

Morrow County School District



and

Oregon School Employees Assn Chapter 59

7-1-2024 to 6-30-2027

Morrow County School District does not discriminate on the basis of perceived or actual race, religion, color, national or ethnic origin, mental or physical disability, marital status, sex, sexual orientation, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status or genetic information in providing employment, education, or access to benefits of education services, activities and programs in accordance with Title VI, Title VII, Title IX and other civil rights or discrimination issues; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended; the Americans with Disabilities Act; and the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008.

This contractual agreement is made and entered into this ~~14th~~ 10th day of June, ~~2021~~ 2024 by the Oregon School Employees Union, Chapter 59, hereinafter referred to as the "Union" and the Morrow County School District R-1 Board of Directors, hereinafter referred to as the "Board".

The duration of this agreement shall be three (3) years, from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027.

This agreement supersedes all previous agreements between the parties, constitutes an entire agreement between the parties and concludes all collective bargaining negotiations, except as may otherwise be mutually agreed upon hereafter, in writing, for the term of this agreement. No agreement or understanding varying or altering the terms of this agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.

Now, therefore, the parties agree to be bound by the provisions set forth on this page and in the attached pages. In witness whereof, the parties hereby affix their signatures as of the date first above written.

For OSEA, Chapter 59:

For the Morrow County School District:

Bart Prouty, President
OSEA, Chapter 59

~~Becky Kindle~~ Richard Cole, Board Chair
Morrow County School District

Last updated and approved by the board – ~~June 10, 2024~~ June 23, 2025.

TABLE OF CONTENTS

<u>Article</u>		<u>Page</u>
Article 1	Recognition	4
Article 2	Nondiscrimination	4
Article 3	Management Rights	4
Article 4	Union Rights & Responsibilities	5
Article 5	Filling Vacancies	6
Article 6	Position Description	6
Article 7	Workday/Workweek	7
Article 8	Probationary Period	7-8
Article 9	Personnel Record	8
Article 10	Salary	8-10
Article 11	Union Dues	10
Article 12	Insurance	10-11
Article 13	Leaves of Absence	11-15
Article 14	Seniority	15-16
Article 15	Reduction in Force	16-17
Article 16	Discipline & Discharge	18
Article 17	Grievance Procedure	18-21
Article 18	Funding of the Agreement	21
Article 19	Separability of Provisions	21
Article 20	Site Councils	21
Article 21	Negotiations Procedures	22

ARTICLE 1: RECOGNITION

- 1.1 The Board recognizes the Union as sole and exclusive bargaining representative for regular classified employees.
- 1.2 Excluded are those persons who are temporary employees, substitute employees, confidential employees, professional exempt employees, and supervisory employees as defined in ORS 243.650(6)(23)(a). Any determination as to confidential or supervisory status shall be through the administrative processes of the Employment Relations Board and not through the grievance procedure of this Agreement.

TEMPORARY shall mean a person who will work for the District for a period of 10 months or less. If it is anticipated that such employment will last longer than **10** months, or if actual employment extends beyond 10 months, the employee will be included in the bargaining unit.

The District will not use consecutive temporary assignments strictly for the purpose of avoiding inclusion of an employee in the bargaining unit.

SUBSTITUTE shall mean a person who will work for the District on call while a regular employee is on a short leave, days and weeks rather than months. Continuous substitute work is not to exceed 90 days. If actual employment extends beyond 90 continuous days in the same position, the employee will be included in the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 2: NONDISCRIMINATION

- 2.1 The Union and the District agree that equal employment opportunity and treatment shall be practiced regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, pregnancy, childbirth or a related medical condition, veterans' status, service in uniformed service, familial status, genetic information, an individual's juvenile records that has been expunged, and disability if the employee, with or without reasonable accommodation, is able to perform the essential functions of the position and regardless of membership or non-membership in the Union.

ARTICLE 3: MANAGEMENT RIGHTS

- 3.1 The District, on its own behalf and on the behalf of the electors of the District, hereby retains and reserves unto itself all powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities conferred upon and invested in it by the laws and constitution of the State of Oregon except where such powers, rights, authority, duties and responsibilities are limited by the terms of the Agreement.

ARTICLE 4: UNION RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- 4.1 The Association may have the use of a bulletin board in each faculty lounge for use within legal bounds of such a privilege.
- 4.2 Upon request, the Association's building representative shall be allowed to make brief announcements and reports at faculty meetings.
- 4.3 The District shall place on the agenda of each regular Board meeting an opportunity for an Association representative to comment or make suggestions on matters discussed. The Association shall have the opportunity to ask that items be placed on the Board agenda if said items are made **known** to the Superintendent's office at least one (1) week prior to the regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- 4.4 The Association has the right to have placed in the Superintendent's "Opening of School" letter to all classified staff, a letter prepared by the Association informing employees that the Association is recognized as the exclusive negotiating representative for all classified employees in Morrow County School District covered under this contract and while the contract is in force.
- 4.5 The District agrees to grant five (5) leave days per year to the Association (not to each individual representative of the Association) to attend Association conferences, trainings, and workshops. The Association shall reimburse the district the cost of a substitute if one is hired. Requests for additional days must be approved by the superintendent.
- 4.6 The Association shall have the right to conduct meetings at employee work locations before or after regular work hours, during meal periods, and during any other break periods. The Association shall have the right to select the time and place of meetings, provided that the meetings do not interfere with the District's operations. The Association shall have the right to conduct meetings without undue interference.
- 4.7 The Association President will provide the District with a list of Designated Association **Representatives** at the beginning of each school year. Designated Association Representatives shall be granted reasonable paid time to perform Association duties during regular scheduled work hours without loss in pay, benefits, leave accrual, or seniority.
- 4.8 The Association shall have the right to use the District's computers and email system to communicate with bargaining unit members regarding Association business.
- 4.9 The Association shall have the right to meet with current employees during regular work hours at the employees' worksite to address grievances, complaints, and matters related to employment relations.
- 4.10 The Association shall have the right to meet with new employees for up to one hour

during New Staff Orientation and for one hour during the work day within 30 days after hire without loss of pay or benefits.

