations and conferences approved in advance. Approved leaves shall not be deducted from leave pay.

## **SECTION III -- TEACHING CONDITIONS**

### **3.1 STUDENT DISCIPLINE AND TEACHER PROTECTION**

- A. 1. The Board recognizes its responsibilities to give support and assistance to teachers with respect to the maintenance of control and discipline in the classrooms and where students of the Bentley Schools may be supervised by a teacher of the Bentley Schools. Whenever it appears to the teacher that a particular student requires the attention of special counselors, or other professional persons, or whenever it appears that the presence of a particular student in a class will impede the education of the balance of the class because of disruptions caused by said student, that student will be referred,

in writing, giving full details to the Principal's Office.

2. If the problem persists, the teacher shall contact the parents to discuss the problem with them. If, after the contact by the teacher with the parents, the problem still persists, then the Principal shall attempt to schedule a conference with the parents, principal, and the teacher, in an attempt to resolve the problem. After the conference, the Principal shall prepare a report, with a copy to the parents, the teacher, and a copy placed in the student's file.
- B. A teacher may exclude, on a temporary basis, a pupil from one (1) class when the grossness of the offense, the persistence of the misbehavior or the disruptive effect of the violation makes the continued presence of the student in the classroom intolerable. In such cases, the teacher will notify the Principal immediately and will furnish as promptly as his/her teaching obligations will allow, details of the incident in writing. The pupil shall not be returned to the class before consultation by the Principal and the teacher. This article shall in no way diminish the authority of a Principal to return a student to a classroom.
  - C. There shall be established rules and regulations at all grade levels setting forth the procedures to be utilized in disciplining, suspending or expelling students for misbehavior. Individual teachers, in cooperation with the Building Principal, shall establish rules and regulations for student behavior in their classroom. The teacher shall periodically review the rules and regulations with his/her students and shall post a copy of them in the classroom.
  - D. It shall be the responsibility of teachers to assist in maintaining effective control of students within their own building and on all school property.
  - E. Teachers shall not leave a class unattended except in an emergency situation.

### **3.2 PROTECTION OF TEACHERS**

- A. Any case of assault concerning a teacher in connection with the performance of his/her duties shall be promptly reported to the Board or its designated representative. The Board will provide legal counsel to advise the teacher of his/her rights and obligations with respect to such assault and shall render all reasonable assistance to the teacher in connection with handling of the incident by law enforcement and judicial authorities.
- B. Legal fees incurred by the Board and/or time lost by a teacher while employed by the Board in connection with an incident mentioned in Section 3.2 shall not be charged against the teacher unless proven guilty by a court of knowingly and willfully acting in an illegal manner.
- C. Legal counsel mentioned in A above shall be selected by the Board.

### **3.3 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS**

- A. The Board recognizes that appropriate texts, library reference facilities, maps and globes, laboratory equipment, art supplies, athletic equipment, current periodicals, standard tests and questionnaires and similar materials are the tools of the teaching profession. The administration will confer with the teachers from time to time for the purpose of improving the selection and use of such educational tools.
- B. A teacher shall insure that all sides of a controversial issue are presented equally and that the topic and material used will be appropriate to the maturity level and intellectual ability of the student.

### **3.4 FACILITIES**

- A. The Board shall provide:
  - 1. A furnished and vented teacher's lounge in all buildings and separate restroom facilities specifically identified for staff use.
  - 2. Locked storage space for instructional materials in each classroom.
  - 3. Typing and duplicating facilities and a copying machine for teachers' use to aid in the preparation of instructional materials.
  - 4. Telephone facilities available to all teachers for private conferences with parents and teachers' reasonable use.
- B. When the temperature of a classroom or building is below 60 degrees at the beginning of the school day and there is reason to believe this temperature will not raise above 65 degrees within the hour, another room will be made available which is properly heated.

### **3.5 TEACHERS' DAY AND HOURS**

- A. Teaching Hours – A full-time teacher's normal teaching hours shall be as follows:
  - 1. Grades 7-12 - 7 ¼ consecutive hours per day including a lunch period.
    - a. All full-time teachers in Grades 7-12 shall have five (5), sixty (60) minute planning periods per five (5) day week
    - b. All teachers teaching less than full-time shall have the following planning periods:
      - 1.) Teachers with three (3) or more classes per day shall be given five (5), sixty (60) minute planning periods per five (5) day week
      - 2.) Any teacher whose teaching assignment is involuntarily reduced below three (3) classes per day shall receive five (5), sixty (60) minute planning periods per five (5) day



