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CLEMENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

AND

CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

1998 - 2001

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PREAMBLE

This Agreement entered into this 27th day of April, 1999 by and between the Board of Education of the Borough of Clementon, Camden County, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Board" and the Clementon Education Association, hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE I

RECOGNITION

A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the majority representative for collective negotiation concerning the terms and conditions of employment for all certified personnel whether under contract, on leave, employed or to be employed by the Board, but excluding:

Superintendent

Principal

Cafeteria Staff

Grounds Employees

Maintenance Employees

Custodial Personnel

Office Personnel

Secretary to the Board

Community Education Coordinator

Instructional Aides

B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "teachers", when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all certified personnel represented by the Association in the negotiating unit as above defined.

ARTICLE IINEGOTIATION PROCEDURE

A. The parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with Chapter 123, Public Laws 1975 in a good-faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of teacher's employment. Such negotiations shall begin not later than October of the calendar year preceding the calendar year in which this Agreement expires. Any Agreement so negotiated shall apply to all teachers and shall be presented to the Board and the Association for adoption and execution.

B. During negotiations, the Board and the Association shall present relevant data, exchange points of view and make proposals and counterproposals.

C. Neither party in any negotiations shall have any control over the selection of the negotiating representatives of the other party. The parties mutually pledge that their representative shall be clothed with all necessary power and authority to make proposals, consider proposals, and make counterproposals in the course of negotiations.

D. 1. All meetings between the parties shall take place when the teachers involved are free from assigned instructional responsibilities, at a time and place convenient to Board members, unless otherwise agreed.

2. Should an amendment to this Agreement be negotiated by the parties, it shall be reduced to writing, after tentative agreement by negotiating parties, adopted by the Board, and then signatures of the legal representatives of the Board and the Association be affixed.

E. The Board agrees not to negotiate concerning said employees in the negotiating unit as defined in Article I of this Agreement, with any organization other than the Association for the duration of this Agreement, as provided by Chapter 123, Public Laws of 1975.

ARTICLE IIIGRIEVANCE PROCEDUREA. Definition

A grievance is a claim based upon an event or condition which affects the terms and conditions of employment of a teacher or group of teachers and/or the interpretation, meaning or application of any of the provisions of the Agreement. A grievance to be considered under this procedure must be initiated by the teacher or group of teachers, within thirty (30) calendar days from the time when the teacher or group of teachers knew, or should have known, of its occurrence.

The term "grievance" shall not apply to (a) any matter for which a method of review is prescribed by law, or (b) any rule or regulation of the State Commissioner of Education, or (c) any by-law of the Board of Education, or (d) any matter which according to law is either beyond the scope of Board authority or limited to unilateral action by the Board alone, or (e) a complaint by any certificated personnel occasioned by appointment to, or lack of, appointment to, retention in or lack of retention in, any position for which tenure is either not possible or not required, or (f) a complaint of a non-tenured teacher which arises by reason of the teacher not being re-employed.

B. Procedure

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

2. If as a result of the discussion, the matter is not resolved to the satisfaction of the teacher within three (3) school days, the teacher shall set forth their grievance in writing to the Principal specifying:

- (a) The nature of the grievance;
- (b) The nature and extent of the injury, loss or inconvenience;
- (c) The results of previous discussions; and
- (d) The teacher's dissatisfaction with decisions previously rendered.

The Principal shall communicate his decision to the teacher in writing within five (5) school days of receipt of the written grievance.

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3. The teacher may, within ten (10) days of their receipt of the Principal's written decision, appeal the same to the Superintendent. Any such appeal shall be in writing and shall set forth the grounds upon which the grievance is based. The Superintendent shall attempt to resolve the grievance as soon as possible, but within ten (10) school days from receipt of the written appeal. The Superintendent shall communicate his/her written decision, along with supporting reasons, to the aggrieved teacher and the Principal.

4. If the grievance is not resolved to the teacher's satisfaction by the Superintendent, the teacher may appeal the same, in writing, to the Board of Education, within five (5) school days of the teacher's receipt of the Superintendent's written decision. The appeal shall be submitted, with all supporting data, through the Superintendent, who shall immediately forward same to the Board. The Board, or a committee thereof, shall review the grievance, hold a hearing with the teacher and render a decision, in writing, within thirty-five (35) calendar days of the receipt of the grievance by the Board or of the date of the hearing with the teacher, whichever comes later.

5. The Association, as bargaining agent for the aggrieved party, shall have the right to appeal the decision of the Board within thirty (30) days of the date of the decision of the Board. At such time, the Association shall notify the Board, by serving upon the Superintendent a notice of its intent to seek arbitration of the dispute. The parties shall thereafter promptly comply with the rules and regulations of the American Arbitration Association, or as otherwise agreed by the parties, in seeking an arbitrator and scheduling the arbitration hearing.

6. All costs and expenses of the arbitration hearings, incidental to the services of the American Arbitration Association, as well as the costs of shorthand recordings and transcripts, shall be borne and equally divided by the Board and the Association.