ARTICLE 5: FILLING VACANCIES

5.1 Vacancies are classified as three levels.

1. Level I - In-district building level vacancy. Level I vacancies are only posted in the building in which they occur for a minimum of 3 days.
2. Level II - In-district vacancy. Level II vacancies are posted in-district only for a minimum of 5 days.
3. Level III - MCSD vacancy. Level III vacancies are posted both in and out of district.
 - a) All vacancies shall be posted as they occur and will be posted in a place accessible to bargaining unit members and sent via electronic notification from the district office. It is the discretion of the administration to post vacancies at any of the three levels.
 - b) The district shall continue to receive applications/letters of interest for vacancies for a minimum of seven (7) calendar days after it provided notice of said vacancies.

5.2 All position vacancies which the District intends to fill, which are not filled by internal transfer or reassignment from within the same classification, shall be posted. Selection for vacant positions shall be on the basis of skill, ability, work history, relevant experience, and a good attendance record* as judged by the District. If two or more candidates are judged by the District to be equally qualified for a position, the candidate with the greatest District seniority will be selected.

5.3 If a classified employee is promoted to a position in a classification with a higher wage rate, the placement shall be accomplished by moving the employee to the step in the new salary range which provides a salary equal to or greater than the salary he/she was receiving prior to the change, plus one step on the new salary range.

* Exception: Employees who have a qualifying condition or illness that would otherwise be covered under state and federal family leave laws, if they had the required number of hours worked for eligibility, will not be penalized for attendance issues when making this determination.

ARTICLE 6: POSITION DESCRIPTION

6.1 The District will provide a job description for all regular classified employees upon hiring and at any time a change to the job description is made or a member transfer to a different classification.

ARTICLE 7: WORKDAY/WORKWEEK

- 7.1 The workweek is defined as commencing at 12:00 am Sunday and ending on Saturday at 11:59 pm. Custodians will work four nine hour days, plus four hours on Friday as their schedule, or a mutually agreed flex schedule between the building administrator and the custodian.

Classified employees will be allowed breaks and a half-hour, unpaid duty free lunch as scheduled by the building administrator. A break schedule will be provided to the employee at the beginning of the school year, and may be modified by the administrator, if normal school operation is interrupted.

Employees will be granted breaks which, insofar as practicable, will be in the middle of the work period at the rate of fifteen (15) minutes, for every four (4) hours worked. It is expected that the employee will leave their work location and return to their work location by the end of the fifteen (15) minutes.

Employees will be entitled to a thirty (30) minute duty-free lunch after the employee has been on duty for four (4) hours. The lunch period will be scheduled at or about the midpoint of the work shift.

On the last student day of the week and the day preceding a school vacation period, classified staff may leave one-quarter hour after dismissal of students. An equivalent amount of early release time will be allowed for classified staff whose work shift is not dependent on students schedule (ie: secretaries, cooks, custodians, and facilities coordinators). Early release time is only allowed if work and responsibilities are complete and not in conflict with scheduled events.

- 7.2 Notwithstanding prior provisions in this article, should the Union and District agree to adopt a ten (10) hour day, four-day week for any employees in the bargaining unit, those employees shall be compensated at one and one-half times their regular rate of pay for all hours in excess of 40 hours in one week.

Regular classified employees working four (4) ten-hour days will continue to accrue/expend leave based on the hours worked and/or taken for leave. (i.e. during the week that the Independence Day holiday is observed, regular classified employees normally working 40 hours will work 32 hours and receive 8 hours of holiday pay. Any hours worked that total less than 32 must be approved and taken from accrued annual leave.)

- 7.3 Notice of the scheduled work year (number of days planned to be worked) shall be provided for the various categories of employees prior to the start of the school year, in writing by July 1st. Any additional days worked must be approved in writing by the Superintendent.

ARTICLE 8: PROBATIONARY PERIOD

- 8.1 All new regular classified employees hired by the District shall serve a twelve-month probationary period. An employee will be notified in writing prior to the completion of the twelve-month period of discharge or status as a regular employee. If no such notice is given, regular status may be presumed at the completion of the twelve-month period.
- 8.2 The District reserves the right during the probationary period to remove or discharge new employees on probationary status for reasons deemed sufficient by the District. Upon request, probationary employees shall have the right of appealing said discharge to the Board.
The District will charge all new hires and new substitutes for the costs of fingerprinting.

ARTICLE 9: PERSONNEL RECORD

- 9.1 The official file of each employee is confidential and shall be kept in the District Personnel Office.
- 9.2 Information that reflects critically upon an employee shall not be placed in an employee's personnel file that does not bear either the signature of the employee indicating that he/she has been shown the material or a statement by the employee's supervisor, witnessed by a third party that he/she has been shown the material and has refused to sign it. A copy of such material shall be furnished to the employee upon request.
- 9.3 The employee shall have the right to make a written statement relating to any evaluation, reprimand, charge, action, or any matter placed in the personnel file.
- 9.4 The personnel file shall be open for inspection by the employee during regular office hours, but shall be open only to such other designees as are officially stipulated by the District or by the employee.
- 9.5 Material placed in the personnel file of an employee without conformity with the provisions of this article will not be used by the District in any subsequent evaluation or disciplinary proceeding involving the employee.
- 9.6 Upon request and approval by the Superintendent, certain materials in an employee's personnel file may be removed and destroyed three (3) years after placement, unless it is evidence of ongoing progressive discipline. Nothing of an evaluative nature shall be removed. Documents that are prohibited from being removed are anything having the effect of suppressing information related to a substantiated report of child abuse or sexual conduct.