- week
- 3.) Any teacher whose teaching assignment is voluntarily reduced, who is recalled, or a new hire, shall receive one (1), sixty (60) minute planning period per week for each period taught per normal teaching day.
2. Grades K-6 - 7 ¼ consecutive hours per day including a lunch period
    - a. All full-time teachers in Grades K-6 shall have five (5), thirty (30) minute planning periods per five (5) day week.
    - b. All teachers teaching less than full-time shall have the following planning periods:
      - 1.) Teachers with three (3) classes or more or one-half (1/2) time or more shall be given five (5), thirty (30) minute planning periods per five (5) day week.
      - 2.) All teachers whose teaching assignment is involuntarily reduced below three (3) classes or one-half (1/2) time per day, shall receive five (5), thirty (30) minute planning periods per five (5) day week.
      - 3.) Any teacher whose teaching assignment is voluntarily reduced, recalled, or who is a new hire, shall receive one (1), thirty (30) minute planning period per week for each period taught per normal teaching day.
  3. The beginning and ending times for each building shall be established by the Board within the limits established in 1 and 2 above.
  4. All full-time teachers shall have a duty-free uninterrupted lunch period of at least thirty (30) consecutive minutes.
  5. Planning periods provided for in 1 and 2 above are for the express purpose of performing professional duties relating to the teacher's assignment, such as instructional preparation, parent and/or student conferences.
  6. Teachers shall be available before and/or after student hours for parent conferences and student assistance.
  7. If teachers wish to leave the building during the noon hours, they shall first notify their Supervisor. In event of any emergency, the teacher may be required to stay.
  8. Teachers shall not be required to report to school or to remain at school when weather and/or building conditions cause cancellation of school for students.
  9. The Administration shall be permitted to adjust the reporting and leaving times of Special Services Personnel.
  10. In case of an emergency, as determined by the Administration, a teacher

may be excused early without subjecting the Board to an unfair labor practice in respect to discrimination as to length of workday.

11. The Association will have the use of two (2) days for meetings, one in the fall and one in the spring.

### **3.6 TEACHING LOADS**

- A. Class overloads will be calculated based on the number of students over the maximum students allowed per grade level.
  1. The applicable class sizes and overage sizes are listed below:  
  
Kindergarten: 25 students would be targeted with overages paid above 27  
First Grade: 28 students would be targeted with overages paid above 30  
Grades 2-5: 30 students would be the target with overages paid after 32  
Grades 6-12: 32 students would be targeted with overages paid after 32  
  
Please note that overages are for classes that are strictly core subject areas.
  2. For secondary teachers, compensation for overages will be in the amount of \$2.00 per student, per section. For elementary teachers, compensation for overages will be in the amount of \$2 per student based on 6 student instructional hours. The compensation will be calculated on a daily basis in order to account for the entry and exit of students. The compensation is based on the overages beginning with the day after the official count date through the final day of semester. Payment will be made in one lump sum on the first pay following the completion of each semester.
  3. The parties agree that the final decision for overages and the type of compensatory measure will lie with the administration and will be based on a set of criteria which will be made available upon request.
- B. Elementary teachers may be assigned split grades only when no other alternative is available. In such cases students shall be selectively chosen and the maximum class size shall be 25.
- C. No additional students may be assigned to teachers when substitute teachers are not available, without the teacher's consent.
- D. If a substitute is not available, any classroom teacher or Special Services teacher may substitute during his/her planning period, but under no circumstances shall this teacher be required to substitute during this planning period.
- E. Compensation for hourly substituting shall be at the rate established in Schedule D in Addendum D.

### **3.7 SPECIAL STUDENT NEEDS**

- A. The employer agrees to abide by, and enforce the provisions of IDEA, its regulations, federal laws, state special education laws and rules, Section 504 and its regulations, and applicable Genesee Intermediate School District Guidelines pertaining to the provision of programs and services to students with disabilities.
- B. The Board shall maintain up-to-date copies of the Genesee Intermediate School District Special Education Guidelines and State and Federal laws and regulations concerning Special Education in the Special Education Director's Office.
- C. Every bargaining unit member shall be provided, at least annually, in-service training regarding:
  - 1. The multi-disciplinary evaluation team (MET), IEPC and 504 processes, and the role and responsibilities of the member and other participants in each;
  - 2. The continuum of special education programs and services, including aids and supports, for both students and staff, whether currently available within the District or not, and required IDEA and 504 practices which might address the individual needs of a student with disabilities;
  - 3. The Least Restrictive Environment (LRE) mandate under IDEA and 504, including its meaning and how it is to be implemented; and
  - 4. The method to be used for referring students for testing for possible Special Education placement.
- D. The teacher shall be notified of the results of the referral for testing.
- E. Any teacher involved with a special needs student shall be permitted to participate in any case conference relative to the educational placement, review, or adjustment of the student's program. Teachers shall be released for case conferences held during the school days.
- F. Special needs students will be assigned, as evenly as possible, to the various classes and/or subjects.

No bargaining unit member, except a school nurse, shall be required to provide school health services except in an emergency situation.

## **SECTION IV - LEAVE PAY**

### **4.1 LEAVE DAYS**

- A. 1. At the beginning of each school year, each teacher shall be credited with ten (10) days to be used to ensure no compensatory loss for the necessary absence of the teacher. These days are prorated based on the time the teacher works in that school year.

