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AGREEMENT

BETWEEN

THE OLDMANS TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

AND

THE OLDMANS TOWNSHIP EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

SEPTEMBER 1, 2005 THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2008

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PREAMBLE

This agreement entered into the 1st day of September, **2005**, by and between the Board of Education of Oldmans Township , the town of Pedricktown, New Jersey, hereinafter called the "Board", and the Oldmans Township Education Association, hereinafter called the "Association".

ARTICLE 1 RECOGNITION

- A. The Board hereby recognizes the Association as the majority representative for collective negotiations, as provided for in NJSA 34:13A-1 et. seq., concerning grievances and terms and conditions of employment for full and part-time teachers and school nurses whether under contract or on leave. (1986)
- B. Unless otherwise indicated, the term "teachers" when used hereinafter in this Agreement, shall refer to all employees represented by the Association, in the negotiating unit as above defined.

ARTICLE 2 NEGOTIATION OF SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT

- A. The Parties agree to enter into collective negotiations over a successor Agreement in accordance with N.J.S.A. 34, Chapter 13A, in good faith effort to reach agreement on all matters concerning the terms and conditions of teachers employment, according to the timetable established by P.E.R.C. Any agreement so negotiated shall apply to all teachers, be reduced to writing, be signed by the Board and the Association, and be adopted by the Board. (1982)
- B. This Agreement shall not be modified in whole or in part by the parties except by an instrument in writing duly executed by both parties.
- C. The parties agree to follow the procedures outlined in the Agreement, and to use no other channels to resolve any question or proposal until procedures within this Agreement are fully exhausted.

**ARTICLE 3
GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A. Definitions

1. A "grievance" is a claim by a teacher or the Association based upon the interpretation, application, or violation of this Agreement, policies or administrative decisions affecting a teacher or a group of teachers.
2. An "aggrieved person" is a person or persons making the claim.
3. A "party in interest" is the person or persons making the claim and any person who might be required to take action or against whom action might be taken in order to resolve the claim.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this procedure is to secure, at the lowest possible level, equitable solutions to the problems which may from time to time arise affecting teachers. Both parties agree that these proceedings will be kept as informal and confidential as may be appropriate at any level of the procedure.

C. Procedure

1. Since it is important that grievances be processed as rapidly, as possible, 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. Should either party fail to follow the time limit, the grievance shall be waived or moved to the next step.
2. In the event a grievance is filed at such time it cannot be processed through all the steps in this grievance procedure by the end of the school year, and, if left unresolved until the beginning of the following school year, could result in irreparable harm to a party in interest, the time limits set forth herein shall be reduced so that the grievance procedure may be exhausted prior to the end of the school year, or as soon thereafter as is practicable.
3. It is understood that teachers shall, during and notwithstanding the pendency of any grievance, continue to observe all assignments and applicable rules and regulations of the Board until such grievances and any effect thereof shall have been fully determined.

4. LEVEL ONE

A teacher with a grievance shall first discuss it with his/her Chief School Administrator or immediate **supervisor** within **twenty (20) calendar** days of its occurrence, either directly or through the Association's designated representative, with the objective of resolving the matter informally. **(9/05)**

5. LEVEL TWO

If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of his/her grievance at Level One, or if no decision has been rendered within **eight (8) calendar** days after discussion in Level One, he/she may file the grievance in writing with the Chief School Administrator within **fifteen (15) calendar** days after the decision given at Level One. The letter shall cite the Article and subsection aggrieved, the grievance, and be signed by the employee and Association representative. The letter shall include the date of occurrence and the relief being sought. **(09/05)**

6. LEVEL THREE

If the aggrieved person is not satisfied with the disposition of the grievance at Level Two, or if no decision has been rendered within **fifteen (15) calendar** days after the grievance was delivered to the Chief School Administrator, he/she may within **eight (8) calendar** days after a decision by the Chief School Administrator, or **eighteen (18) calendar** days after the grievance was delivered to the Chief School Administrator whichever is sooner, request in writing that the Association submit his/her grievance to the Board within fifteen (15) school days after receipt of the request by the aggrieved person. The Decision of the Board shall be made in writing to the aggrieved and to the Association President within 75 calendar days. This does not preclude the right of the aggrieved person to pursue the grievance on his/her own. **(09/05)**

7. LEVEL FOUR

a. If the teacher is dissatisfied with the decision of the Board of Education and if the grievance pertains to a matter of previous formal agreement between the Board of Education and the Association, the teacher or the Association may request the appointment of an arbitrator. The request is to be made in writing to the Board of Education within **eighteen (18) calendar** days after the decision rendered in Level 3.

b. Such request can be honored only if the grievant or grievants and the organization representing them waive the right, if any, in writing of said grievant or grievants and the organization representing them to submit the underlying dispute to any other Administrative or judicial tribunal except for the purpose of enforcing the arbitrator's recommendations.