7. All proceedings under this appeal process herein described shall be in accordance with the rules, regulations, and practices of the American Arbitration Association and the decision of the arbitrator appointed as herein provided shall be binding upon all parties to the dispute.

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8. The award of the arbitrator shall be in writing and shall be submitted to the Board and the Association within fifteen (15) days after the decision of the arbitrator has been reached. Notice to the Board shall be given to the Superintendent. Notice to the Association shall be given to the then President of the Association.

C. Rights of Teachers to Representation

1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by themselves, or, at their option, by representatives of the person's choosing.

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

D. Miscellaneous

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

2. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only such parties in interest and their designated or selected representatives, unless otherwise provided by law.

ARTICLE IVTEACHER RIGHTS

A. Pursuant to Chapter 123, Public Laws of 1975, the Board hereby agrees that every teacher of the Board shall have the right freely to organize, join and support the Association and its affiliates for the purpose of engaging in collective negotiations for the mutual aid and protection of the Association. As a duly elected body, the Board undertakes and agrees that it shall not directly or indirectly discourage or deprive or coerce any teacher in its employment of any rights conferred by Chapter 123, Public Laws of 1975, of other laws of New Jersey or the Constitutions of New Jersey and the United States; that it shall not discriminate against any teacher with respect to hours, wages, or any terms or conditions of employment by reason of this membership in the Association and its affiliates, collective negotiations with the Board, or their institution of any grievance, complaint or proceeding under this Agreement or otherwise with respect to any terms or conditions of employment.

B. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to deny or restrict to any teacher such rights as they may have under New Jersey School Law or other applicable laws and regulations. The rights granted to teachers hereunder shall be deemed to be in addition to those provided elsewhere.

C. No teacher shall be disciplined, reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation or deprived of any professional advantage without just cause. Any such action asserted by the Board, or any agent or representative thereof, shall be subject to the grievance procedure.

D. No teacher shall be prevented from wearing pins or other identification of membership in the Association or its affiliates.

E. Evaluation

1. Teachers shall be evaluated only by individuals holding a supervisor's certificate and not by an individual within the bargaining unit.

2. Following any evaluation, the teacher shall, within five (5) days, receive a copy of the evaluation report.

3. Following the receipt of the evaluation report, a conference shall be held between the teacher and the evaluator. The conference shall be held not more than ten (10) school days after the evaluation; nor less than one (1) school day after the teacher has received the evaluation report.

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4. During the conference the teacher and the evaluator shall review and discuss the evaluation report. The teacher shall sign the report to attest that they have seen and discussed the observation report.

5. If the teacher disagrees with the evaluation report or believes additional information should be included; the teacher may attach a response to the evaluation report.

6. The evaluation report and the response, if any, shall be made a part of the teacher's personnel file, located in the Superintendent's office.

F. Personnel Files

1. Teachers shall be permitted to review their personnel files with notice to the Superintendent.

2. No material shall be included in a teacher's personnel file unless it includes the name of the individual supplying the information.

3. Teachers shall be permitted to respond in writing to any document included in their files. The response shall be attached and made a part of the document which is to be included in the personnel file.

4. Teachers shall be permitted to request of the Superintendent the removal of any material which they believe is outdated or no longer relevant. The failure to remove said material shall not be the subject of a grievance.

ARTICLE VASSOCIATION RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES

A. Whenever any representative of the Association or any teacher is mutually scheduled by the parties to participate during working hours in negotiations, grievance proceedings, conferences, or meetings, they shall suffer no loss in pay. Whenever possible, such proceedings will not be scheduled during the teaching day.

B. Employees of the New Jersey Education Association shall be permitted to transact official Association business on school property under the same conditions as any visitor to the Clementon School District.

C. The Association and its representatives shall have the right to hold meetings in the school building upon notice to the Principal. The Principal may require forty-eight (48) hours notice for such meeting when school activities or programs necessitate.

D. The Association shall have the privilege to use school facilities and equipment, including typewriters, photocopying machines, other duplicating equipment, calculating machines, and all types of audio-visual equipment at reasonable times when such equipment is not otherwise in use. The Association shall pay for the reasonable cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use. The Association shall also pay for any damages incurred to the equipment as a result of Association use.

E. The Association shall have the privilege to purchase expendable office supplies and other materials from the Board at the price paid by the Board.

F. The Association shall have, in each school building, the exclusive use of a bulletin board in each faculty lounge and teachers' dining room. The Association shall also be assigned adequate space on the bulletin board in the central office for Association notices. The location of Association bulletin boards in each of said rooms shall be designated by mutual agreement. Copies of all materials to be posted on such bulletin boards shall be given to the Principal, but no approval shall be required.

G. Upon request, the Association shall be granted time, at the end of any faculty meeting, staff meeting or workshop, for brief reports or announcements.