ARTICLE 10: SALARY

- 10.1 Salaries for the classified employees in the bargaining unit shall be the same as indicated on the attached salary schedules, and by this reference incorporated herein. Each

employee shall be paid on the basis of twelve (12) equal payments.

- 10.2 Placement on the Salary Schedule: New regular classified employees may be placed on the salary schedule in accordance with their years of applicable, verifiable experience as determined by the District. Salaries, as indicated in this Agreement, shall be for the term of this contract, unless amended or supplemented by mutual agreement of the Board and the Union.
- 10.3 Experience Pay – If an employee who has at least ½ year experience but less than one full year of experience is hired to a full-time position; they shall receive one-year experience on the salary schedule.

Classified employees shall receive one experience step increase during each year of the contract.

Any custodial staff who possesses or is able to obtain a LME (Limited Maintenance Electrical) license will receive an additional \$.75/hour.

When a classified employee is promoted to a higher salary classification position, the placement shall be accomplished by moving the employee to the salary in the new salary range which provides a salary equal to or greater than the salary he/she was receiving prior to the change, plus one step on the new salary range.

- 10.4 When a classified employee works in one or more job classifications, the employee shall be placed on the salary schedule in accordance with their years of service within each classification.

Employees working two jobs shall receive salary paid on both salary scales.

- 10.5 For all PERS eligible classified employees in a regular position, the District pays the 6% PERS contribution on their behalf. This is a benefit to the employee and a budgeted expense for MCSD. This is not reported on W-2 forms, at this time.
- 10.6 When a regular classified employee is absent from work, the District will determine whether or not to hire a substitute. It is the responsibility of the employee to electronically file their leave in the online system. This must be completed prior to the absence by using the timeline designated by building administration. If it is not possible to do so, it is the responsibility of the employee to contact the principal or the head secretary.
- 10.7 Working out of Range - When an employee is assigned by an administrator or supervisor to work in a higher paid classification, the employee shall be paid the salary in the substitute classification at the same step level as their regular job for all hours worked in the higher classification.

- 10.8 Inservice - Inservice training shall be paid for all employees where required by the District. The impact of new state or federal requirements shall be negotiated on a case by case basis pursuant to ORS 243.698.
- 10.9 The District shall pay all regular classified employees a car allowance and per diem (food and lodging) at the District established rate per mile for all authorized business.
- 10.10 Special Provisions
- Physical examinations which are required of classified employees by the Department of Education shall be paid by the District.
- 10.11 Call Back: An employee called back to work after his/her regular shift or on his/her day off by his/her supervisor shall be paid a minimum of one hour. Said employee shall not be required to remain on the job any longer than necessary to perform the task.

ARTICLE 11: UNION DUES

- 11.1 The Board agrees to deduct from the wages of each Union member who authorized it the dues of the Union. Authorization shall be in writing by each employee.
- 11.2 The Board further agrees to continue to honor dues deduction authorization executed by the employee in favor of the Union.
- 11.3 The Board agrees to transmit the dues deducted with a check-off list to the State Office of the Oregon School Employees Association, by the 15th of the month following payroll deduction.

ARTICLE 12: INSURANCE

- 12.1 Beginning in the 2019-20 school year, the District's obligation toward the insurance premium shall match the teacher cap.
- 12.2 The District shall pay the health insurance premiums of each regular classified employee his/her family health insurance on a **prorated** basis, based upon the following schedule:
- | <u>Annual Hours</u> | <u>% of District Contribution</u> |
|---------------------|--|
| 1300 and up | 100% = \$1825.00 \$1875.00 |

Classified employees working less than 1300 hours will be offered family health insurance on a **prorated** basis, based on their hours worked.

- 12.3 Employees otherwise eligible to receive health insurance benefits may elect to receive \$2/hour in addition to current pay, in lieu of health benefits, subject to the limitations of the insurance carrier.

Employees not eligible for health benefits (see 12.2 above), will receive \$2/hour in addition to current pay.

In the case where two (2) employees in the same family are each receiving health insurance coverage, it will be the employee's choice to determine which family member receives the \$2/hour option in lieu of health coverage.

Increased pay in lieu of health benefits applies to regular calendar hours worked. Additional hours worked will be paid at the employee base rate of pay.

- 12.4 Insurance benefits shall continue to be paid through the summer months at the same rate as paid during school months for all employees that are expected to return to school the following fall. **Prepayment** of insurance premiums for summer months will be **prorated** throughout the school year.
- 12.5 If the employee accepts the right to continue in the District's insurance program while on unpaid leave, the employee must self-pay the premium in accordance with Federal COBRA regulations, and their state counterparts, except as otherwise indicated by OFLA/FMLA.
- 12.6 The present insurance carrier is Oregon Education Benefits Board (OEBB). Any change in insurance companies shall be mutually agreed upon by the Union and the District.
- 12.7 Early Retirement - Upon retirement, after fifteen (15) years of service in the District, and beginning at age 58 until age 62, the District agrees to pay for existing family medical insurance. If an employee chooses to retire after age 58, the benefit still terminates at age 62. The maximum coverage is for four (4) years.