D. The following procedure will be used to secure the service of an Arbitrator:

1. A joint request will be made to the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a roster of persons qualified to function as an arbitrator in the dispute in question.
2. If the parties are unable to determine a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the submitted list, they will request the Public Employment Relations Commission to submit a second roster of names.
3. If the parties are unable to determine, within 15 school days of the initial request for arbitration, a mutually satisfactory arbitrator from the second submitted list, the Public Employment Relations Commission may be requested by either party to designate an arbitrator.

E. The arbitrator shall limit himself/herself to the issues submitted to him/her and shall consider nothing else. He can add nothing to nor subtract anything from the Agreement between the parties. The recommendations of the arbitrator shall be binding. Only the Board and the aggrieved and his/her representative shall be given copies of the arbitrator's report of findings and recommendations. This shall be accomplished within 30 days of the completion of the arbitrator's hearings.

F. Cost

1. Each party will bear the total cost incurred by himself/herself.
2. The fees and expenses of the arbitrator are the only costs which will be shared by the two parties and such costs will be shared equally.
3. The Board shall deduct the full salary of any, "Aggrieved person" for any time lost in processing a grievance. If the aggrieved is upheld in his/her complaint, any salary deductions made by the Board shall be repaid to the "aggrieved person".

G. The following grievances will not be covered in Level Four above:

1. Failure by the Board to retain a non-tenure teacher.
2. Any problems for which a specific remedy is provided for by law.
3. Any problems upon which the Commissioner of Education has rules or has the power to rule.
4. The filling of non-tenure position by a certified employee.

H. Rights of Teachers to Representation

1. Any aggrieved person may be represented at all stages of the grievance procedure by himself/herself, or at his/her option, by a representative selected or approved by the Association. When a teacher is not represented by the Association, the Association shall have the right to be present.
2. No reprisals of any kind shall be taken by the Board or by any member of the administration against any party in interest, a representative, any member of the Association or any other participant in the grievance procedure by reason of such participation.

I. 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. Forms for filing grievances, serving notices, taking appeals, making reports, and recommendations, shall be prepared jointly by the Chief School Administrator and the Association and given appropriate distribution so as to facilitate operation of the grievance procedure.
3. All meetings and hearings under this procedure shall not be conducted in public and shall include only parties in interest and their designated or selected representative, heretofore referred to in this article.

**ARTICLE 4
TEACHER RIGHTS**

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

**ARTICLE 5
BOARD RIGHTS**

- A. The Board reserves to itself sole jurisdiction and authority over matters of policy and retains the right, subject only to the limitations imposed by the language of this Agreement, in accordance with applicable laws and regulations
1. to direct employees of the school district.
 2. to hire, promote, transfer, assign and retain employees in positions in the School District, and for just cause, to suspend, to demote, discharge, or take other disciplinary action against employees.

3. to relieve employees from duty because of lack of work or for other legitimate reasons.
 4. to maintain the efficiency of the School District operations entrusted to them.
 5. to determine the methods, means and personnel by which such operations are to be conducted.
 6. to take whatever actions may be necessary to carry out the mission of the School District in situations of emergency.
- B. It is understood by all parties that the Association expressly agrees that negotiations will be conducted without the use of pressure tactics or any practice generally defined within the term "sanctions". The parties also agree, during the period of negotiations that the only publicity accorded the negotiations by the parties will consist of a joint press release; unless, and until which time, both parties agree that each may issue its own press release.
- C. It is understood by all parties that under the rulings of the Courts of New Jersey and the State Commissioner of Education, the Board of Education is forbidden to waive any rights or powers granted it by law.

ARTICLE 6 ASSOCIATION PRIVILEGES

- A. Whenever any representative of the Association or any teacher is scheduled by the Board of Education or its representative to participate during work hours in negotiations, grievance proceedings, he/she shall suffer no loss in pay.
- B. The Association and its representatives shall have the privilege to use school buildings at all reasonable hours for meetings, after it has notified and been assigned a designated room from the Chief School Administrator in advance. The use of this privilege shall not interfere with normal school operations or activities.
- C. The Association shall have the privilege to use school facilities and equipment, including typewriters, computers, copiers, other duplicating equipment and all types of audio-visual equipment, as designated by the Chief School Administrator, after school hours, when such equipment is not in use. Such equipment shall remain on school property. The Association shall pay for the current cost of all materials and supplies incident to such use, and for any repairs necessitated as a result thereof.
- D. 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. Copies of all materials to be posted on such bulletin boards shall be given to the Chief School Administrator.