2. The B.E.A. President will be awarded one (1) additional leave day each semester as compensation for time spent in processing employee concerns that cannot be handled during the regular business day.
3. Each teacher shall establish his own Individual Sick Leave Bank, of thirty (30) days, which shall be in addition to the sick leave provided by the Board each year. The Individual Sick Leave Bank is designed to assist the teacher to meet the forty-five (45) calendar day waiting period to qualify for Long-Term Disability. The Individual Sick Leave Bank shall be established as follows:
  - a. Unused Board-provided sick leave from the previous year will be credited to the next year's Individual Sick Leave Bank.
  - b. At the end of a school year, unused current year's sick leave in excess of thirty (30) days may either be compensated at the daily substitute rate or deposited in the Individual Sick Leave Bank. Payments will be made prior to June 30 of each year. The accumulated Individual Sick Leave days may be used only for personal illness or disability of the teacher.
4. Any faculty member who maintains perfect attendance during the school year shall be awarded additional compensation in the amount of \$500, payable at the end of the fiscal year. If a faculty member uses one day of leave time (sick or personal) or less, they will be awarded \$250, payable at the end of the fiscal year.
5. Employees reaching their 11<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Bentley Schools and not yet to longevity will be given one (1) additional personal day each year. This benefit will cease when the employee receives longevity pay.

**B. ILLNESS AND DISABILITY / IMMEDIATE FAMILY**

1. The ten (10) provided leave days may be used for the following:
  - a. Personal illness or disability: the teacher may use all or any portion of leave days accumulated to recover from illness or disability which shall include childbirth and complications of pregnancy.
  - b. Illness of an immediate family member: serious illness or medical care of spouse, child, or other dependent, which requires the presence of the teacher in order to provide the necessary care, or the critical illness of the spouse, child, parents, or in-laws. Documentation of family member's illness will be required upon return.

**C. BEREAVEMENT LEAVE**

In addition to the ten (10) sick/leave days, a teacher shall be granted three (3) consecutive working days in case of death of each member of the immediate family, which shall include spouse, children, parents, brothers, sisters, and in-laws, grandparents, and grand-children. Should travel be necessary in connection with such a death, a teacher may be granted a maximum of two (2) additional work days,

chargeable against leave days, for travel purposes, with the approval of the Building Administrator.

**D. NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES AND RETURN PROCEDURES**

1. In case of intended absence, teachers shall be required to notify the designated district contact person by 6:30 a.m. on the day of the intended absence and shall include the following: teacher's name, school, job assignment, date, and a request for a substitute.
  2. If teachers are unable to contact the designated person, they shall contact and notify any member of the school supervisory staff.
  3. Teachers returning to work after an illness of more than six (6) school days may be required to submit a doctor's statement certifying that the teacher is capable of returning to work.
- E. If the Board has reason to believe that a teacher is unable to satisfactorily perform his/her professional duties, the Board may require the teacher to submit to a medical examination by a physician of the Board's choice at the Board's expense. A teacher may submit a report of examination by his/her own physician which shall be considered in conjunction with the Board's report in any decision regarding the teacher.
- F. In the event that evidence indicates that a teacher is abusing the use of sick leave days, the use of said days may be disallowed at the discretion of the Superintendent. However, the teacher shall be presented the evidence, in writing, and shall be entitled to a hearing before the Board and Superintendent.
- G. A teacher who is absent for any reason on a day that a scheduled session of school is cancelled shall not be charged with a loss of leave days, provided he/she worked the day prior to or works the day following the cancelled day(s).
- H. Any teacher who is subpoenaed to testify during school hours in any judicial or administrative procedure on school-related matters, or who shall be asked to testify in any arbitration or fact-finding, shall be paid in full for such time, subject to the restrictions in Section 1.7.
- I. A teacher who is unable to teach because of personal illness or disability (for an extended period of time and who has not been placed on long-term disability) shall be placed on leave of absence without pay for a period of up to one (1) year. The leave may be renewed by the Board, at the request of the teacher, for an additional one (1) year. The Board agrees to continue to provide the health insurance benefits, provided in this Agreement, to the end of the teacher's contract year, or to the limits specified by the rules and regulations of the insurance carrier.
- J. Any teacher who dies while in the employ of the District will leave an estate entitlement in the amount of his/her earned and unpaid salary plus payment of 25 percent of his/her accrued leave days at his/her existing daily rate.