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H. The Association shall have the right to place materials in the mailboxes of employees, with a copy of same to the Superintendent. Placement shall be made by the President of the Association or by their designee. Materials placed in the mailboxes shall bear the name of the originator.

I. When members of the bargaining unit are appointed to any screening or selection committee by the Superintendent/Board, it is clearly understood that any recommendation for hiring is reserved to the Superintendent/Board.

ARTICLE VI
TEACHER WORK YEAR

In-School Work Year

A. Ten (10) Month Personnel

The In-School Work Year for teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis (other than new personnel who may be required to attend an additional one (1) day of orientation) shall not exceed one hundred and eighty (180) class teaching days per grade in addition to three (3) in-service days. Certified teachers not employed in a permanent and/or tenured status prior to June 30, 1995 and certified teachers hired after July 1, 1995 will be required to attend one (1) additional inservice day, bringing the total to four (4) inservice days. Additionally, it is agreed that a monthly faculty meeting, to be held between 3:10 p.m. and 4:00 p.m., shall be attended by the teachers.

B. Definition of In-School Work Year

The In-School Work Year shall include days when pupils are in attendance, orientation days, in-service days, and any other days on which teacher attendance is required.

C. Inclement Weather

Teacher attendance shall not be required whenever student attendance is not required in inclement weather.

D. School Calendar

Each school year prior to the adoption of the ensuing year's calendar, the Board will make available to the Association, the proposed school calendar for the purpose of receiving the Association's recommendation concerning said calendar.

ARTICLE VIITEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD

A. As professionals, teachers are expected to devote to their assignments the time necessary to meet their responsibilities, but they shall not be required to "clock in" or "clock out" by hours and minutes. Teachers shall indicate their presence for duty by placing a check mark in the appropriate column of the faculty "sign in" roster as per existing practice. Teachers shall sign in no later than 8:30 a.m. and leave the school premises no earlier than 3:30 p.m. each school day.

B. Extra Pay for Extra Service

No teacher shall be required to teach both sessions of a split session system unless they voluntarily agree. And in that event, said teacher shall be paid at the normal substitute rate.

C. Preparation Time

1. Each classroom teacher shall, in addition to their lunch period, have weekly preparation time of 130 minutes. This time will not be consecutive time and will not be on a daily basis, but will total 130 minutes per week.

2. When the school nurse is instructing a class, attendance in the classroom by the teacher shall not be required. The teacher, however, must remain on the school premises and shall be available to resume charge of the class should the school nurse be compelled to leave the classroom.

D. Lunch Period

1. Teachers shall have a duty free lunch period of at least 40 minutes per day, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., when scheduling permits.

2. Teachers may leave the school building without requesting permission during their scheduled lunch period, providing the teachers checks out and in.

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A. The salary guide shall apply to all certified personnel covered by Article I, Section A.

B. The salaries of all teachers covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

C. 1. Teachers employed on a twelve (12) month basis shall be paid in twenty-four (24) equal semi-monthly installments.

2. Teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be paid in twenty (20) equal semi-monthly installments with pay days being the 15th and 30th days of each month.

3. Teachers may individually elect to have ten percent (10%) of their monthly salary deducted from their pay. These funds shall be paid to the teacher on the final pay day in June, with interest.

4. When a payday falls on or during a school holiday, vacation, or weekend, teachers shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day.

5. Teachers shall receive final checks on the last working day in June.

D. Conditions Relating to the Guide

1. Every teacher, who after July 1, 1940, has served or hereafter shall serve in the military or naval service of the United States or of this State, including active service in the Woman's Army Corps., the Woman's Reserve or Naval Reserve, or any similar organization authorized by the United States to serve with the Army or Navy in the time of war or an emergency or for or during any period of training, or pursuant or in connection with the operation of any system of selective service, shall be entitled to any employment or adjustment to which he would have been entitled if he had been employed from the same period of time in some publicly owned and operated college, school, or institution or learning in this or any other state or territory in the United States, except that the period of such service shall not be credited toward more than four (4) employment or adjustment increments. Teachers being employed by the Board who had military service prior to the Clementon School District shall be allowed up to one-half (1/2) of their service time at the initial time of employment in the district. They shall be given

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an adjustment increment along with their regular increment until they have reached their normal place on the guide in subsequent teaching years in the district. Maximum military service credit will be up to and including four (4) years.

2. Teachers who are under contract and are teaching in the Clementon School District and leave to go into the military service as a result of the Selective Service Act or leave for the Peace Corps, VISTA, National Teacher Corps, or a Fullbright Scholarship shall be allowed up to four (4) years credit on the salary guide for military service and up to two (2) years credit on the guide for the previously mentioned non-military teaching experience.

E. In recognition of the value of experienced teachers and loyal service to the district, the Board shall grant service increments over and above their regular place on the salary schedule to all certified teachers permanently employed and/or tenured prior to June 30, 1995. Said service does not have to be continuous. Said service increments shall be as follows:

1. \$350.00 upon completion of their tenth (10th) year in the district.

