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CRESSKILL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Contract between the Cresskill Board of Education and the Cresskill Teachers Association, Cresskill, New Jersey.

(a) The Cresskill Board of Education recognizes the Cresskill Teachers Association as the bargaining representative for all full time certified teaching personnel under contract but excluding substitute teachers, summer school teachers, the Superintendent of Schools, principals, vice principals and nurses.

The term "teacher" in this agreement shall refer to all employees represented by the Cresskill Teachers Association as above defined.

The term "Board" shall include its members, officers and appointed agents.

(b) The Teachers Salary Guide for the school year September 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973, is attached and is hereby made a part of this agreement.

(c) The schedule for stipends for additional responsibilities for the school year September 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973 is attached and made a part of this agreement.

(d) The Board shall underwrite the cost of health insurance premiums (New Jersey State plan presently in effect for hospitalization, surgical and major medical) for teachers and members of their families (husband, wife, children).

(e) The Board's policy for absence and sick leave as found in the Board's Operating Code, pages 85-91, is hereby made a part of this agreement. Copy attached.

(f) The section of the Board's Operating Code entitled "Principles and Procedures Relating to the Relationship of the Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, Individual Employees or Groups of Employees" and located on pages 94-97 of the Board's Operating Code, is hereby made a part of this agreement. Copy attached.

(g) This agreement shall be subject to any and all laws and rules or regulations promulgated by the federal government.

(h) This agreement shall be effective as of July 1, 1972 and shall continue in effect until the 30th day of June, 1973.

CRESSKILL BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Date

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President

CRESSKILL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

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Date

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### PROVISIONS

1. A maximum of twelve (12) years prior experience credit may be allowed for newly employed teachers. Of the twelve years, a maximum of three years credit may be granted for service in the armed forces.
2. Normal increments as indicated will be granted each year for satisfactory performance if recommended by the Superintendent and approved by the Board.
3. All present teachers will be eligible for placement on this guide.
4. Certificated personnel may be advanced by the Board to a salary guide above the one on at present, at the beginning of any regular payroll period of a school year, providing that official notification of the acquisition of the required number of graduate credits or the completion of degree requirements has been presented to, and approved by, the Superintendent of Schools ten (10) days prior to the first day of the month in which the change will take place.
5. A tuition reimbursement plan is available for certificated personnel who successfully complete approved graduate courses. Those who enroll in State of New Jersey colleges can qualify for tuition reimbursement equal to the cost of six (6) graduate credits in a New Jersey State college. Those who attend other institutions can qualify for tuition reimbursement equal to the cost of six (6) graduate credits in a New Jersey State College plus one-third of that total. Graduate course work must be approved, in advance, by the Superintendent.
6. Board financed health insurance, sabbatical leave and sick leave plans have been established.
7. Personnel may advance to the BA20 guide as provided under No. 4 above but may remain on it for only three years. If after three years on the BA20 guide and a higher degree has not been acquired, the teacher reverts to the BA guide.
8. Personnel on the MA guide may advance to the MAF guide, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and approval by the Board, by presenting evidence of the acquisition of eighteen (18) graduate credits applicable to their teaching field.
9. Personnel may be recommended for advancement from the MAF guide to the MAF+30 guide by presenting official evidence of the successful completion of thirty (30) approved graduate course credits of which eighteen (18) shall be in his assigned teaching field. Advancement to the MAF+30 may also be recommended if a teacher produces official evidence of the acquisition of an MA degree plus thirty (30) approved graduate credits and thirty-six (36) of the sixty (60) graduate credits are in his assigned teaching field.