- E. The Association shall have the privilege to use the inter-school mail facilities and school mail boxes as it deems necessary and without the approval of the Chief School Administrator. The business of other non-related organizations must meet with the approval of the Chief School Administrator.
- F. The privileges of the Association and its representatives as set forth in this article shall be granted only to the Association as the majority representative of the teachers, and to no other organization.

**ARTICLE 7
TEACHER WORK YEAR**

- A. The work year for employees covered by this Agreement should consist of 180 days for purposes of pupil instruction, one day for teacher orientation prior to the opening of school for pupils. Effective September 1, 2003, the work year for employees covered by this Agreement shall consist of 180 days for purposes of pupil instruction, one day for teacher orientation prior to the opening of school for pupils and one local in-service day. (09/02)
- B. Teachers not actively employed in Oldmans Township School District the previous school year will be required to attend one additional day for new teacher orientation.
- C. Additional days may be required in an emergency situation if mutually agreed to by the parties.
- D. Two additional County in-service days may be scheduled.

**ARTICLE 8
TEACHING HOURS AND TEACHING LOAD**

- A. As professionals, teachers are expected to devote to their assignments the time necessary to meet their responsibilities. The teacher work day shall be seven hours, ten minutes. (03/00)
- B. LUNCH
 - 1. Teachers shall have a daily, duty-free lunch period equivalent to their pupils' lunch and recess, less the time necessary to properly supervise their class to their tables and as otherwise required by the duty schedule for lunchroom supervision.
 - 2. Teachers may leave the building during their scheduled duty-free lunch periods, upon signing out in the school office, if their pupils are under the supervision of a regularly scheduled adult.
- C. 1. Meetings which take place after the regular school workday and which require attendance shall not be called on Fridays or on any days immediately preceding

any holiday, or other day upon which teacher attendance is not required at school, except in an emergency. Meetings shall not be for more than a maximum of sixty-five (65) minutes. (1989)

2. An Association Representative may speak to teachers during any meeting referred to in Paragraph 1 above for a maximum of ten (10) minutes with the approval of the Chief School Administrator.
3. Every attempt shall be made to submit notice on an agenda for any meeting and given to the teacher involved at least three (3) days prior to the meeting, except in an emergency. Teachers shall have the opportunity to suggest items for the Agenda.
4. Any administrative representative may speak to the Association during any meeting called by the Association for a maximum of ten (10) minutes, with the approval of the Association President.

D. Beginning January 1, 2000, Parent Teacher Conferences shall be four (4) evening conferences, two (2) in the fall and two (2) in the Spring. These conferences shall be scheduled on pupil early dismissal days. The conferences shall be held from 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on those days. (09/02)

E. Where two or more teachers are employed at a grade level or otherwise co-operatively engaged, they shall meet once (1) a month after school dismissal for forty (40) minutes to discuss Curriculum coordination, grading patterns, plans or other concerns common to their cooperative endeavor.

F. Beginning the 2000-01 school year, the pupil school day shall be 6 hours, 25 minutes. The Professional staff work day shall begin twenty-five minutes prior to pupil school day (late bell) and end twenty-five minutes after pupil school day (dismissal bell) with the following exceptions:(1999)

1. Fridays (unless an emergency develops)
2. Before a holiday
3. Day when teachers are expected to attend a school related evening (or afternoon) meeting.
4. Excused by the Chief School Administrator.

G. TEACHER PUPIL RELATIONSHIPS

1. Each teacher shall maintain a posture of helpfulness and respect when dealing with all students.
2. Each teacher shall provide supervision, guidance, and instruction wherever and whenever a student should require such assistance during the school day.

3. Each teacher shall treat each student with a sense of equality and equity.

ARTICLE 9 NON-TEACHING DUTIES

- A. The Board and Association acknowledge that a teacher's primary responsibility is to teach, and that his/her energies should, to the extent possible, be utilized to this end. Therefore, they agree as follows:
 1. To provide an aide for supervision of playground recess during the lunch period.
 2. Teachers shall be available for other educational duties when their students are assigned by administration to other personnel. Teachers shall have, as scheduled by the CSA, one daily prep period. After every effort, if it is not possible to schedule one daily, there shall be no less than five (5) per normal five day week. (03/00)
 3. Classroom teachers will make themselves available for conferences with the Chief School Administrator, Special Education Teacher or Supplemental Teachers, as scheduled, during the twenty minutes prior to the pupil school day and twenty minutes immediately after the pupil school day.
 4. Teachers shall have a daily, duty free lunch period equivalent to their classroom's lunch and lunch recess period.
 - a. The first four (4) days of school the staff will dine with class, to ensure orderly procedures.
 - b. Student dining problems of individuals or class will be referred by the aide to the teacher for action at the end of the period.
 - c. On inclement weather days when students report back to their classrooms, the teacher will be responsible for setting the procedures, rules and independent activities that students carry out at their seats, which can be reasonably supervised by non-certified personnel.
 5. Staff members will arrange, or be assigned to intra/inter-class or grade visitations, during periods their class is with Special Teachers, or when not otherwise assigned a prep-period.