In the event of an employee's death prior to the end of the four-year period, the District, if the spouse of the employee is, at the time of the employee's death, not covered by Medicare, shall pay the monthly premiums incident to covering such spouse until the coverage would have expired (maximum coverage is up to four years) or until the spouse becomes covered by Medicare, whichever occurs first.

- 12.8 The District will provide additional options within the Health Plans
- A. The District will provide a Section 125 Plan (FSA – Flexible Spending Account)
 - B. The District will provide a Health Savings Plan with the following stipulations:
For staff members who elect an HSA Plan, 100% of the difference between the cost of the insurance and the district cap will be put into a Health Savings Account (HSA).

ARTICLE 13: LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Paid Leaves

13.1 Annual Leave

Custodial and Maintenance employees hired after January 2011 are entitled to 12 days (96 hours) of annual/personal leave per school calendar year. Custodial and Maintenance employees hired prior to January 2011 are entitled to 17 days (136 hours) of annual/personal leave per school calendar year.

Head secretaries will be awarded 8 days of annual/personal leave. All non-custodial/maintenance staff will be awarded 5 days of annual/personal leave. All leave is non-cumulative; however, only 5 days (40 hours) of unused leave will be paid out at the end of the fiscal year, with any hours in excess of 40 hours being lost. All annual/personal leave taken during the school day must have prior approval. Annual/personal leave time will need 24 hours' prior approval from the building principal. Emergencies will need to be directed to the Human Resources department for approval.

13.2 Sick Leave - the District agrees to allow ten (10) days per year of sick leave to regular classified employees who are employed 10 months or less and one-day additional leave per month for those regular classified employees who are employed more than 10 months. Accumulation of sick leave shall be unlimited. Sick leave accumulated may be applied to the regular classified employee's retirement as provided in ORS 238.350.

In accordance with Oregon Sick Time Statute, the district agrees to allow five (5) days of the above referenced sick leave per year as paid sick time. This leave may be used in the case of mental **illness** or physical illness, injury or health condition, or need for preventative medical care for self or for care of family **members** for reasons listed above. Paid sick time may also be used for the death of family member, bereavement, or participation in a legal or civil proceeding related to domestic violence, harassment, sexual assault, or stalking. This paid sick time will be front-loaded to the employee at the beginning of each year. The employee is limited to using no more than forty (40) hours of Oregon sick time in a fiscal year.

Definition of "Family Member" means spouse ("spouse" means individuals in a marriage including "common law" marriage and same-sex marriage), custodial parent, noncustodial parent, adoptive parent, stepparent or foster parent, biological parent, child of the employee (biological, adopted, foster or step child, a legal ward or child of the employee standing in loco parentis) or a person with whom the employee is or was in a relationship of "in loco parentis", grandparent, grandchild, parents-in-law or the parents of the employee's registered domestic partner.

13.3 Bereavement Leave - Up to four days' bereavement leave, per event, is granted upon the death of a member of the immediate family or death of a person who, because of close association, is perceived as a member of the immediate family.

Members of the immediate family are defined as follows: spouse ("spouse means individuals in a marriage including "common law" marriage and same sex marriage), father, father-in-law, mother, mother-in-law, brother, brother-in-law, sister, sister-in-law, son, son-in-law, daughter, daughter-in-law, grandparents, grandchildren and relatives living in the immediate household.

In the event of a death involving other than those mentioned above, only the superintendent may approve the request for leave.

13.4 Holiday Leave

- A. Paid holidays for all employees in the bargaining unit shall be: Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Presidents' Day.

Paid holidays will be observed on the actual day other than when the holiday lands on a weekend. In that case, if the holiday falls on a Sunday, the succeeding Monday shall be a legal holiday. If the holiday falls on a Saturday, the preceding Friday shall be a legal holiday.

Regular classified employees shall also receive the following non-paid holidays: the day after Thanksgiving, the day before Christmas, the day before New Year's Day and Martin Luther King Day.

- B. A regular classified employee shall be compensated for the holidays as though he/she has worked a regular schedule for the day. An employee required to work on paid holidays shall receive the overtime rate for all hours worked in addition to his/her regular holiday pay.
- C. Compensation for holiday benefits shall be provided for an employee who has worked a minimum of 40 hours during the month of the holiday.

A custodian, facilities coordinator, or secretary may choose to schedule themselves on a non-paid holiday. This scheduling will be at the employees' choice and not as a requirement of the building administrator. The employee is responsible for reviewing and approving their calendar before submitting to the payroll and human resources departments in June of each year. Hours worked during non-paid holidays will be compensated at regular pay and does not constitute overtime or holiday pay.

- 13.5 Jury Duty and Subpoena Leave—Upon receipt of jury duty notification or subpoena, the employee shall submit a copy of the notification/subpoena to the building administrator and payroll department to make them aware of pending civic duty by the employee. Any regular classified employee of the District who is required to serve on jury duty or is subpoenaed, shall receive his/her regular salary during the time the employee is officially attending to these legal matters. If an employee is not officially attending to legal matters related to jury duty or a subpoena (dismissed or released early), the

employee must return to work immediately to complete their scheduled work assignment. Payments received for jury duty shall be forwarded to the District Office. Travel allowances shall be maintained by the employee. Off-shift workers (custodians) who are called to jury duty: the time served on jury duty plus travel time will be deducted from the employee's regular scheduled work day leaving a balance to be worked as that day's scheduled work shift (e.g. based on a 9-hour work day - 3 hours jury duty plus 2 hours travel time leaves 4 hours to be worked).