#### **4.2 SABBATICAL LEAVE**

- A. Teachers who have been employed for seven (7) consecutive years by the Board may be granted a sabbatical leave for teacher improvement of up to one (1) year. It is agreed that teacher improvement includes, but is not limited to: attending college, university, or other educational institution, and travel which will improve the teacher's ability to teach.
- B. During said sabbatical leave, the teacher shall be considered to be in the employ of said Board, shall have a contract and shall be paid one-half (1/2) of his/her salary and full insurance benefits; provided, however, the Board shall not be held liable for death or injuries sustained by any teacher while on sabbatical leave.
- C. Teachers on sabbatical leave shall be allowed credit toward retirement for time spent on such leave in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Michigan Public School Employees Retirement Board.
- D. Upon returning from sabbatical leave, the teacher shall be restored to the same teaching position; or if it does not exist, to a position of like nature and be placed on the salary schedule as the teacher would have been if he/she had taught in the District during the sabbatical period.
- E. The teacher obligates him/herself to return for two (2) years; otherwise, the grant becomes a loan to be repaid within one (1) year with no interest for the first six (6) months. After six (6) months any unpaid balance shall be assessed at an interest factor of six percent (6%) per annum.

#### **4.3 MISCELLANEOUS LEAVES**

A. Jury Duty:

A leave of absence shall be granted to a teacher called for jury duty. The Board shall pay an amount equal to his/her daily wage rate to each teacher called for jury duty, less the amount received for jury duty, for each day on which the teacher is required to report for or perform jury duty. Teachers shall notify their supervisor of the call for jury duty as soon as it is received.

B. Military Leave:

- 1. Any teacher who is inducted into any branch of the armed forces shall be granted a military leave, without pay, for the duration of their inducted service, such inducted service period shall not exceed two (2) years, plus ninety (90) days.
- 2. Any teacher who receives an honorable discharge from the armed forces, and applies for re-employment with ninety (90) days of receipt of said discharge, may be re-employed at the beginning of the semester following application, or as soon as a position for which the teacher is certified and qualified is available.

3. Any teacher so re-employed shall be reinstated without loss of status or seniority.

C. Child Care:

A leave of absence without pay and fringe benefits, may be granted to a teacher for the purpose of child care. Said leave shall begin at the request of the teacher. The teacher shall apply to the Board for the leave at least thirty (30) calendar days prior to the date the leave is to begin (See Section 4.4 B.1).

1. The initial leave shall be for six (6) weeks or the remainder of the semester in which it is taken, whichever is the greater. A leave shall be extended for the remainder of the school year at the request of the teacher.
2. This leave may be extended beyond the school year in which it is taken, for a period not to exceed one (1) year upon the request of the teacher.
3. If both parents involved are teachers employed by the Bentley School District, such leave will be granted to only one (1) of them.

D. In the event that a reduction in staff is deemed necessary, a teacher who is not affected by the lay-off may apply for and will be granted a voluntary personal leave of absence for one (1) year during the staff reduction, subject to the following restrictions:

1. Application must be made to the Superintendent by May 15 for the following school year. The leave will be granted only from the end of the teacher's contract year to The end of the next teacher contract year.
2. The Board must be able to fill the position of the teacher requesting the leave with a teacher currently on staff, thereby preventing a teacher with less seniority being laid off.
3. Once the leave is granted, the agreement regarding the leave is binding to both parties.
4. Additional voluntary personal leaves may be granted to the teacher who requests such and meets the criteria for the leave.
5. A teacher shall receive no insurance benefits at Board expense, but may elect to continue insurance benefits by paying the premiums at the Board office. This Section is contingent upon approval by the respective insurance carrier.

E. Teachers may be granted unpaid leave by the Board for reasons not covered in this Agreement.

#### 4.4 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

- A. Leaves of absence without pay shall be granted subject to the following conditions:
1. The teacher shall request a leave or extension, in writing, at least thirty (30) school days prior to the date on which the leave is expected to commence.
  2. All leaves and extensions are subject to Board approval.
  3. A teacher shall be notified whether or not the leave or extension is granted within thirty (30) school days of receipt of application.
  4. Leaves shall be granted to those teachers who meet the conditions of the leave as set forth in this Agreement, except in cases of extensions, sabbatical, and those not specified in the Agreement, which shall be at the discretion of the Board.
  5. The requirements of 1 and 3 above may be waived at the discretion of the Board.
- B. Return Procedures:
1. Teachers on approved leaves of absence shall retain all credit toward leave, seniority, and salary increments accrued prior to the beginning of the leave. No such credit shall accrue during any such leave unless specifically stated in this Agreement.
  2. A teacher returning from a leave of absence of one (1) year or less shall return to the position he/she left or, if it does not exist, to a position of like nature. If the teacher has not been placed in a position within two (2) years of the date of written notice of intent to return, leave shall be terminated, and the teacher shall be assigned based on the same criteria as is applied to all members of the bargaining unit.
  3. All teachers returning from leave shall be offered positions for which they are certified and qualified before any new teacher is assigned.
  4. Teachers on leave shall notify the Board, in writing, not less than forty-five (45) calendar days prior to the expiration of leave whether they desire to return to employment, extend the leave, or terminate employment. Teachers not conforming to this requirement may have their employment terminated. The Board shall notify the Association President of non-conformance to the above requirement by any teacher. Action to terminate employment shall not be taken for a period of five (5) days after notice to the Association President.
  5. No leave of absence shall be granted for a period of more than one (1) school year. The Board may grant an extension of the leave for an additional one (1) year at the request of the teacher.