ARTICLE 10 TEACHER EMPLOYMENT

A. SALARY SCHEDULE CREDIT UPON INITIAL EMPLOYMENT

1. The Board may give credit up to a maximum of the tenth (10) step of any salary level on the teacher Salary Schedule for previous outside teaching experience in a duly accredited school, provided the individual was properly certificated

during that period of employment, upon initial employment in accordance with the provisions of Schedule "A".(This change shall have no effect on any persons Salary level if he/she was employed before May 1979.) (1986)

2. Additional credit of, but not to exceed four (4) years, for military experience shall be given upon initial employment in four (4) steps.
3. Teachers shall be notified of their contract and salary status for the coming year no later than May 15th.

B. PART-TIME TEACHERS (1986)

1. Those part-time teachers employed by the Board before October 1, 1986 shall continue to receive their current health benefits/insurance benefits. (Grandfather Clause)
2. Those part-time teachers employed by the Board after October 1, 1986 shall follow this schedule:
 - a. Employed 20 or more hours - 100% health benefits. All other benefits shall be pro-rated.
 - b. Employed less than 20 hours - No health benefits or other benefits.

C. COMPLAINTS

1. Any informal complaints regarding a teacher made to any member of the administration by any parent, student, or other persons, which may or does influence evaluation of a teacher, shall be promptly called to the attention of the teacher by the Chief School Administrator or immediate supervisor within five (5) school days of said complaint. (1986)
2. The teacher shall be given an opportunity to respond to such complaint and shall have the right to be represented by the Association at any meetings or conferences regarding such complaint.

**ARTICLE 11
SALARIES**

- A. The salaries of all teachers covered by this Agreement are set forth in Schedule "A" which is attached hereto and made a part thereof.
- B.
 1. Teachers employed on a twelve (12) month basis shall be paid in twenty four equal installments.
 2. **Effective September 1, 2005, the District will go to a 15th and 30th of the month pay plan.** Teachers employed on a ten (10) month basis shall be paid in twenty (20) equal installments. **(9/05)**

3. When a pay day falls on or during a school holiday, vacation or weekend, teachers shall receive their pay checks on the last previous working day.
4. Teachers shall receive their final checks and the Salary Guide for the following year on the last working day in June, unless notified otherwise by the Chief School Administrator.

ARTICLE 12 TEACHER FACILITIES

Attempts will be made to appropriately furnish a room for the exclusive use of teachers as a faculty lounge and work area. Although teachers shall be expected to exercise reasonable care in maintaining the appearance and cleanliness of said lounge, it shall be regularly cleaned by the school's custodial staff.

ARTICLE 13 TEACHER - ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCILS

- A.
 1. The Chief School Administrator shall establish an Administrative Committee, to review and discuss administrative problems, and practices, and to act in an advisory capacity in the revision and development of school building policies.
 2. The Chief School Administrator shall establish an instructional committee whose purpose shall be to strengthen the educational program through recommendations, research, implementation and evaluation by the Chief School Administrator and staff to best meet the needs of the students, the school and the community as represented in their school building.
 3. Said committee shall establish its own rules of procedure and shall provide for a chairman who shall be responsible to the Chief School Administrator for the arrangement and conduct of meetings.
 4. The Committee or sub-committee shall meet at least once each month for not more than a maximum of sixty-five (65) minutes. (1989)
- B. The Chief School Administrator shall consider and study all written recommendations submitted by the committee to him/her. Should the Chief School Administrator decide not to adopt any such recommendations, then he/she shall communicate the reason(s) for not doing so to the appropriate committee chairman.