2. \$375.00 upon completion of their twentieth (20th) year in the district.

3. \$425.00 upon completion of their twenty-fifth (25th) year in the district.

F. Certified teachers doing home tutoring or bedside instruction shall be paid at the rate of \$21.80 per hour for the 1998-1999 school year, \$22.63 per hour for the 1999-2000 school year and \$23.49 per hour for the 2000-2001 school year.

G. Upon earning an advanced degree, a teacher shall be paid according to the salary guide so adopted in Schedule "A". Additional compensation for graduate credits toward advanced degree shall be granted for every fifteen (15) graduate credits earned by a teacher in accordance with the salary guide so adopted in Schedule "A". Courses taken for graduate credits or an advanced degree shall be approved by the Board in advance in order to qualify for additional compensation. Satisfactory evidence of the attainment of an advanced degree or the earning of graduate credits shall be furnished to the Board prior to the approval of such additional compensation. Teachers shall notify the Board of their expectations by the November Board meeting in the school year in which they expect to be awarded a graduate

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degree or earn graduate credits, for budgetary purposes. The Board, in its discretion, may permit the substitution of undergraduate credits, when courses required for graduate degrees are only offered as undergraduate courses. Formal approval of such substitution must be secured from the Board.

H. Each teacher shall be placed on their proper step of the salary scale beginning with the year of adoption of the scale and in accordance to Schedule "A".

I. Certified teachers employed by the Board during the summer as teachers and/or for any program including, but not limited to, teaching, program development, curriculum planning, shall be paid at the rate of \$21.80 per hour for the 1998-1999 school year, \$22.63 per hour for the 1999-2000 school year and \$23.49 per hour for the 2000-2001 school year.

ARTICLE IX
TEACHER ASSIGNMENT

A. Notification

1. Date for Presently Employed Teachers

Except in the case of emergency, all teachers shall be given notice of their class and/or subject assignments and room assignments for the forthcoming year, not later than May 15th for each year.

2. New Teachers

The Superintendent shall assign all newly appointed personnel to their specific positions within that subject area and/or grade level for which the Board has appointed them. The Superintendent shall give notice of assignments to new teachers as soon as practicable, and except in cases of emergency, not later than June 30th.

3. Revisions

In the event that changes in such schedules, class and/or subject assignments, building assignments, or room assignments are proposed after June 30th, the Association and any teacher affected shall be notified promptly in writing.

ARTICLE XVOLUNTARY TRANSFERS AND REASSIGNMENTSA. Notification of Vacancies1. Date

The Superintendent shall deliver to the Association and post a list of the known vacancies as they occur.

2. Filing Requests

Teachers who desire a change in grade and/or subject assignment may file a written statement of such desire with the Superintendent. Such requests for reassignments for the following year shall be kept on file by the Superintendent.

3. Posting

As soon as practicable, and within a reasonable length of time after notification of vacancy, the Superintendent shall post and deliver to the Association a district schedule showing the names of all teachers who have been reassigned and the nature of such reassignments.

B. Criteria for Assignment

In the determination of requests for voluntary reassignment, the wishes of the individual teacher shall be honored to the extent that the reassignment does not conflict with the best interests of the school system.

ARTICLE XIASSOCIATION - ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

The Association shall select a Liaison Committee to meet with the Principal, and Superintendent, if available, at least once a month during the school year. The purpose of the meeting will be to review and discuss local school problems and practices and to play an active role in the revision or development of building policies. The said Committee shall consist of the building representatives, and/or their alternates, and any other Association officers so designated by the building representatives.

ARTICLE XIISICK LEAVE

A. As of September 1, 1979, all teachers employed shall be entitled to ten (10) sick days each school year whether or not they report for duty on that day. Unused sick leave days shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit.

B. Teachers shall receive a written accounting of all accumulated sick leave days no later than September 30th of each school year.

C. 1. Any teacher, with at least 15 years of service in the Clementon School District, who retires according to the provisions of the Pension and Annuity Fund in order to receive immediate benefits, as opposed to seeking deferred retirement, shall receive the following sum for unused sick leave:

1998-1999 School Year	\$33.75 per day
1999-2000 School Year	\$35.00 per day
2000-2001 School Year	\$36.35 per day

2. To be eligible for payment each teacher shall notify the Board of their intention to retire by November 1 in the year prior to the year in which the teacher shall retire. Payment for said unused sick leave days shall be made by the following October 1st. In the event that said notice is not timely given, the Board may withhold payment up to the second October 1st after notice is given to the Board.

ARTICLE XIII

TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE

A. Teachers shall be entitled to the following temporary non-accumulative leaves of absence with full pay each school year:

1. Two (2) days leave of absence for personal, legal business, household or family matters which require absence during school hours. Application to the Principal for personal leave shall be made at least one (1) day before taking such leave (except in the case of emergencies) and the applicant for such leave shall not be required to state the reason for taking such leave other than they are taking it under this Section.