This provision will also apply in those instances where the employee is the plaintiff or complainant, or a witness for the plaintiff or complainant wherein the District, its agent or members of the Board have been named as a defendant or respondent.

- 13.6 Sick Leave Bank - The sick leave bank was set up for the purpose of allowing current classified employees to donate sick leave to a specific, eligible co-worker in the District.

The District will allow current classified employees to make donations of up to 10 days of their accumulated sick leave to a specific, eligible co-worker in the District.

To be eligible to receive donated sick leave, a current non-probationary employee must be absent from work because of an injury or illness to the employee that prevents the employee from working.

An otherwise eligible employee may apply to receive sick leave donation if a member of the employee's immediate family defined under federal law as: spouse ("spouse" means individuals in a marriage including "common law" marriage and same-sex marriage), custodial parent, noncustodial parent, adoptive parent, stepparent or foster parent, biological parent, child of the employee (biological, adopted, foster or step child, a legal ward or child of the employee standing in loco parentis) or a person with whom the employee is or was in a relationship of "in loco parentis", grandparent, grandchild, parents-in-law or the parents of the employee's registered domestic partner, is suffering from a terminal illness. The District may request medical verification of this determination prior to approving the leave request.

The receiving employee must not be eligible for, or be receiving, any District paid leave, worker's compensation benefits, PERS or social security disability benefits or long-term disability insurance benefits.

The receiving employee must be otherwise eligible to receive sick leave.

An employee may not receive more than 45 days donated sick leave in a 12-month period.

If a receiving employee does not use all donated sick leave, unused sick leave will be returned to the donor.

Specific decisions as to employee eligibility will be made by mutual agreement between the Union and the District. When an employee makes an initial request they must do so by sending an e-mail to the OSEA, Chapter 59 president and at the same time to the district office - human resources and payroll departments. Before a decision is made to grant the use of the sick leave bank to an employee, the Union and District will mutually agree.

The sick leave bank does not create any obligation on the part of the District or the Union to provide sick leave to any employee who has exhausted their accrued sick leave.

Both parties reserve the right to terminate Article 13.6 (Sick Leave Bank) within 30 days upon ten (10) days' notice to the other party.

- 13.7 Supplementing Paid Leave Oregon - Many employees' Paid Leave Oregon benefit will be less than 100% of their regular wages. The District agrees that employees may choose to supplement the Paid Leave Oregon benefits by utilizing accrued paid leaves. Employees who choose to supplement their Paid Leave Oregon benefit will use available accrued leave in the order specified by the district in established FMLA/OFLA policy. Employees may not receive more than 100% of their regular wages if they choose to supplement their Paid Leave Oregon payments. The District will calculate the number of hours required to cover the difference between Paid Leave Oregon benefits paid to the employee and the employee's regular weekly average earnings and deduct those hours from the leave categories as per FMLA/OFLA policy.

Unpaid Leaves

- 13.8 Workers Compensation Leave – Leave for injury when such injury is job related shall be granted for a period not to exceed that which is allowed under the State Industrial Accident Insurance claim. The Board will continue the employee's negotiated insurance benefits for the period of time that the SAIF claim has been allowed, not to exceed a period of one year.
- 13.9 Other Leave – Nothing in this section will prevent the District Board from providing leave without pay to any employee for any cause it deems justifiable.
- 13.10 Definition of School Closure – A school closure shall be defined as a day(s) when school(s) is(are) closed due to inclement weather or other emergencies or hazardous conditions.

On school closure days, as determined or announced by the District Superintendent or his/her designee, employees are not expected to work; however custodial and maintenance staff are to check with their supervisor, and may have to report. Classified employees will not suffer a loss of wages when there is a school closure. In the event that the district is required to extend the school year in order to makeup lost time, classified staff will be expected to work without additional compensation.

- A. When school is closed or on a 3-hour delay for inclement weather/snow days any confidential, custodial, and maintenance staff who did show up for work will be given trade time for the hours they worked on those days; as other confidential, custodial, and maintenance employees may not have worked due to driving conditions, but still got paid. The building principals/supervisors will need to make sure that the confidential, custodial, and maintenance employees who accrue this type of trade time use it within 1 month of the date of accrual. When trade time is taken, the building principal may choose to submit leave for a floater to cover for the employee. If custodial staff is called in on a Saturday, Sunday or on a holiday due to weather related conditions, staff will be paid overtime (with prior approval of the superintendent).
- B. The first two (2) inclement weather days will not be made up. The 3rd and 4th day will utilize the remaining Friday Enrichment Days, which will count as instructional time for students. Every day after that will become a virtual school day utilizing the three (3) hour delay.

Virtual School Day expectations:

- a) Ed Assistants/Behavior Techs/Library Techs – principal and or teacher will distribute lists of students to reach out to through google # to support work completion
- b) Custodians – prep grounds for return to school
- c) Food Service – update paperwork for the food service director
- d) Secretaries – work on any paperwork / ordering that can be done remotely / or other tasks assigned by principal

ARTICLE 14: SENIORITY

- 14.1 Seniority shall be defined as the total length of service as a regular classified employee within the District since the last date of hire. All authorized paid leave shall be computed as time worked. Regular classified employees who are laid off and subsequently reinstated shall retain cumulative seniority for all periods worked except for the period of layoff. An employee will retain his/her District seniority if a change from one classification to another is made.

ARTICLE 15: REDUCTION IN FORCE

The Morrow County School Board shall determine the appropriate level of staffing for classified employees.