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TEACHER SALARY GUIDE - 1972-73

<u>Step</u>	<u>BA</u>	<u>BA+20</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>MAF</u>	<u>MA30</u>	<u>MAF30</u>
1	8,700	\$200	9,100	9,750		
	350	above	400	450		
2	9,050	BA	9,500	10,200		
	350	Guide	400	450		
3	9,400		9,900	10,650		
	400		400	450		
4	9,800		10,300	11,100		
	400		400	450		
5	10,200		10,700	11,550		
	400		400	450		
6	10,600		11,100	12,000		
	350		400	450		
7	10,950		11,500	12,450	12,750	13,650
	350		400	450	450	450
8	11,300		11,900	12,900	13,200	14,100
	350		400	450	450	450
9	11,650		12,300	13,350	13,650	14,550
	350		400	450	450	450
10	12,000		12,700	13,800	14,100	15,000
	350		400	500	500	500
11	12,350		13,100	14,300	14,600	15,500
	350		400	500	500	500
12	12,700		13,500	14,800	15,100	16,000
	350		400	500	500	500
13	13,050		13,900	15,300	15,600	16,500
	350		450	500	500	500
14	13,400		14,350	15,800	16,100	17,000
	350		500	500	500	500
15	13,750		14,850	16,300	16,600	17,500
20	13,950		15,050	16,700	17,000	17,900
25	14,050		15,150	16,800	17,100	18,000
30	14,150		15,250	16,900	17,200	18,100
35	14,250		15,350	17,000	17,300	18,200

Doctorate degree - Add \$400 to MA30 or MAF30, whichever is applicable.

The Cresskill Career Line Salary Guide is designed to encourage teachers to pursue advanced degrees in their teaching field. Adherence to the career line philosophy usually results in an accelerated rate of advancement in annual salary.

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STIPENDS, BUDGET 1972-73

<u>Position</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
Athletic Director	1,000
<u>Football</u>	
Head Coach	1,375
First Assistant	900
Assistant	825
Assistant	625
Freshman Head Coach	725
Assistant	550
<u>Basketball</u>	
Head Coach	975
Assistant	675
Freshman Head Coach	550
<u>Baseball</u>	
Head Coach	875
Assistant	625
<u>Track</u>	
Head Coach	925
Assistant	625
<u>Golf</u>	
	450
<u>Tennis</u>	
	500
<u>Cross Country</u>	
Head Coach	550
<u>Wrestling</u>	
Head Coach	825
Assistant	625

<u>Position</u>	<u>1972-73</u>
Drama Coach	225
Yearbook	530
S.O. Advisor 9-12	550
S.O. Advisor 7-8	160
Newspaper	530
Chorus	350
March Band Director	925
Cheerleader Advisor	
Varsity	435
Freshman	115
Majorette Advisor	225
Boys-Girls Intramurals	775 *
Intramurals Grades 5-6	375
Class Advisors	
Senior	225
Junior	125
Drill Team Advisor	275
Opus Advisor	225
Faculty Treasurer	480
Lunchroom Supervisors	
Bryan School	600
Merritt School	600
Dance Chaperones	15 per
<u>Teacher Coordinators</u>	
English	925
Mathematics	825
Fine Arts	675
Science	725
History	675

\* \$100 per fall and spring season (4 hours per week)  
\$125 per winter (4 hours per week)

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20. ABSENCE AND SICK LEAVE

a) Sick Leave Credit

1. Each employee shall be given sick leave credit of one day for each month's employment during the school year, i.e. ten (10) days if employed on a ten months' basis (September 1st to June 30th) and twelve (12) days if employed on a twelve months' basis (July 1st to June 30th).
2. All sick leave credit shall be calculated in terms of a full day. A new employee starting employment on or before that 15th of the month shall be allowed one day's credit for that month but no credit will be allowed for that month if employment begins after the 15th of the month.

b) Accumulative Credit for Unused Sick Leave

1. Effective from July 1, 1954, an employee's annual unused sick leave credit may be accumulative from year to year without limit. (R.S. Chapter 188, P.L. 1954).
2. No employee shall lose or add to his or her previously accumulated unused days of sick leave by reason of having been granted a leave of absence by the Board of Education. Unused accumulated sick leave credit is automatically dropped when an employee fails to return from such leave of absence and also when the employee's services are terminated for any other reason.

c) Use of Sick Leave Credit

1. The entire sick leave credit both annual and accumulated shall be available for the employee's use for sick leave absence at the beginning of the term of employment each year.
2. When such absence at full pay for the reasons prescribed in Section 5 below has used up all of the employee's annual and accumulated unused sick leave credit, the employee shall be allowed additional days of absence for sick leave that year as outlined in the following table, and in all such cases, half of the basic substitute pay shall be deducted from the absent employee's salary.