## SECTION V -- COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

### 5.1 INSURANCE PROTECTION

A. The Board agrees to provide the following fringe benefits:

Members may choose within the following for a full twelve-month period (internal and external coordination of benefits shall be included.)

1. MESSA PAK A shall include:

- a. The district will contribute up to the annually-adjusted hard cap for health benefit premiums. Employees may choose either MESSA Choices II, \$300/\$600 deductible; \$20 OV; \$10/\$20 Rx or MESSA ABC I \$1250/\$2500 deductible which includes the employee option of a Health Savings Account.
- b. Long-Term Disability at 66 2/3 percent of the monthly salary, up to a maximum of \$5,000.00 with a forty-five (45) calendar day wait; 2-year alcoholism/drug addiction; 2-year mental/nervous.
- c. Delta Dental:  
  
80/80/80/50 with a \$1,000.00 annual maximum and \$1,300.00 lifetime benefit on orhto (adult included) for those without coordination of benefits 50/50/50/50, with a \$1,000.00 annual maximum, and \$1,300.00 lifetime benefit on ortho (adult included) for those employees whose spouses are covered by an employer-paid dental insurance plan with internal and external coordination of benefits.
- d. Term Life Insurance in the amount of \$45,000.00 with AD & D. (\$5000.00 included with health)
- e. VSP-3 Vision Insurance.
- f. Preventive Care Rider.

2. The MESSA PAK B shall include:

- a. Delta Dental:  
Same as PAK A
- b. VSP-3 Vision Insurance.
- c. Term Life Insurance in the amount of \$50,000.00 with AD & D.
- d. Long-Term Disability the same as in MESSA PAK A.

3. Teachers electing PAK B shall receive \$200 for 2008-2010 cash in lieu of health insurance per month. The teacher may apply, under the Board's

qualified Section 125 Plan, to any of the authorized annuity carriers to which the Board is currently remitting annuity payments.

4. Teachers who have Board-provided term life insurance have a 31-day conversion right upon termination of employment. Any teacher electing his/her right of conversion in order to keep their term life insurance in force must contact the insurance carrier within 31 days of their last day of employment.
- B. In the event that a teacher has exhausted paid leave days, the above-mentioned fringe benefits shall continue uninterrupted through the duration of the contract year. Thereafter, the individual may maintain fringe benefits at no cost to the Board to the extent allowable by the carrier.
- C. Benefits for all employees will be prorated in accordance with the FTE they are assigned.
- D. Teachers newly hired and/or those who return from lay-off or leave of absence shall be eligible for Board paid insurance coverage upon acceptance of written application by the insurance carrier on the first day of the month following the month work commenced.
- E. Changes in family status shall be reported by the teacher to the Superintendent's Office within thirty (30) days of such change. The teacher shall be responsible for any overpayment of premiums made by the Board on his/her behalf for failure to comply with this paragraph.
- F. To be eligible for the Board-provided insurance protection, teachers must be able to perform the "at work requirements" with the Board before benefits are effective.
- G. The Association reserves the right to make known to the District any alternate comparable Insurance Plans which are offered by the current provider should the current provider introduce a product that is comparable but at no additional cost to the District. The Association reserves the right to have the product offered to the membership in addition to the current plan.

## **5.2 COMPENSATION**

- A.
  1. The salaries of teachers covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule A which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement in Addendum A.
  2. All teachers having been employed for fifteen (15) or more years by the Board shall receive a Longevity Payment according to Schedule C (Addendum C), in addition to the salary shown in Schedule A. This payment shall be made in a lump sum in the final pay period prior to June 30, starting with the completion of the 15<sup>th</sup> year of employment with Bentley Community Schools.
  3. The Agreement establishes a "Professional Standards Committee" consisting of each Building Principal as well as one teacher from each

building. It will be the responsibility of this committee to receive and approve semester credit for individual application on Schedule A beyond that required by law. In order to receive support, applicants must prove, to the satisfaction of the committee, that all credits earned have a direct bearing on their current assignment and/or will directly enhance/expand the programs and services of the District.

4. All changes in salary resulting from completed academic work upon submission of transcripts, by November 1 for first semester and by March 1 for second semester.
5. It shall be the responsibility of the teacher to submit to the transcripts required to establish proof of completed academic work or degree earned.
6. All newly hired teachers shall be given credit for experience outside the system up to a maximum of eight (8) years' experience. Experience credit shall be given for K-12 teaching experience in public, private, charter, and parochial schools and alternative education programs. Experience shall not be granted for home schooling, tutoring, and profit-based private instructional entities. Exceptions may be made for social workers, counselors, and other non-direct instructional support services. Experience may be granted for single placement long-term substitute teaching.
7. Newly hired teachers shall receive credit for experience on the salary schedule up to a maximum of two (2) years for active service in the Armed Forces, if the service in the Armed Forces came after the teacher was a fully certified teacher. Credit for experience on the salary schedule shall be calculated as follows:
  - a. 0-5 months service – no credit.
  - b. 6-17 months service – one (1) year credit.
  - c. 18+ months service – two (2) years credit.