2. Up to three (3) days in a school year in the event of death or serious illness of a teacher's spouse, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, parent, father-in-law, mother-in-law, brother-in-law, brother, sister, sister-in-law, and any other member of the immediate household.

3. Other leaves of absence with pay may be granted by the Board for good reasons.

B. Leaves taken pursuant to Section A above shall be in addition to any sick leave to which the teacher is entitled.

C. Personal days not taken under Section A of this Article shall be accumulated annual sick leave.

D. School Visitation

Teachers shall be granted one (1) day for the purpose of visiting other schools or attending meetings or conferences of an educational nature.

ARTICLE XIVMATERNITY LEAVE

A. A teacher shall notify the Superintendent of their pregnancy within sixty (60) days after it is medically confirmed. The Superintendent and the tenure teacher shall agree upon an appropriate date for the commencement of the maternity leave. The Superintendent will then make their recommendation to the Board of Education who shall approve said leave of absence for tenure teachers not to exceed one (1) full year from the commencement of the maternity leave.

A pregnant teacher will not be relieved of their teaching duties solely on the fact that she is pregnant. The teacher may remain in their position as long as their doctor certifies they are able to continue teaching.

The teacher shall be allowed to continue normal teaching activity as long as they are physically able to do so. If the Board believes that their teaching performance has noticeably declined because of their physical condition, or capacity, the Board may remove the teacher from their duties if:

(a) the teacher cannot produce a certification from their physician stating they are medically able to continue teaching, or

(b) the Board's Chief Medical Officer and the teacher's physician agree that they cannot continue teaching, or if

(c) following a difference of medical opinion between the Board's Chief Medical Officer and the teacher's physician, the Board may request expert consultation in which case the two (2) physicians shall agree in good faith on a third impartial physician who shall examine the teacher and whose medical opinion shall be conclusive and binding on the issue of medical capacity to continue teaching.

A tenure teacher requesting a maternity leave without pay must specify the date they intend to return so that proper notification can be given to the replacement teacher.

B. In the case of non-tenure teachers, the Board will not be required to extend the leave of absence beyond the end of the contract year in which the leave is begun.

C. In the case of termination of pregnancy for any reason other than normal birth, the teacher shall notify the Board of such circumstances and the Board shall honor a request to return earlier than the date originally established upon receipt of medical certification by the teacher's physician of physical

fitness to teach.

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D. Benefits

All benefits to which a teacher was entitled at the time the leave of absence commenced, including unused accumulated sick leave shall be assigned to the same position which was held at the time said leave commenced, if available, or if not, to a substantially equivalent position.

E. Salary

Upon returning from the leave, the teacher shall be placed on the next step on the salary scale, provided the teacher has worked five (5) months during that contract year.

F. Adoption

Any teacher adopting an infant or preschool child shall receive similar leave, which shall commence, upon their receiving physical custody of said child, or no more than thirty (30) days earlier, if necessary, to fulfill the legal requirements for said adoption.

G. Extensions and Renewals

All extensions or renewals of leaves shall be applied for and granted in writing.

H. Good Cause

Other leaves of absence without pay may be granted by the Board for good reasons.

ARTICLE XVPROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

A. In our rapidly changing society, teachers must constantly review curricular content, teaching methods and materials, educational philosophy and goals, social change and other topics related to education. The Board recognizes that it shares with its professional staff responsibility for the upgrading and updating of teacher performance and attitudes. The Board and the Association support the principle of continuing training of teachers and the improvement of the instruction, whenever required by and approved by the Board.

B. To work toward the ends stated above, the Board agrees to the following provisions:

1. To pay the full cost of tuition and other reasonable expenses incurred in connection with any courses, workshops, seminars, conferences, in-service training sessions, or other such sessions which a teacher is required and/or requested by the administration and County Superintendent to take. Said teacher shall be compensated for all time spent in actual attendance at said session beyond their regular working day at \$19.72 per hour for the 1998-1999 school year, \$20.47 per hour for the 1999-2000 school year and \$21.25 per hour for the 2000-2001 school year.

2. To cooperate with the Association in arranging in-service courses, workshops, conferences, and programs both county and local.

C. The Board will reimburse certified staff members hired in a permanent and/or tenured status prior to June 30, 1995 at the conclusion of college courses in the sum of \$800.00 for tuition and books. Certified staff members hired after July 1, 1995 shall receive reimbursement in the sum of \$400.00 for tuition and books.

1. Certificated staff members must apply in writing to the Superintendent on a form provided by the Board prior to registering for the course and receive written approval before taking the course. Anticipated expenses to be included in the application.

2. The purpose of the course shall be advanced training and courses for minimum certification will not be approved. Courses relative to elementary education and specialty areas within elementary education or job assignments will be the basis for approval.

3. A college course must be completed and an official transcript setting forth a grade of "C" or better be filed with the Board Secretary before reimbursement will be allowed, except in those courses where a pass-fail system is used, when a pass grade shall be filed.