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1 to 3 years	of	Cresskill	Service	-	10	Days
4 to 9	"	"	"	"	-	20 "
10 to 14	"	"	"	"	-	30 "
15 to 19	"	"	"	"	-	40 "
20 to 24	"	"	"	"	-	50 "
25 to 29	"	"	"	"	-	60 "
30 to 34	"	"	"	"	-	70 "
35 and over	"	"	"	"	-	80 "

3. For sick leave beyond that as outlined under (2) the basic substitute pay shall be deducted.
4. The sick leave credit accumulated as provided herein may be used by the employee at any time for the purposes for which such sick leave is intended.
  - a. If an employee uses sick leave benefits for reasons other than those for which sick leave is intended, such employee shall be subject to dismissal from further services.
5. Employees shall be allowed sick leave absence with full pay for the reasons and within the limits specified in a. through c. below. The number of days for such absences shall be deducted from the employee's annual and accumulated sick leave credit.
  - a. Personal illness or injury to the employee or his immediate family; i.e. husband, wife, child, mother, father, sister, brother, mother-in-law, father-in-law, daughter-in-law, son-in-law, and any other relative provided such other relative lives within the employee's immediate household.
    - (1) A doctor's certificate may be required in the event of an extended absence. If a doctor's certificate is requested and is not furnished, an amount equal to the basic substitute's pay shall be deducted for the third day after the request is made and the succeeding days of absence.
  - b. In case of death in immediate family (as defined in a. above), an employee may be absent for five (5) consecutive school days, with no salary deduction. The basic substitute pay shall be deducted from the employee's pay for any such absence in excess of five (5) consecutive school days.



c. Death of a friend or relative other than the immediate family (defined in a. above) provided, however, that in case such absence exceeds two (2) consecutive school days, the basic substitute pay shall be deducted for the next three school days of absence and any such absence in excess of five (5) consecutive school days shall be without pay.

6. In the case of employees for whom no substitute is provided, any salary deduction shall be on the basis of what a substitute would be paid.

d) Absences not Chargeable

1. The following absences, which are not chargeable to an employee's sick leave credit, shall be allowed with full pay:

a. Absence of an employee due to quarantine either by the Health Officer of the community in which the employee resides, or by direction of the school physician because of a contagious disease in the employee's immediate household but not because of personal illness, provided, proper evidence is submitted by the absent employee to the Superintendent through the Principal's Office.

b. Enforced absence of an employee by reason of a subpoena or legal process issued by a court provided that the subpoena or other evidence of legal process is filed with the Superintendent through the Principal's Office, and provided further that the employee is not a party to the suit involved i.e. indicting or being indicted, or suing or being sued. If the employee is a party to the suit, the basic substitute pay shall be deducted for a period of five (5) days with full deduction thereafter.

c. Absences which are for school purposes as recommended by the Principal and approved by the Superintendent.

d. Absence for reasons other than sickness shall be allowed as stated below:

(1) One personal day for each employee regardless of length of time in the system without the necessity of stating the reasons but with prior approval of the date by the administration.

(2) One additional day's leave shall be allowed upon the recommendation in advance of the Superintendent for employees who have less than ten years in the system.

(3) Two additional day's leave shall be allowed upon the recommendation in advance of the Superintendent for employees who have more than ten years in the system.