Current employees shall continue to receive service credit as previously calculated.

- B. Faculty will be compensated at the daily substitute rate for unused sick bank days upon their retirement and/or resignation from the District, pro-rated by years of service to Bentley.  
The rates of compensation are:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>% Compensation</u>
10-14	25%
15-19	50%
20-24	75%
25+	100%

- C. Upon retirement, each teacher shall receive pay for unused current year sick/leave days at the daily substitute rate for all current year's unused sick/leave days.

- D. Payment for unused current year's sick/leave days will be at the basic substitute teacher rate for 5 days or less. For six (6) days or more, payment shall be at the supplemental substitute teacher rate established by the Board. These rates shall also apply to Section 4.1 C.
- E. Any faculty member who maintains perfect attendance during the school year shall be awarded additional compensation in the amount of \$500, payable at the end of the fiscal year. If a faculty member uses one day of leave (sick or personal) or less, they will be awarded \$250, payable at the end of the fiscal year.
- F.
1. The salaries of coaches and sponsors covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule B which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement in Addendum "B".
  2. Teachers may apply for appointment to any and all Schedule B positions. Any teacher appointed to be a coach or advisor shall serve for one year only. There shall be no expectation, either implied or inferred, that any teacher serving as a coach or advisor under schedule B shall continue in that position by virtue of having worked in that capacity previously.
  3. No aspect of performance for any Schedule B position, including evaluations made and/or disciplinary action taken by the Board shall be subject to the grievance procedure outlined in Article 1.7, nor placed in any bargaining unit member's personnel file, nor used in any aspect of his/her professional job performance. For purposes of this Agreement, members of the bargaining unit serving as coaches or advisors are to be considered "at-will" employees for that portion of their work.
  4. Should a person serving as a coach or advisor be terminated for cause from their coaching or advisory position prior to the end of contractual obligation, or should a coach or advisor resign voluntarily, the payment for their salary under Schedule B shall be prorated based upon the percentage of the season or school year they completed while serving in this capacity.
  5. Non-bargaining unit members may apply for, and be appointed to serve, in any coaching or advisor capacity covered by Schedule B. Bargaining unit members shall not be given preference in the appointment of coaches and/or advisors except for the following positions: HS Student Council, MS Student Council, National Honor Society, Media Coordinator, NCA Committee Members. All appointments shall be approved by the Superintendent upon the consultation and advice of administrative personnel. If both a staff and non-staff person apply for the same posted position, and a non-staff person is given the position, the Superintendent shall provide the staff person with reasons why he/she did not receive the appointment. The decision to appoint an individual to a Schedule B position shall not be grievable.
- G. The compensation for miscellaneous activities covered by the Agreement are set forth in Schedule D which is attached to and incorporated in this Agreement in Addendum D.

- H. Payroll Deduction: Payroll deduction shall be available for all MESSA, MEAFS programs, annuities, credit unions, and charitable donations. Other deductions may be made with Board approval.

## SECTION VI -- OTHER

### 6.1 MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A. Student Teacher Assignments:

Assignment of student teachers shall be made only with teacher consent. Any remuneration received from the college shall be paid to the supervisory teacher.

B. School Improvement/Accreditation:

1. School Improvement Plans: Participation by a teacher on any building or District's school improvement committee is voluntary.
2. Teacher representation on committees will be chosen by the teachers in each building.
3. Participation or non-participation on a building or District school improvement committee shall not be used as a criterion for evaluation.
4. Recommendations made by any school improvement committee shall not violate the Master Agreement, Board Policy, or State or Federal laws.

C. The Board and Association agree to the designation to three (3) teachers from each school to serve as liaison representatives between the faculty and Administration on activities which may include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Serving as members of an interview or screening committee.
2. Serving as faculty representatives on school accreditation teams.
3. Polling or surveying of faculty to determine prevailing opinion on a given issue not related to bargaining or interpretation of the Master Agreement.
4. Representatives serving in this capacity shall be designated as members of the Faculty Council.
5. Compensation shall be covered by the Agreements set forth in Schedule B. All tenured teachers shall be eligible for annual election by the building faculty. Faculty elected to these positions shall, in so far as is reasonable, represent all grades and/or disciplines taught in their respective buildings.

D. A joint Committee will be formed between members of the Teaching Staff, at all levels, and the Administration, to develop a plan for usage of Professional Development Days.