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4. Participation under this Article is voluntary and up to the discretion of the certificated staff member and participants will not be paid for time spent in attendance at courses, since it is not compulsory on the part of the Board or Administration as set forth in Section B above.

5. Certificated staff members must be under contract and returning for employment after September 1st of the new school year before reimbursement of summer school courses can be made.

ARTICLE XVIPROTECTION OF TEACHERS, STUDENTS, AND PROPERTY

A. A teacher may use reasonable force as is necessary to protect themselves from attack, to protect another person or property, to quell a disturbance threatening physical injury to others, or to obtain possession of weapons or other dangerous objects upon the person or within control of a pupil.

B. Whenever any action is brought against a teacher before the Board or before the Commissioner of Education of the State of New Jersey which may affect their employment or salary status, the Board shall reimburse them for the cost of their defense if the action is dismissed or results in a final decision in favor of the teacher, pursuant to the Article.

C. 1. The Board shall give full support, including legal and other assistance, for any assault upon the teacher while acting in the discharge of their duties.

2. When absence arises out of or from such assault or injury, the teacher shall not forfeit any sick leave or personal leave.

3. Benefits payable under this Agreement while the recipient is receiving temporary workmen's compensation benefits equal the difference between said benefits and the teacher's regular salary. Benefits shall be further payable until such time as said teacher is able to return to their teaching position.

D. 1. Teachers shall immediately report cases of assault suffered by them, in connection with their employment, to the Principal.

2. Such notification shall be immediately forwarded to the Superintendent who shall comply with any reasonable request from the teacher for information in the possession of the Principal relating to the incident or the persons involved, and shall act in appropriate ways as liaison between the teacher, the police, and the courts.

E. If criminal or civil proceedings are brought against a teacher, assuming that they committed an assault in connection with their employment, such teacher may request the Board to furnish legal counsel to defend them in such proceedings. If the Board does not provide such counsel and the teacher prevails in the proceedings, then the Board shall reimburse the teacher for counsel fees incurred by them in their own defense.

ARTICLE XVIIINSURANCE PROTECTION

A. The Board shall provide the health care insurance protection designated below. The Board shall pay the full premium for each teacher and in cases where appropriate, for family plan insurance coverage.

1. For each teacher who remains in the employ of the Board for the full school year, the Board shall make payment of the insurance premiums to provide insurance coverage for the full twelve (12) month period commencing September 1st and ending August 31st; when necessary, premiums on behalf of the teacher shall be made retroactively or prospectively to assure uninterrupted participation and coverage.

2. Provisions of the health care insurance program shall be detailed in master policies and contracts agreed upon by the Board and shall include:

Full Blue Cross/Blue Shield/Rider J/Extended Coverage, Major Medical for the individual and up to and including family coverage where appropriate.

3. Carrier shall be New Jersey Public and School Employees Health Benefits Plan.

B. The Board shall provide for the continuance of health care insurance after retirement on the terms detailed in the master policies and contracts agreed upon by the Board and Association. Retirement to take place in accordance with the provisions of law.

C. The Board shall provide to each teacher a description of the health care insurance coverage provided under this Article, with whatever the carrier shall provide.

D. The Board shall provide Washington National Insurance Plan I Class I for those teachers who elect to be insured under this policy instead of New Jersey Health Benefits Program.

E. The Board shall continue to provide dental insurance for each teacher with a work week of 20 hours or more through the Direct Dental Network, a subsidiary of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of New Jersey, or equivalent, to a maximum monthly per teacher premium cost of \$31.52 for the 1998-1999 school year, \$32.72 for the 1999-2000 school year and \$33.96 for the 2000-2001 school year.

ARTICLE XVIIINSURANCE PROTECTION

F. During the life of the within Agreement, the Association may seek to obtain husband and wife, parent and child, as well as, family dental insurance coverage for members of the bargaining unit at their own expense. The Board agrees to make payroll deductions for such insurance coverage, if obtained, but the Board shall not be responsible for the cost of such insurance coverage.

ARTICLE XVIII
SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL

A. Substitutes

1. Certification

Positions which are vacant because teachers are temporarily absent, shall be filled by teachers who hold a Standard Certificate issued by the New Jersey Board of Examiners, if such a person is available.

2. List

The Board agrees at all times to maintain an adequate list of substitute teachers who shall be provided with appropriate orientation training by the Administration to help them instruct the classes they cover.

3. Coverage

The Board shall provide substitutes for all personnel in all departments, including special teachers and nurses.

ARTICLE XIXREPRESENTATION FEEA. Purpose of Fee

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

B. Amount of Fee1. Notification

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

The Association shall certify, in writing, to the Board, prior to the start of each membership year, that the amount of the representation fee to be assessed does not exceed the maximum amount allowed by law, of dues, fees and assessments and does not include any amount of dues, fees and assessments that are expended: (1) for partisan political or ideological activities or causes that are only incidentally related to terms and conditions of employment, or (2) applied toward the costs of benefits available only to members of the Association.