2. Additional days may be allowed for reasons other than sickness in addition to those provided in Section 1-d above, upon the recommendation in advance of the Superintendent, but the basic substitute pay shall be deducted.
3. The allowance for days absence with or without pay for personal reasons is not automatic, but is only granted when, in the judgment of the administration, it is necessary and justifiable by the attending circumstances. Such allowance is not cumulative.
4. A teacher belonging to a minority religion may apply for one additional religious holiday over and above the holidays of the major religions included in the school calendar. Each application shall be decided on an individual basis.

e) Approved Leave Without Pay

1. Leave of absence granted in accordance with this Section shall be without pay in all cases.
2. Maternity leaves of absences of tenure teachers shall be granted for a period not to exceed two consecutive academic years, and the time limits of the absences shall be at the convenience of the school.
3. The Board may approve an initial request for leave of absence not to exceed twelve months upon the recommendation of the Principal and the Superintendent for any of the reasons included in a. and b. below. The granting of an extension of this period beyond the twelve months shall be at the discretion of the Board.
  - a. Personal illness, injury, or disability including rest and recuperation.
  - b. Educational and professional growth.
4. The Board may require a physical examination by a physician acceptable to the Board before:
  - a. Granting to the employee a leave of absence for any reason connected with the health of that employee in order to determine either the extent of the illness, or injury, or the necessity for rest or recuperation.

b. Permitting an employee to return to service after a leave of absence in order to determine that the employee is physically able to take up his assigned duties. Such examination details shall be kept in the confidential files of the Superintendent.

5. An employee on leave of absence shall advise the Superintendent, by registered mail, of his intention to return at the end of the leave of absence. Such notice shall be given by November 1st or March 1st, respectively, if the leave is to expire on February 1st or July 1st. If such notice is not given by the employee, this failure shall be construed as meaning the employee does not intend to return but is resigning instead.
6. An employee on leave of absence terminates his employment in the Cresskill Public Schools when upon his return he declines to accept an equal position in which he is certified.

f) Deduction from Pay

1. In all cases in which absences are without pay the deduction from the employee's base pay for each day's absence not paid for shall be made on the basis of:
  - a. 1/200th of the annual 10 months' basic salary,  
or
  - b. 1/300th of the annual 12 months' basic salary.

g) Sabbatical Leave

Definition: The word "teacher" shall be considered as those persons who hold a teaching position for which a teaching certificate is required.

1. Any teacher who has completed ten or more years in the teaching profession and at least seven years of continuous full time service in the Cresskill Schools, may upon recommendation of the Superintendent, be granted a leave of absence by the Board of Education for one full year for study.

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2. Application for such leave shall be made prior to December 1 previous to the school year for which such absence is requested. Such application shall be made upon a regular form furnished by the Board and shall indicate a program, approved by the Superintendent and the Board, to be followed by the teacher during the period of leave.
3. Applicants shall agree to abide by all conditions determined upon by the Board to govern such leaves of absence.
4. As a condition to such leave the teacher shall enter into a contract to continue in the service of the Cresskill Schools for a period of at least two years after the expiration of the leave of absence.
5. The salary granted to a teacher on such leave shall be one-half of the salary to which he or she would be entitled if not on leave. From such half-salary shall be deducted monthly the regular deductions, based on full pay, for the Teachers' Pension Fund and other deductions authorized by the teacher. Salary payments shall be made monthly in accordance with the schedule for payment of salaries in the school system.
6. Not more than one staff member shall be granted sabbatical leave for the same year. In granting such leaves of absence due consideration shall be given to seniority, the reasonable and equitable distribution of the applicants among the different schools and the possible benefits to the total school system.
7. If more than one staff member applies for leave, selection shall be made on basis of seniority and the benefits to the school system. At all times the needs of the school system shall be paramount. The Superintendent shall make recommendations regarding this matter.
8. Teachers on such leave may not associate for compensation with any person, persons, or organization during the school year, unless the Board approves such association as beneficial to this school system and only then upon the condition prescribed by the Board.

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9. Teachers on such leave shall make such regular written reports to the Superintendent as he may require.
10. Teachers on such leave will be considered as in the employ of the Board and the time thus spent shall count as regular service toward retirement and for consideration in regard to salary adjustment.
11. Such leave of absence shall be without prejudice to the teacher's tenure rights.

23. PRINCIPLES AND PROCEDURES RELATING TO THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, INDIVIDUAL EMPLOYEES OR GROUPS OF EMPLOYEES.

Preface

The Operating Code contains policies and procedures regarding channels of communication which provide opportunities for employees to confer with supervisors and administrators, from the immediate supervisor and administrator to the Superintendent of Schools, and through the Superintendent, with the Board of Education.