ARTICLE 14 SICK LEAVE

- A.
1. All teachers employed shall be entitled to ten (10) sick leave days each school year as of the first official day of said school year. Unused sick leave days shall be accumulated from year to year with no maximum limit.
 2. Upon the request of the Chief School Administrator, a doctor's certificate shall be provided after three (3) consecutive days of sick leave.
 3. In case of sickness in the immediate family of a teacher and upon the request of the teacher to the Chief School Administrator, sick leave may be granted to cover said absence for such purpose for a period of two (2) consecutive days.
 4. Part time teachers sick leave time will be computed at per cent of fulltime, times (x) twenty (20) half days.
 5. Upon retirement, up to a maximum of one hundred (100) unused sick days will be paid at **\$55** per day for any teacher with ten (10) or more years of in-district service to the retiring teacher. If a teacher gives written notice to the Board of intent to retire by January 1st of the year of retirement, payment shall be made in the July following the retirement date. If a teacher gives notice of intent later than the January 1st of the year of retirement, payment under this section shall be made in the second July following the retirement date. **(09/05)**

B. CREDIT FOR OUT OF DISTRICT SICK LEAVE

1. Whenever the Board employs a teacher who has an unused accumulation of sick leave days from another school district in New Jersey, the Board shall grant up to thirty (30) days credit for said sick leave.
2. The accumulation of sick leave days from another district shall be credited upon receipt by the Board, of a written statement signed by the Secretary of the Board of Education of the last school district in which the teacher was employed, stating the number of unused sick leave days to which the teacher was entitled upon leaving the previous district, at the rate of 5 days per year of in-district service, to commence at the beginning of the second year.

C. SICK LEAVE DUE TO INJURY

1. Whenever a teacher is absent from his/her post of duty as a result of personal injury caused by an accident arising out of and in course of his employment, the Board shall pay the teacher the full salary for the period of such absence for up to one calendar year without having such absence charged to the annual sick leave or the accumulated sick leave.
2. Any amount of salary or wages paid or payable to the teacher shall be reduced by the amount of any Workman's Compensation award made for temporary disability.

D. PERSONAL DAY CREDIT

At the end of each school year, unused personal days shall be added to accumulated sick days.

- E. At the end of each school year a \$100 Series E Savings Bond will be presented each teacher absent four (4) or less days, excluding approved workshops.

**ARTICLE 15
TEMPORARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

- A. As of the beginning of the negotiated school year, teachers shall be entitled to the following temporary non-accumulative leaves of absence with full pay.
 - 1. Two (2) days leave of absence for personal, legal, business, household, or family matters and religious holidays which require absences during school hours. Applications to the Chief School Administrator for personal leave shall be made at least two (2) days before taking such leave (except in the case of emergency). Such leave may not be granted contiguous to any of the legal holidays or scheduled school vacation periods or to any other leave. (09/02)
 - 2.
 - a. Five (5) days shall be granted in case of death of teacher's parents, spouse, children, brothers and sisters. (09/02)
 - b. Three (3) days shall be granted in case of the death of a teacher's grandchild, mother-in-law or father-in-law. (09/02)
 - c. A maximum of six (6) days per year shall be granted in case of serious illness of teacher's parents, spouse, children, brothers and sisters, of which four (4) days are to be documented with verification of serious illness, and two (2) days may be without documentation of verification. (1986)
 - 3. An allowance of one (1) day may be granted to attend the funeral of an uncle, aunt, grandparent, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, or other family members residing as a member of the teacher's household.
- B Leave taken pursuant to Section A above, shall be in addition to any sick leave to which the teacher is entitled.

**ARTICLE 16
EXTENDED LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

- A. DISABILITY LEAVE
 - 1. A teacher who anticipates a disability leave shall notify their immediate supervisor in writing of the anticipated commencement of the disability leave, reason, and an approximate termination date.

- a. In case of a disability, due to pregnancy, the teacher shall include the date of delivery.
 - b. The Board will attempt to set, at this time, the period of disability leave, including commencement and termination dates.
2. The teacher's physician shall certify in writing the period of disability commencement, termination and ability to resume regular duties prior to returning.
 - a. The Board may require the teacher to receive a paid physical by a Board appointed physician.
 - b. In event of a disagreement between the Board and teacher physician, a third, neutral physician, designated by the County Health Officer, will give a final, binding opinion.
 - c. The Board may remove a disabled teacher from their duties, if performance declines, if they become physically incapacitated, or other just cause is found to exist in NJSA TITLE 18A.
3. No leave time shall be taken, without Board approval, beyond the period of disability as certified in 1 or 2 above.
4. All extensions or renewals of disability leaves shall be applied for in writing.
5. The teacher will be granted a full salary guide step if they work more than (90) teaching days. Working ninety (90) days or less shall result in no advancement on the salary guide.
6. Benefits for which the employee would otherwise be eligible, shall continue during the period of disability certified by the Board Physician.
7. The Board of Education reserves the right to regulate the commencement and termination dates of anticipated disability leaves, in order to preserve educational continuity.
 - a. Benefits normally accruing during the period of non-disabled, in-voluntary leave, shall continue.
- B. Teachers shall be entitled to temporary non-accumulative leave for required temporary active duty with any units of the United States Reserves and/or the State National Guard, provided said obligations cannot be performed during non-school days. The teacher shall be paid the difference of his/her regular salary and the pay he/she received from the State and/or Federal Government for a maximum of two (2) weeks in any one school year.
- C. Other leave of absence without pay may be granted by the Board for good reasons.