2. Legal Maximum

In order to adequately offset the per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as majority representative, the representation fee should be equal in amount to the regular membership dues, initiation fees and assessments charged by the Association to its own members, and the representation fee may be set up to 85% of that amount as the maximum presently allowed by law. If the law is changed in that regard, the amount of the representation fee automatically will be increased to the maximum allowed, said increase or decrease to become effective as of the beginning of the Association membership year immediately following the effective date of the change.

ARTICLE XIXREPRESENTATION FEEc. Deduction and Transmission of Fee1. Notification

Once during each membership year covered in whole or in part by this Agreement, the Association will submit to the Board a list of those employees who have not become members of the Association for the then current membership year. The Board will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with paragraph 3 below, the full amount of the representation fee and promptly will transmit the amount so deducted to the Association.

2. Appeals; Indemnification of the Board

The Association represents that it has established, and will continue to maintain, a demand and return system of appeal whereby non-Association members may appeal the assessment of said representation fee against them, if they so wish, according to law. Said demand and return appeal system shall be as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached herewith and made a part hereof by reference. The Association shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits and other forms of liability, including liability for reasonable counsel fees for counsel of the Board's choice, and other legal costs and expenses, that may arise out of, or by reason of, any action taken, or not taken by the Board, in accordance with the provisions of the within Article.

3. Payroll Deduction Schedule

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

(a) ten (10) days after receipt of the aforesaid list by the Board; or

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

ARTICLE XIXREPRESENTATION FEE4. Termination of Employment

If an employee who is required to pay a representation fee terminates their employment with the Board before the Association has received the full amount of the representation fee to which it is entitled under this Article, no further fees shall be due to the Association.

5. Mechanics

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

6. New Employees

On or about the fifteenth day of each month, beginning with the month this Agreement becomes effective, the Board will submit to the Association a list of all employees who began their employment in a bargaining unit position during the preceding month. The list will include names, job titles and dates of employment for all such employees.

7. Effective Date

The provisions of this Article shall become effective for the school year beginning September 1, 1981.

ARTICLE XXMISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

A: The within Agreement constitutes Board and Association policy for the term therein provided, and the Board and the Association shall carry out the commitments contained therein and given them full force and effect.

B. If any provisions of the Agreement or any application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to be contrary to law, then such provision or application shall not be deemed valid and subsisting, except to the extent permitted by law, but all other provisions or applications shall continue in full force and effect.

C. Any individual contract between the Board and an individual teacher, heretofore or hereafter executed, shall be subject to and consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If an individual contract contains any language inconsistent with this Agreement, this Agreement during its duration, shall be controlling.

D. Copies of this Agreement shall be reproduced at the expense of the Association and the Board within thirty (30) days after the Agreement is signed and presented to all teachers now employed, hereafter employed, or considered for employment by the Board. The Board shall furnish the supplies and the Association shall provide the labor.

E. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties to this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision(s) of this Agreement, either party shall do so by mail or a personally delivered letter, or as either party may in writing direct the other, at the following addresses:

1. If by the Association, to the Board at:

Clementon Elementary School
Audubon Avenue
Clementon, New Jersey 08021

2. If the Board, to the Association at:

Clementon Elementary School
Audubon Avenue
Clementon, New Jersey 08021

ARTICLE XXI

DURATION OF AGREEMENT

This Agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 1998, and shall continue in effect until June 30, 2001. This Agreement shall not be extended orally and it is expressly understood that it shall expire on the date indicated.

In witness whereof the Association has caused this Agreement to be signed by its president and secretary and the Board has caused this Agreement to be signed by its president, attested by its secretary and its corporate seal to be placed hereon all on the 27th day of April, 1999.

CLEMENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE
BOROUGH OF CLEMENTON

By: Marian C. Claypoole
President

By: James D. Thum
President

Attest: Catherine
Secretary

Attest: Paul
Secretary

Margaret V. Brown

Attest: Lynne Block
Chairperson - C.E.A.
Negotiations Committee

Attest: Paul A. Spavento
Superintendent

CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALARY SCHEDULE A FOR 1998-1999

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA + 15</u>	<u>BA + 30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA + 15</u>	<u>MA + 30</u>
1A	27419	28054	28688	29365	30210	30902
1B.	27708	28343	28977	29654	30499	31191
1C.	28435	29069	29703	30380	31225	31917
2.	29191	29825	30459	31136	31981	32673
3.	29973	30606	31242	31919	32763	33456
4.	30963	31630	32298	33010	33900	34628
5.	31547	32214	32882	33595	34484	35212
6.	32161	32828	33496	34209	35097	35826
7.	34083	34797	35512	36275	37225	38005
8.	36467	37234	37998	38814	39833	40666
9.	37875	38641	39405	40220	41240	42071
10.	39413	40176	40943	41759	42776	43611
11.	40033	40863	41693	42524	43352	44184
12.	40656	41486	42317	43146	43974	44804
13.	41266	41900	42731	43560	44390	45220
14.	41860	42317	43146	43974	44804	45633
15.	42280	42731	43560	44390	45219	46083
16.	42697	43146	43974	44804	45633	46464
17.	43146	43974	44804	45633	46464	47293
18.	44185	45012	45841	46673	47501	48331

*Schedule does not include service increments as described in Article VIII, Paragraph E, Section 2.