15.1 Notice of Layoff

In the event the Board determines the need for a reduction in its workforce, notice of not less than four (4) weeks shall be provided to the Union and to employees to be laid off. In the event that a special needs student leaves the District who has a SpEd 1 on 1 assistant specifically assigned to him/her, the employee will be reassigned within the district.

15.2 Procedure for Layoff

- A. In the event of employee layoff, selection of employees to be retained will be in accordance with District seniority. Seniority shall be computed from the most recent date of hire in the District. Staff shall be scheduled for layoff by reverse seniority within classifications as noted on the attached salary schedule.

In the event that two (2) employees have the same seniority, the District shall retain the employee who has the most experience and training.

- B. A classified staff member scheduled for layoff can bump into another classification so long as he/she has accumulated seniority in that classification.
- C. A reduction in hours of work for classified employees shall be subject to all provisions of 15.2 whenever the employee hours are reduced two (2) or more hours per day.
- D. No permanent employees shall be laid off within a job classification until all probationary employees in such classification have been terminated.

15.3 Recall

Recall of laid-off employees shall be by reverse order of the layoff. Employees will be recalled based on job classification openings and the laid-off employee's ability to perform in the open position.

Employees on laid-off status shall not lose their layoff status when recalled to a position that is substantially less hours (no more than 25% reduction) than the employee received prior to layoff.

A North County Area or South County Area employee whose position is being eliminated may turn down one bumping opportunity (or one recall offer, if the employee had no bumping opportunity) for a position in the other County Area without forfeiting all future recall rights and terminating employment with the District. If an employee turns down an employment opportunity (either to bump or be recalled) in the other County Area, that employee shall thereafter only be eligible for recall to positions in the County Area in which they worked immediately prior to the RIF.

For purposes of this article, the "North County Area" shall be comprised of those schools located in Irrigon and Boardman, and the "South County Area" shall be comprised of those schools in Heppner.

This does not, however, entitle the employee to a bumping opportunity in the County Area in which the employee is working at the time of the RIF; the District shall only be required to offer to bump the district-wide least senior employee in that job classification.

A laid-off employee shall remain on the layoff list for twenty-seven (27) months unless the employee:

- A. Waives his/her recall rights in writing.
- B. Resigns in writing.
- C. Fails to appear for recall to a position that was held immediately prior to the layoff.
- D. Fails to return to work in the position to which he/she has been recalled within fifteen (15) working days after the receipt of mailing of a notice of recall unless such employee is sick or injured.

15.4 During the layoff, employees shall retain, but not accrue, benefits. Upon return to active employment, said benefits will be restored, provided they are still in effect.

15.5 Employees covered by this agreement will have the option to continue insurance programs at their own expense subject to approval of the carrier.

15.6 Employees on the layoff list will take precedence over new hires who would fill a position on a permanent basis provided they meet job classification requirements. An employee who has opted to accept a position in the opposite end of the District in which they worked previously, may take a position to be filled in their classification over a person on the layoff list, provided they have more seniority than the person who would otherwise be recalled.

15.7 By inclusion of this article in the Contract, the parties understand and agree that nothing in this labor contract guarantees any level of work and/or work load.

ARTICLE 16: DISCIPLINE & DISCHARGE

16.1 Discipline Procedures

A. No employee who has successfully completed the probationary period shall be terminated or disciplined without due process and just cause. Discipline shall be progressive and will proceed as follows:

- 1st warning as verbal/ written documentation;
- 2nd warning, as a written warning;
- final written cease and desist directive;
- suspension without pay;
- termination of employment.

The aforementioned progression may be suspended in whole or in part if infractions are criminal in nature. Just cause shall include the following: fair warning to employee of

deficiency and consequences of conduct, fair and objective investigation, evidence of guilt, evenhanded application, similar treatment of employees for similar infractions, discovery and reasonable rule related to safe and efficient operations.

- B. Management reserves the right to place employee(s) on paid administrative leave while the incident of alleged wrongdoing is investigated.
- C. The employee may request and will be granted Union representation at any and all meetings with management.
- D. If the employee disagrees with a decision to discipline or discharge, he/she may appeal the decision in writing to the Superintendent within five (5) working days.
- E. If the employee is discharged, he/she may appeal the discharge to the School Board as indicated in ORS 342.663. The time limit for such an appeal will be as stated in the statute, within fifteen (15) days. This appeal must be submitted in writing.

ARTICLE 17 GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to provide an orderly method for resolving grievances as herein defined. A determined effort shall be made by the Board, the Administration, the grievant and the Union to settle grievances at the lowest possible level in this procedure.

A. Definition

- 1. **Grievance:**
A claim by an employee, or a group of employees, or the Union of a violation of any provision of this Agreement.
- 2. **Aggrieved:**
The employee group of employees, or the Union making the grievance.
- 3. **Party in Interest:**
The employee or employees making the grievance and any person who might be required to take action or against who action might be taken in order to resolve said grievance.
- 4. **Days:**
Working school days. Weekend or vacation days are thus excluded. The number of days indicated at each level should be considered as a maximum and every effort should be made to expedite the process. The time limits specified may, however, be extended by mutual agreement.
- 5. **Representative:**
A member of the Union, or any other employee requested by the aggrieved to represent them during the grievance procedure.

B. Time Limits

1. The time limits herein shall be binding on all parties unless waived or extended by written mutual agreement between the grievant and the District. In some cases, where a grievance will be initiated or processed during the summer in which the grievant would not normally be available, the grievant and the District may, by written mutual agreement, extend or modify the time limits herein as is appropriate. Both parties agree to act in good faith in extending or modifying time limits.
2. If a grievant fails to initiate his/her grievance within the time specified herein, the grievance shall be deemed waived.
2. If a grievant fails to process his/her grievance according to the time limits set herein, the grievance shall be resolved in accordance with the response of the Administration at the preceding step.
4. If the Administration fails to adhere to the time limits set herein, the grievance automatically advances to the next step.