The solution of employee problems, individual or group, shall be fully explored at all supervisory and administrative levels in an expeditious manner.

Employee problems, individual or group, that cannot be solved satisfactorily to all parties at a supervisory or administrative level may be brought to the Board according to the following guidelines; and solutions shall be sought by following the procedures set forth below. -

Section a.- Guidelines for the solution of staff member problems that cannot be solved at the administrative level are as follows:

Any employee or a group of employees shall have the right to appeal the application of policies and administrative decisions affecting them through recognized administrative channels.

In presenting professional grievances, employees shall be assured freedom from prejudicial action in presenting an appeal.

Employees shall have the right to present their own appeal or to designate representatives of a local employee organization or another person of their own choosing to appear with them at any step in an appeal.

If the grievance is not settled after consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, the grievance may be referred by the employee to the professional relations committee of the local employee organization for consideration.

If the professional relations committee of the local employees organization finds that the grievance has merit, it may request, in writing, a meeting with the Superintendent.

If solution is not attained the professional relations committee, may request in writing that the grievance be heard by the Board.

If the professional relations committee of the local employees organization advises the employee that the grievance is without merit, it should send a copy of its findings to the Superintendent.

Section b. - Guidelines to be used by the Board, Superintendent, employees and employee groups when appeals are to be heard by the Board.

(1) The Board of Education

The Board shall meet with an employee or a group of employees to hear appeals.

The Board will provide an opportunity for all employee groups - whether representing a majority or minority of employees to be heard.

The Board may designate the Superintendent as Chairman of meetings between Board and employee or employee representatives.

When the Board has heard an appeal, the Board shall communicate, in writing, its final decision through the Superintendent to the employee and/or his representatives.

(2) Employees

An employee or group of employees may request to appear personally before the Board to present an appeal.

An employee or group of employees may request that his appeal be handled by members of his employee organization or person or persons of his own choosing. Such representatives shall present to the Board written evidence of their authority to participate and act for the employee.

(3) The Superintendent shall -

Make certain that administrative remedies have been exhausted before arranging any meeting of Board and employee or designated representatives. The Superintendent shall be given a reasonable amount of time to solve problems prior to Board participation.\*

(a) Through regularly established meetings of Superintendent and employee representatives.

(b) Through properly established channels for resolving grievances.

Convene the meetings of the Board and employee or employee representatives.

(a) At the request of the Board

(b) At the request of employee or employee representatives.

(\*Reasonable amount of time - fifteen (15) days after Superintendent formally receives grievance from employee or representative of employee.)

(c) At the discretion of the Superintendent

Prepare in consultation with Board and employee or employee representatives, a written agenda for all meetings.

(4) Meetings and Procedural Policies

The initial meeting of the Board with an employee or employee representatives should be arranged through the Superintendent at a time and place mutually agreeable to Board and employees.

A written agenda for the meeting shall be prepared by the Superintendent after consultation with both Board and employees.

The Board and the employee or his representative shall together review and discuss all pertinent information prior to reaching conclusions.

There should be agreement on policies regarding press relations and written releases for public or staff information.



On occasions it may be desirable to invite observers to attend the meetings. Such invitations shall be extended only with agreement of the Board and the employee or his representatives.

(5) General

The Board will consistently follow a policy of evaluating all decisions, using previous research or newly discovered facts.

The Board's commitment to a quality education program, fully supported by citizens and staff, is paramount.

The Board shall always be cognizant of the value gained in the use of consultants in the total evaluation process.

Consultants might be recognized community leaders, college or university faculty members who are experts in the field, retired Superintendents of Schools, representatives of the State Federation of District Boards of Education and of teacher organizations or any person or persons with appropriate qualifications.

The Board or its representative and the employee or his representative shall together present information to the consultants.

The consultants, after review of all available information, shall meet with the Board or its representatives and the employee or his representatives to present their findings.

The Board, after a review of the consultants research and conclusions will take appropriate action and inform all concerned of the action.