**Teachers who have been at the maximum of the scale for one (1) year or more shall receive an increase of 3.8%, or the appropriate pro-rated amount for part-time staff members, over the 1997-1998 salary.

***Teachers will be on Step 1 for a total of three (3) years.
(Step 1A - first year) (Step 1B - second year) (Step 1C - third year)

****Any teacher whose salary is above the maximum step on the Salary Schedule who earns additional graduate credits in accordance with Article VIII, Section G shall be compensated for such credits by receiving the horizontal compensation increment specified on the highest step of the Salary Schedule as applicable for the number of credits earned.

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**CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALARY SCHEDULE B FOR 1999-2000**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA + 15</u>	<u>BA + 30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA + 15</u>	<u>MA + 30</u>
1A	28172	28831	29489	30192	31069	31787
1B.	28461	29120	29778	30481	31358	32076
1C.	28761	29420	30078	30781	31658	32376
2.	29516	30174	30832	31534	32412	33130
3.	30300	30958	31616	32319	33196	33915
4.	31112	31769	32429	33132	34008	34727
5.	32140	32832	33525	34264	35188	35944
6.	32746	33438	34132	34872	35794	36550
7.	33383	34075	34769	35509	36431	37187
8.	35378	36119	36861	37653	38640	39449
9.	37853	38649	39442	40289	41347	42211
10.	39314	40109	40902	41748	42807	43670
11.	40911	41703	42499	43346	44401	45268
12.	41554	42416	43277	44140	44999	45863
13.	42201	43062	43925	44786	45645	46507
14.	42834	43492	44355	45215	46077	46938
15.	43451	43925	44786	45645	46507	47367
16.	43887	44355	45215	46077	46937	47834
17.	44319	44786	45645	46507	47367	48230
18.	44786	45645	46507	47367	48230	49090

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DEC JRM L P M.B. B B M Z C W

**CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION
SALARY SCHEDULE C FOR 2000-2001**

<u>STEP</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA + 15</u>	<u>BA + 30</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MA + 15</u>	<u>MA + 30</u>
1A.	28954	29638	30329	31050	31961	32706
1B.	29243	29927	30610	31339	32250	32995
1C.	29543	30227	30910	31639	32550	33295
2.	29854	30538	31221	31951	32861	33606
3.	30638	31321	32004	32732	33644	34389
4.	31451	32134	32817	33547	34457	35204
5.	32294	32976	33661	34391	35300	36047
6.	33361	34080	34799	35566	36525	37310
7.	33990	34709	35429	36197	37154	37939
8.	34652	35370	36090	36858	37815	38600
9.	36722	37492	38262	39084	40108	40948
10.	39291	40118	40941	41820	42918	43815
11.	40808	41633	42456	43334	44434	45329
12.	42466	43288	44114	44993	46088	46988
13.	43133	44028	44922	45817	46709	47606
14.	43805	44698	45594	46488	47380	48274
15.	44462	45145	46040	46933	47828	48722
16.	45102	45594	46488	47380	48274	49167
17.	45555	46040	46933	47828	48721	49652
18.	46003	46488	47380	48274	49167	50063

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Dec Mrs. RP M.B.A

B Lou J. Clark

**MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN
CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION AND
CLEMENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION**

This Memorandum of Agreement between the Clementon Board of Education and the Clementon Education Association memorializes the agreements reached between the parties for a successor agreement to the expired 1995-1998 Agreement. The parties agree as follows:

1. The term of the Agreement shall be 3 years, commencing July 1, 1998 and ending June 30, 2001.
2. Salaries:
For each year of the Agreement salaries shall be increased as follows:

1998-1999	3.8%
1999-2000	3.8%
2000-2001	3.8%

The parties shall discuss mutually acceptable salary guides which are to be made part of the final Agreement.

3. All items agreed to on February 11, 1998 shall be incorporated in the final Agreement.
4. The monetary rates set forth in Article VIII, Section F.; Article VIII, Section I.; Article XII, Section C and Article XV, Section B.1 shall be increased by 3.8% for each year of the Contract.
5. All other terms and conditions of the 1995-98 Agreement shall remain as is.

CLEMENTON EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Attest:

Catherine D'Amico
Secretary

By: *Lisa C. Claypoole* President
Therese M. Mox
Maureen V. Brown *Michelle Small*

CLEMENTON BOARD OF EDUCATION

Attest:

Karen Albanese
Karen Albanese, Board Secretary

By: *James D. Murray* President
Dee L. Wooster
J. Brown
Lewis Venuti