C. Grievance Process

Step 1: The employee shall discuss the potential grievance informally with his/her supervisor within 10 days from the occurrence of the grievance or 10 days from the grievant first knowledge of the grievance. If the grievance is not resolved at the informal level, the grievant may appeal, in writing, to the immediate supervisor. The supervisor shall respond in writing to the grievance as quickly as possible but no later than ten days after the grievance is first discussed.

Step 2: If the grievance remains unresolved, the grievant shall submit a written grievance to the Superintendent within 10 days from receipt of the supervisor's response. The grievance statement shall contain: (1) a statement of the grievance and relevant facts; (2) the management action or inaction which violated the Agreement; (3) the specific provisions of the Agreement alleged violated; and (4) the remedies sought by the grievant which would resolve the grievance. The grievant may be accompanied by a Union representative in presenting the grievance statement. The Superintendent shall respond in writing to the grievant within ten days; a copy of his/her response shall also go to the Union.

Step 3: If the grievance remains unresolved, the grievant shall submit the grievance statement to the Board of Education within 10 days from receipt of the Superintendent's response. The Board shall give a written response to the grievant within 10 days after receipt of the grievance statement or after holding a meeting with the Union. If a meeting is held, the grievant may be accompanied by a representative of the Union.

Step 4: Grievances not settled in Step 3 of the grievance procedure may be appealed to

arbitration provided written notice of a request for arbitration is made to the Superintendent within 10 days of receipt of the Board's answer in Step 3. When a timely request has been made for arbitration, the parties to this Agreement or their designated representatives shall attempt to select an impartial arbitrator. Failing to do so, they shall within ten (10) days of the request for arbitration jointly request the Employment Relations Board in Salem, Oregon, to submit a list of five arbitrators who maintain an office in Oregon. As soon as the list has been received, the parties or their designated representatives shall determine by lot the order of elimination and thereafter each shall, in that order, alternately strike a name from the list, and the fifth and remaining name shall act as the arbitrator.

The arbitrator shall schedule a hearing and, after hearing such evidence as the parties' desire to submit to support or deny the grievance statement, shall render a written decision and opinion within thirty (30) calendar days following the close of the hearing. The arbitration hearing shall be held in accordance with the Voluntary Labor Arbitration rules of the American Arbitration Union. (The arbitrator shall have no power to substitute his/her judgment for that of the Board in any matter not specifically contracted away by the Board in this Agreement.) A decision and opinion of the arbitrator shall, within the scope of his/her authority, be binding upon all parties.

*In all cases where classified staff members are assigned to a building, the immediate supervisor shall be the building principal.

D. Miscellaneous

1. The costs for the services of the Arbitrator, including per diem expenses, if any, and his/her travel and subsistence expenses and the cost of any hearing room will be borne equally by the Board and the Aggrieved. All other costs will be borne by the party incurring them.

2. Reprisals:

No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the administration against any party in interest, any representative, any member of the Union, or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

3. Separate Grievance File:

All documents, communications and records dealing with the processing of a contractual grievance shall be filed in a separate grievance file and shall not be kept in the personnel file of any of the participants.

4. Meetings and Hearings:

All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall be closed unless the aggrieved requests to be open. The meeting or hearing shall include only such

parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives, heretofore referred to in this Article.

5. The aggrieved will be required to exhaust the grievance procedure set forth in this Article, including arbitration, before seeking alternative remedies, provided that by doing so they will not be deemed to have waived or otherwise prejudiced any constitutional, statutory, or other legal rights that they may have.

ARTICLE 18: FUNDING THE AGREEMENT

- 18.1 It is recognized that portions of this Agreement conferring direct monetary benefits upon classified employees are dependent upon the availability of resources to the District.

ARTICLE 19: SEPARABILITY OF PROVISIONS

- 19.1 The invalidation of any article of this Agreement by a court of competent jurisdiction will not affect the validity of articles not declared invalid by the court.

ARTICLE 20: SITE COUNCILS

- 20.1 Classified employees who serve on the site councils shall be eligible to receive a stipend of \$30 for each time the council meets to conduct business outside of the workday. However, in no event shall the total compensation as provided herein exceed \$240 per year for each classified employee's service. Further, each serving member must attend the site council meetings to be eligible to receive the stipend provided herein.

ARTICLE 21: NEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

- A. This contract between the Association and the District supersedes the previous collective bargaining Agreement.
- B. This contract shall continue as written unless changed in negotiations. Either the District or the Association may notify the other of its wish to open negotiations under law. Such notification and request to open negotiations shall be made prior to October 1, prior to the June 30 ending of the current Agreement.
- C. This Agreement may not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing by both parties.
- D. Around April 1st of each year of this agreement, the parties agree to a limited re-opener to discuss the financial package, including salary, insurance and/or other health related benefits, for the following year. Each side may also bring forward two (2) additional, non-financial issues for consideration.