1. Upon return from leave granted pursuant to Section B or C of this Article, a teacher shall be considered as if he/she were actively employed by the Board during said leave and shall be placed on the salary schedule at the level he/she would have achieved had he/she not been absent.
 2. All benefits to which a teacher was entitled at the time his/her leave of absence commenced, including unused accumulated sick leave, shall be restored to him/her upon his/her return, and he/she shall be assigned to the same position which he/she held at the time the leave commenced, if available and approved by the Board, or, if not, to a substantially equivalent position as defined by the Chief School Administrator.
- D. All extension or renewal of leave shall be applied for in writing; and if granted, be in written form.

ARTICLE 17
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT

- A. The Board agrees to the following:
1. To reimburse the teacher for tuition only at the actual cost or no more than the prevailing rate of graduate/undergraduate tuition at Rowan University of New Jersey. The credits earned shall be in academic work or courses having meaningful application to the position held by the teacher as determined by the Chief School Administrator and the Board. (1984/1997)
 2. Semester credit reimbursement shall apply only when the teacher is under contract to the Board. Employees will receive benefits equivalent to their percentage (%) of time employed.
 3. The Chief School Administrator and the Board shall establish the form and procedure for the semester credit reimbursement.
 4. The maximum number of semester credits approved for any one year shall be thirty (30). A grade of "B" and Pass for a Pass/Fail graded course is required for reimbursement purposes.
 5. The teachers are limited to a total of \$4,600 per annum. (1986)
- B. Teachers interested in benefiting from part A above shall discuss study plans with the Chief School Administrator prior to course enrollment. The Chief School Administrator shall issue an authorization to the teacher, approving the course for reimbursement.
- C. Reimbursement shall be paid, after regular meetings of the Board of Education in these months:
1. September for the Summer Semester
February for the Fall Semester

July for the Spring Semester

2. Provided the certification of Grades in a course is submitted to the Board prior to its regular meetings these three months.

D. ACADEMIC CAPABILITIES

1. The Board of Education will attempt to provide for staff in-service improvement programs, cooperatively planned by the Administration and staff to meet the priorities determined by the school's self evaluation and State approval process.
2. Each teacher shall keep abreast of and remain fully aware of developing trends in classroom instruction, and continually strive to improve instruction, through developing in depth knowledge of educational philosophy and the most recent research developments in subject area of responsibility, through outside reading, in-service training and workshops.
3. In each three (3) year period, beginning 84-85 or upon employment, whichever is later, all teachers shall be required to take forty-five (45) hours of class work to enhance their professional skills. Such class work must be approved, prior to enrollment, by the Chief School Administrator. Such 45 hours can be in the form of workshops, training sessions, and/or a three (3) credit college or university course, with prior approval of the Chief School Administrator. Full tuition, college fees and required materials in accordance with Article 17 would be paid up to \$8,000.

**ARTICLE 18
INSURANCE PROTECTION**

- A. The Board shall continue to provide Health Care Insurance for each teacher. The Board shall pay the full premium for each teacher under a full school year or twelve (12) month contract as follows;

1. For teachers employed on or before 10/29/96, 100% employee and dependent coverage of the Personal Choice Plan. (09/02)
2. For those employed after 10/29/96, the Personal Choice Plan only will be provided at 100% single coverage only until tenure, then 100% dependent coverage in the Personal Choice Plan. (09/02)
3. The Personal Choice Plan **under A. 1. and A. 2. above will include a prescription plan with the following employee co-pays: \$15 for brand names, \$5 for generics and a mail order co-pay of three times the relevant amount. Effective September 1, 2006, these shall be the employee co-pays: \$20 for brand names, \$10 for generics and a mail order co-pay of three times the relevant amount. This plan will include oral contraceptive coverage. (9/05)**

4. If an employee chooses to enroll in the traditional plan, the POS plan or the HMO plan, and if the premium cost of the selected plan exceeds the premium cost of the Personal Choice Plan, the employee shall be responsible for the premium difference through regular pay deductions throughout the year. (09/02)

All Health Care Insurance will be as provided by AmeriHealth Insurance Co or a program equal to the New Jersey State Health Benefits Plan with a change to be negotiated through a joint committee of the Oldmans Board of Education and the OTEA. (1989)