- E. Highly Qualified**  
All teachers shall meet the requirements of Highly Qualified as provided by the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB) Act (NCLB) of 2001. The Board will reimburse any teacher who passes a subject area proficiency test or tests upon presentation of State verification.
- Should the NCLB Act of 2001 be amended, the Association and Board agree to meet to resolve any differences, if any.
- F. Faculty meetings may be held for a total of sixty (60) minutes per month beginning on the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Monday of September after school begins. A maximum of eight (8) faculty meeting hours may be used each year. The meetings shall be set by the staff and principal in each building during the first professional development day within each school year, and a copy of the meeting dates shall be distributed to staff by the first student day. Agendas for the staff meetings will be provided to staff on the Friday before the meeting is to be held. Any staff involved in Bentley Schools related activities that require their attendance, due to scheduled games, performances, or student IEP's, will be excused from the meeting and will be provided with all the information pertinent to their teaching. In the event the staff member is not in attendance on the day of the meeting, the faculty member will be excused and the information from the meeting will be provided to them.**

**6.2 GRIEVANCE FORM**

Grievance # \_\_\_\_\_

**GRIEVANCE REPORT**  
(Submit to Principal in Duplicate)

Name of Grievant  
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Building \_\_\_\_\_ Assignment \_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Filed \_\_\_\_\_

**STEP 1**

Date Cause of Grievance Occured  
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Statement of Grievance  
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Contract Citation  
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Relief Sought  
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Grievant's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Disposition by Principal \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Position of Grievant and/or Association \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**STEP II**

Date received by Superintendent or Designee \_\_\_\_\_  
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Disposition of Superintendent or Designee \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Position of Grievant and/or Association \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

**STEP III**

Date received by Board of Education or Designee \_\_\_\_\_  
Disposition by Board \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

Position of Grievant and/or Association \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature

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Date

**STEP IV**

Date submitted to Arbitration \_\_\_\_\_

Disposition & Award of Arbitrator \_\_\_\_\_

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**6.3 AMENDMENT FORM**

Between Association and Board \_\_\_\_\_  
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Signature for Association

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Signature for Board

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Signature for Association

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Signature for Board

Tentative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Final \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Final \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## 6.4 CALENDAR

Closing of school due to inclement weather or other circumstances beyond the control of the Board:

- A. If days of the calendar are lost due to inclement weather or other emergencies, and if the State Law requires 180 days of instruction by the end of the school year in effect, the days needed to fulfill this legal requirement will be scheduled no more than three (3) full days following the end of the scheduled school year. Any additional days will be scheduled on the basis of ½ day of student instruction.
- B. Days to be rescheduled, when necessary, shall be added to the school calendar the first day after the day scheduled as the “last day” for students. If the extended school year becomes necessary, the last teacher workday will coincide with the last student day, provided all records have been completed by the teacher.
- C. The Administration will attempt, in the event it is necessary to close a building or all buildings, to announce the close by 7:00 a.m. The radio stations that will carry any school closings will be announced each fall, and it shall be the responsibility of each teacher to listen for possible school closings though fan-out emergency calling lists may be developed and used at each building.
- D. Should State law be changed to allow for emergency closing days to be counted for State Aid, the calendars shall automatically end as agreed, provided the 180 day requirement for full State Aid is met.
- E. Should days in addition to the agreed upon calendars become necessary to meet the 180 day minimum requirement, the two (2) parties will meet prior to May 1, to review the proposed extension and make arrangements for its implementation.
- F. The Association agrees that the school calendar will be extended so that the requirements for full State Aid will be met and that the salaries shown in Addendum A, shall be the full salaries for the calendar year.

Addendum A

**Bentley Community Schools  
2015-2016 BEA Teacher Salary Schedule**

BA	BA+18	MA	MA+15	MA+30	
0	34682	36417	38235	40149	42155
0.5	35150	36908	38752	40690	42725
1	35618	37398	39267	41231	43294
1.5	36597	38428	40348	42366	44486
2	37575	39458	41428	43500	45677
2.5	38608	40541	42567	44695	46930
3	39640	41622	43704	45890	48183
3.5	40732	42768	44907	47154	49509
4	41822	43913	46110	48416	50836
4.5	42975	45121	47379	49870	52235
5	44127	46329	48647	51323	53633
5.5	45339	47604	49986	52607	55109
6	46551	48878	51323	53889	56585
6.5	47829	50222	52733	55369	58139
7	49107	51565	54142	56849	59693
7.5	50460	52985	55634	58415	61337
8	51813	54404	57124	59979	62981
8.5	53238	55901	58695	61629	64712
9	54662	57398	60266	63277	66442
9.5	56575	59406	62374	65492	68766
10	58779	61718	64803	68043	71444

\*For the 2015-2016 school year there will be a .5% increase on all steps of the scale, except step 10 will see a 1% increase. For the 2016-2017 school year, provided student enrollment (as defined by fall count) does not dip below 870 students and the district's audited fund balance does not dip below 15% that same year, there will be an additional .5% increase on all steps of the scale.