2025-2026 Salary Schedule – need to add a 3% COLA (see separate document)										
	Asst Cook	Head Cook	Asst Cust	Head Cust	Fac Coord	Ed Asst	Lib Tech/ Alt Ed Asst	Secretary	Behavior Tech	D.O. Admin Asst
1	\$16.45	\$17.49	\$20.94	\$22.81	\$21.87	\$16.53	\$17.58	\$18.87	\$22.87	\$24.25
2	\$16.78	\$17.84	\$21.26	\$23.16	\$22.19	\$16.86	\$17.93	\$19.25	\$23.21	\$24.74
3	\$17.11	\$18.20	\$21.58	\$23.50	\$22.53	\$17.17	\$18.29	\$19.63	\$23.54	\$25.23
4	\$17.45	\$18.56	\$21.91	\$23.84	\$22.87	\$17.52	\$18.66	\$20.00	\$23.88	\$25.74
5	\$17.79	\$18.93	\$22.23	\$24.23	\$23.19	\$17.88	\$19.03	\$20.40	\$24.26	\$26.25
6	\$18.15	\$19.31	\$22.57	\$24.58	\$23.54	\$18.22	\$19.42	\$20.86	\$24.61	\$26.78
7	\$18.50	\$19.69	\$22.90	\$24.96	\$23.92	\$18.58	\$19.81	\$21.24	\$24.99	\$27.31
8	\$18.88	\$20.09	\$23.25	\$25.32	\$24.26	\$18.96	\$20.20	\$21.66	\$25.36	\$27.86
9	\$19.27	\$20.50	\$23.61	\$25.70	\$24.64	\$19.35	\$20.60	\$22.11	\$25.73	\$28.42
10	\$19.65	\$20.91	\$23.95	\$26.09	\$25.00	\$19.73	\$21.02	\$22.56	\$26.13	\$28.99
11	\$20.04	\$21.32	\$24.32	\$26.49	\$25.36	\$20.14	\$21.44	\$23.03	\$26.52	\$29.57
12	\$20.45	\$21.75	\$24.68	\$26.89	\$25.76	\$20.54	\$21.87	\$23.45	\$26.92	\$30.16
13	\$20.86	\$22.19	\$25.04	\$27.26	\$26.14	\$20.95	\$22.31	\$23.95	\$27.31	\$30.76
14	\$21.27	\$22.63	\$25.41	\$27.70	\$26.52	\$21.36	\$22.75	\$24.40	\$27.73	\$31.37

Beginning with the 2024/2025 school year, hours worked by classification shall be as follows:

School (Head) Secretary / D.O. Admin Assistant – 230 days = 1,840 hours - (150 student days, 70 68 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Department Secretary – 188 days = 1,504 hrs. - (150 student days, 28 26 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

High School Registrar Secretary – 192 days = 1,536 hrs. - (150 student days, 32 30 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Library Tech (hired after July 1, 2015) – 187 days = 1,496 hrs. - (150 student days, 27 25 work PD/days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Library Tech (grandfathered) – 198 days = 1,584 hrs. - (150 student days, 38 36 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Ed/Alt Ed Asst. & Behavior Tech – 171 days = 1,368 hrs. – (150 student days, 11 9 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Head/Asst Cooks – 171 days = 1,368 hrs. - (150 student days, 11 9 work/PD days, 8 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Bus Driver/Asst. Custodians – 200 days = 984 hours

Custodian/Facility Coordinator Work Hours

Beginning with the 2021/22 school year, head custodian, assistant custodian and facility coordinator annual work days will be reduced by 10. Principals/head secretaries will create work calendars to be reviewed and accepted by custodians and facility coordinators prior to submitting to payroll.

Beginning with the ~~2024/2025~~ 2025/2026 School Year:

Head Custodians, Asst. Custodians and Facilities Coordinators – 248 days = 1984 hrs. (150 student days, ~~87~~ 85 work/PD days, 9 paid holidays, 4 Negotiated Paid/Non-Work Days)

Longevity

Longevity will be based on years of service in Morrow County School District and will be paid on the second pay period of the school year. Retire/rehire employees will continue to be eligible for earned longevity bonus.

Starting at the beginning of the 15th year through the 20th year will be ~~\$603~~ \$621

Starting at the beginning of the 21st year through the 25th year will be ~~\$827~~ \$852

Starting at the beginning of the 26th year through the 30th year will be ~~\$1,053~~ \$1085

Starting at the 31st year longevity pay will be ~~\$1,279~~ \$1317 for each year thereafter

ASB/Athletic Accounting

Secretarial staff who maintain the ASB/Athletic accounting for their school will receive additional compensation.

Elementary Level: + \$2.75 per hour

High School Level: + \$3.75 per hour

Special Education Level of Dependent Care (paid for 10 months)

Tier 1 = \$250.00/Month

Tier 2 = \$300.00/Month

Tier 3 = \$350.00/Month

Life Skills Assistant (District Position) \$600/Month

*Classified employees, upon prior approval from building administration and the special ed coordinator can be assigned a half or whole day stipend for working with specifically identified students during the course of their regular workday.

*Spanish Speakers

Tier 1 = \$100.00/month

*Classified staff, who predominantly work with students during the course of the regular school day, are eligible for compensation upon successfully passing a district approved Spanish Fluency Competence Test. The test will include reading, writing and speaking components. The district has the prerogative to limit the number of eligible participants per school.

Alt Ed Assistants

Alt Ed Assistants **who** are given supervisory responsibilities of their own classroom by the building principal shall receive an additional \$1.75 per hour. Additional hours worked will be paid at the employee base rate of pay, unless supervisory responsibilities are being performed and approved by the building principal.

Translating

All translating, approved by district/building administration, completed outside of contracted hours will be paid at \$25 per hour.

Maintenance Stipend

Custodial staff that are responsible for the additional maintenance needs of the facilities within each community will receive annual stipends, as follows.

Boardman (3 Schools + District Locks/Keys) \$3500

Heppner (2 Schools) \$2000

Irrigon (3 Schools + MEC/District Office) \$3500