- B. The Board shall pay, in addition to single coverage, as specified in Section A: EITHER:
 1. up to 100% family coverage in AmeriHealth, or
 2. the first \$200 per annum of the Washington National premium (beginning December 1, 2002: Prudential) or equal monetary coverage
- C.
 1. The Board will contribute \$1,100 per year for each teacher to a Section 125 plan for any allowable costs under the Federal law establishing Section 125 incurred by a teacher and/or dependents (family coverage). The teacher is required to provide receipted bills and evidence that reimbursement has been claimed/processed under any insurance policies provided (Explanation of Benefits Claim Notice). The latest date for submission of claims for a year is October 31st. Claim forms will be provided by the Business Office. (09/02)
 2. The AFLAC dental plan shall be available as an option to unit members on a voluntary basis through the Section 125 plan. (09/02)
- D. Each teacher who remains in the employ of the Board for the full school year, the Board shall make payment of Insurance (Items A and B above) premiums to provide insurance coverage for the full twelve month period beginning September 1st and ending August 31st. Payments are to be made to assure uninterrupted coverage.
- E. The Board shall request the Insurance carrier to make available to each teacher descriptive information on the Health Care Insurance Plan provided in accordance with this Article.

ARTICLE 19 DEDUCTION FROM SALARY

- A.
 1. The Board agrees to deduct from the salaries of its teachers dues for Oldmans Education Association, the Salem County Education Association, the New Jersey Education Association or the National Education Association, or any contributions such Associations said teacher individually and voluntarily authorizes the Board to deduct. Such deductions to be limited to the organizations listed above, as one (1) payment.

Said monies together with records of any corrections shall be transmitted to the treasurer of the Oldmans Education Association by the 15th of each month following the monthly pay period in which deductions were made. Check to be made payable to NJEA. The Association treasurer shall disburse such monies to the appropriate association or associations. Teacher authorization shall be in writing. (1989)

2. Each of the Associations named above shall certify to the Board, in writing, the current rate of its membership dues. Any association which shall change the rate of its membership dues shall give the Board written notice prior to the effective date of such change.
 3. Any teacher may have authorized deductions discontinued at any time upon sixty (60) days written notice to the Board and the appropriate Association.
- B. The Board authorizes payroll deductions to the Salem County School Employees Federal Credit Union for 10 months. New and/or modified employee deductions will be submitted to the Board Secretary on Credit Union devised forms. Payment of withholdings to be mailed after each pay period to the Credit Union by the Board Secretary. This to be effective the second pay period after both parties have ratified this agreement. (1997)
- C. The Board authorizes payroll deductions to one (1) tax sheltered annuity plan, as recommended by the Association and approved by the Board. (1984)

ARTICLE 20 AGENCY FEE

Effective July 1, 2005, the Board of Education, pursuant to a proposal made by the Association under the terms of N.J.S.A. 34:13A-5.5, agrees to a representation fee in lieu of dues under the following terms:

A. PURPOSE OF THE FEE

If any employee does not become a member of the Association during any membership year which is covered in whole or in part this agreement, said employee will be required to pay a representation fee to the Association for that membership year. The purpose of this fee will be to offset the employee's per capita cost of services rendered by the Association as majority representative.

The representation fee to be paid by nonmembers/fee-payers will be pursuant to the determination of an impartial arbitrator in accordance with the law.

B. DETERMINATION OF FEE

Prior to the beginning of each membership year (September 1 through August 31), 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 the academic year. The representation fee to be paid by non-members will be determined by the Association in accordance with the law.

C. DEDUCTION AND TRANSMISSION OF FEE

1. Notification

Once during each membership year, but no later than October 1 of the year, the Association will submit to the Board a list of those employees who have not become members of the Association for the then current year. The Board will deduct from the salaries of such employees, in accordance with paragraph 2. below.

2. Payroll Deduction Schedule

The Board will deduct the full amount of the yearly representation fee in equal installments from the paychecks paid to each employee on the aforesaid list during the February through June period.

3. Termination of Employment

If an employee terminates his or her employment with the Board before the Association has received the prorated amount of the representation fee to which it is entitled under this Article, the Board will deduct the unpaid portion of the prorated fee from the last paycheck paid to said employee during the academic year in question.

4. Mechanics

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.

5. New Employees

Each month in which the Board hires a new unit member(s), the Board will notify the Association in writing of the name(s), job title(s) and date(s) of employment of the new employee(s).

D. INDEMNIFICATION

The Association shall indemnify and hold the Board harmless against any and all claims, demands, suits, and other forms of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of, any action taken or not taken by the Board in conformance with this provision. (9/05)

ARTICLE 21
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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

- B. Publications and distribution of this Agreement shall be the expense of the Board and the Association on a shared (50/50) cost basis and presented to all teachers currently employed, members of the Board and all new teachers at the time of their employment.