### Addendum B

#### SCHEDULE B

Varsity Football	\$3,500	Marching Band (for competitive marching band season to include: band camp, all football home games, all Burton parades and marching competitions)	\$2500
		Pep Band (performs at Friday varsity basketball games)	\$500
JV Football	\$2,500	Assistant Marching Band Director	\$1500
Asst. Football	\$2,000	Elementary Art	\$400
MS Football	\$1,750	Elementary Music	\$400
Varsity Basketball	\$3,500	Drama Director *	\$2,000/yr
JV Basketball	\$2,500	Assistant Drama **	\$1500
MS Basketball	\$1,750	HS Student Council	\$2,500
Varsity Volleyball	\$3,500	MS Student Council	\$1,000
JV Volleyball	\$2,500	National Honor Society	\$1,500
MS Volleyball	\$1,750	HS Clubs (total \$3000 pool of money per school year as allocated by Superintendent) ***	\$3000 pool for all H.S clubs.
HS Wrestling	\$3,500	MS/Elementary Clubs (total \$3000	\$3000 pool for
MS Wrestling	\$1,750	Bowling	\$1000
Varsity Baseball/Softball	\$3,500	HS Art	\$400
JV Baseball/Softball	\$2,500		
MS Baseball/Softball	\$1,750		
HS Track	\$3,500		
MS Track	\$1,750		
Golf	\$2,500		
Varsity Cheerleading/Dance	\$2,500		
JV Cheerleading	\$2,000		

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MS Cheerleading ****	\$1,000		
Class Sponsor			
1. Freshman	\$1,000		
2. Sophomore	\$1,000		
3. Junior	\$1,500		
4. Senior	\$1,000		

\*1 full year with 2 stage productions required with at least one being a musical production

\*\*Up to two Assistants for musical production s, maximum of \$1500 to be divided appropriately at Director's discretion

\*\*\*A pool of money will be built into the budget each year for clubs and extracurricular groups. Each building can apply for paid sponsorships for these groups and once the pool of money is exhausted, no more paid sponsorships will be approved unless approved by the Board of Education. Applications shall be submitted for review by the Superintendent by May 30<sup>th</sup> for consideration for the next school year. If sponsorship pool money remains in the fall, late applications will be considered until building pool money is exhausted. HS pool - \$3000, MS pool \$3000, Elementary pool \$3000. No sponsorship will exceed \$1000.

A joint Committee shall be formed between members of the Administration, Athletic Director, and the affected personnel to set guidelines for Job Descriptions and standards of performance.

**Addendum C**  
**SCHEDULE C**  
**Longevity Pay**

All teachers, after the completion of their fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) year of service to the Bentley Community Schools, are entitled to receive longevity pay according to the following scale:

<u>Completed Years of Service</u>	<u>Amount</u>
15	\$500
16	\$700
17	\$900
18	\$1100
19	\$1300
20	\$1500
21	\$1700
22	\$1900
23	\$2100
24	\$2300
25	\$2500
26	\$2700
27	\$2900
28	\$3100
29	\$3300
30 *	\$3500

\*Longevity – cap at \$3500. Current EA members who have surpassed the \$3500 cap will be frozen at their current rate through the duration of this agreement.

**Addendum D**  
**SCHEDULE D**  
**Miscellaneous Salaries**

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|----|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. | Chaperones for activities        | \$20.00 per hour  |
| 2. | Intramural sports                | \$20.00 per hour  |
| 3. | Hourly substitute teaching       | \$20.00 per hour  |
| 4. | Athletic Events                  |   |
|    | -timers                          | \$20.00 for 2 games   |
|    | -scorers                         | \$10.00 for 1 game  |
|    | -ticket takers                   |   |
| 5. | Drivers' Education               | \$25.00 per hour  |
| 6. | Mentor                           | \$12.50/hour for preapproved time outside of contractual day  |
| 7. | Professional Development Stipend | \$12.50/hour outside of contractual year and day (\$100/day maximum) when employee is compelled to attend as a requirement stated by Superintendent |



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**BENTLEY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

By *C. Beckman*  
Its President

By *Loly J. Beulah*  
Secretary, Board of Education

Date this 22nd day of July, 2015.





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## Memorandum of Understanding Bentley Board of Education Bentley Education Association

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Due to the accrual of extra days over the course of the last ten years, an amendment to the number of pay periods for the 2016-17 school year will hereby be implemented.

### 22/27 pays

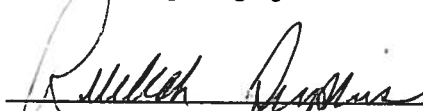
8/5/16 - Last pay of the 2015-16 school year

8/19/16 First pay of the 2016-17 school year

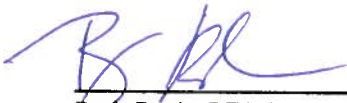
8/18/17 Final pay of the 2016-17 school year

9/1/17 First pay of the 2017 -18 school year

This agreement will effectively spread annual salary over one additional pay period which will make an individual's paycheck seem smaller than in a "normal" 21/26 pay period year. This signed agreement is an indication that both parties support this amendment to the original Collective Bargaining Agreement.

  
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Rebekah Dupuis, Superintendent

6/3/16  
Date

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Beth Bush, BEA President

6-3-16  
Date