- C. Whenever any notice is required to be given by either of the parties of this Agreement to the other, pursuant to the provision of this Agreement, either party shall do so by registered letter at the following:
 - 1. If by Association, to the Board at 10 Freed Road, Pedricktown, New Jersey 08067

 - 2. If by Board, to the Association President, at 10 Freed Road, Pedricktown, NJ or in the summer, to the home address of the OTEA President of record.

- D. If any provision of this Agreement or an application of this Agreement to any employee or group of employees is held to the 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.

- E. Contract negotiations for a successor agreement to this contract shall be limited to salary plus six (6) items for each party. (03/00)

**ARTICLE 22
DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

- A. This three year Agreement and three year salary schedule shall be in effect **September 1, 2005 and shall remain in effect until August 31, 2008.**
- B. If either party shall desire to change this Agreement it should give written notice of such desire to the other party by November 1st of the contract year.
- C. If the parties have not reached Agreement on or before **August 31st, 2008**, all the provisions of the Agreement shall continue in effect.
- D. In witness whereof, the parties hereto have caused this addendum Agreement to be signed by their respective Presidents and Secretaries.

OLDMANS TOWNSHIP
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ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

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**SCHEDULE A
2005-2006 SALARY SCHEDULE**

STEP	STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30/PHD
04-05	05-06					
***	1	42883	43313	43943	44573	45503
1	2	43433	43863	44493	45123	46053
2	3	43733	44163	44793	45423	46353
3	4	44033	44463	45093	45723	46653
4	5	44333	44763	45393	46023	46953
5	6	44750	45180	45810	46440	47370
6	7	45130	45560	46190	46820	47750
7	8	45530	45960	46590	47220	48150
8	9	46510	46940	47570	48200	49130
9	10	47490	47920	48550	49180	50110
10	11	48470	48900	49530	50160	51090
11	12	49718	50148	50778	51408	52338
12	13	51238	51668	52298	52928	53858
13	14	52758	53188	53818	54448	55378
14	15	54378	54808	55438	56068	56998
15	16	56298	56728	57358	57988	58918
16	17	58658	59088	59718	60348	61278
17	18	61531	61961	62591	63221	64151
18/19	19	64423	64853	65483	66113	67043

IN DISTRICT SERVICE INCREMENT: 15TH THRU 19TH YEAR \$400
 20TH THRU 24TH YEAR \$550
 25TH AND ABOVE \$650

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**SCHEDULE B
2006-2007 SALARY SCHEDULE**

STEP	STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30/PHD
05-06	06-07					
***	1	44054	44484	45114	45744	46674
1	2	44604	45034	45664	46294	47224
2	3	45154	45584	46214	46844	47774
3	4	45454	45884	46514	47144	48074
4	5	45754	46184	46814	47444	48374
5	6	46171	46601	47231	47861	48791
6	7	46551	46981	47611	48241	49171
7	8	46951	47381	48011	48641	49571
8	9	47931	48361	48991	49621	50551
9	10	48911	49341	49971	50601	51531
10	11	49891	50321	50951	51581	52511
11	12	51139	51569	52199	52829	53759
12	13	52659	53089	53719	54349	55279
13	14	54179	54609	55239	55869	56799
14	15	55799	56229	56859	57489	58419
15	16	57719	58149	58779	59409	60339
16	17	60079	60509	61139	61769	62699
17	18	62952	63382	64012	64642	65572
18/19	19	65844	66274	66904	67534	68464

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**SCHEDULE C
2007-2008 SALARY SCHEDULE**

STEP	STEP	BA	BA+15	BA+30/MA	MA+15	MA+30/PHD
06-07	07-08					
***	1	45991	46421	47051	47681	48611
1	2	46576	47006	47636	48266	49196
2	3	47161	47591	48221	48851	49781
3	4	47746	48176	48806	49436	50366
4	5	48046	48476	49106	49736	50666
5	6	48463	48893	49523	50153	51083
6	7	48843	49273	49903	50533	51463
7	8	49243	49673	50303	50933	51863
8	9	50223	50653	51283	51913	52843
9	10	51203	51633	52263	52893	53823
10	11	52183	52613	53243	53873	54803
11	12	53431	53861	54491	55121	56051
12	13	54951	55381	56011	56641	57571
13	14	56471	56901	57531	58161	59091
14	15	58091	58521	59151	59781	60711
15	16	60011	60441	61071	61701	62631
16	17	62371	62801	63431	64061	64991
17	18	65244	65674	66304	66934	67864
18/19	19	68136	68566	69196	69826	70756

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